

# GoDeeper



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Dr. Del Tackett is our Tour Guide through The Engagement Project. This Go Deeper is a Study Guide of key points and questions from Tour Two-- this includes thoughts and questions presented by Dr. Del Tackett and additional questions relating to things we learned from this Tour. The verses throughout the Study Guide are from Tour Two to be used for group/family discussion and to have them easily accessible for continued study, reminders and producing fruit of your own.

Tour two begins by explaining that we will focus on The Fall and that God is the God of Life and He sends us (His people) in order to work through us. Everything was perfect. The Fall happens and then everything changes. The world radically changed from the way God designed.

Dr. Det Tackett told us that we still see the beauty and glory of God's creation, but it is now filled with destruction and death. **Romans 8:20-23** tells us that all creation is groaning. Creation is frustrated and we are frustrated.

- What makes you frustrated?
- What things do you groan about?
  - Why?

In the way God designed creation, everything was pulled toward life and was fruitful. Now, (after The Fall) there is a pull towards death and decay. Most (if not everyone), finds it easy to just float--or do nothing. This is the mindset where we focus on ourselves and not on the cultivation of others. **Matthew 12:30** reminds us if we are not WITH God and bearing fruit in His name we are in fact against Him. To float and do nothing...is to be against Him.

- Give some examples of when it is easier to "float" and not push against the pull towards death and decay?
  - Why is it sometimes easier to "float"?
  - Or what would make you "float" instead of pushing against it?
- What are some ways you can push against the pull of the world?

## Mark 4:1-20

God intended us to be fruitful while Satan has flipped the script and wants to destroy all. **John 8:44**

This began what Dr. Del Tackett referred to as the "Cosmic Battle" of Truth Vs. Lie and the bigger battle/war of Life Vs. Death. **John 10:10** tells us that Satan came to steal, kill, and destroy but Jesus came to bring life. The words used to describe Satan are words that are contrary to life--HE is contrary to life and speaks words of death.

- What are some lies the world (Satan) has told you that are believable?
- What kind of lies are the easiest to believe?
- How do you tell a lie from the truth?

Dr. Det Tackett tells us about a "Neon Light Experience", where you can read a verse or chapter many times and then this time something "pops" out and pulls you in. Dr. Del Tackett reminds us that it is the Holy Spirit speaking to us (you).

- Have you ever had a "Neon Light Experience" while reading the Bible before?
- If you have and can recall an example, share it with your family or small group?

We know that God's endgame is to have a fruitful creation. We also know Satan's endgame is to have us live a fruitless life.

Satan uses his schemes to achieve this goal. (**2 Corinthians 2:11**) Dr. Del Tackett tells us that these schemes lead to a Downstream of Death instead of God's intended Downstream of Life. When someone is not fruitful, the flow stops with them-- stopping the Downstream of Life. **Jude 11-12**

- Has there been a time in your life where you were not a Downstream of Life?
  - Has there been an opportunity you missed to bear fruit that you regret? (Not witnessing to someone, not showing God's love and grace, something else)

Satan wants us to live a fruitless life, where we are isolated and bring no glory to God. His ultimate scheme is to destroy relationships; this destroys fruitfulness. He uses lies to isolate us and destroy relationships by taking our eyes off the truth.

When we embrace world views that are counter to the truth of God we risk losing the Meta Narrative of God. Dr. Del Tackett gives us three major consequences when we lose the Meta Narrative of God.

### 1.) All About Me & My Script

Dr. Del Tackett gives an example he calls the “Death Star Lie”, it is all about MY narrative, MY script. We are given the promise (LIE) that IF you can get your script fulfilled, then you'll have significance, pleasure, joy, peace, happiness, contentment, satisfaction, and all the “feel good” emotions. Usually, this falls into the pattern of “If \_\_\_\_ would just \_\_\_\_ I'd be happy (or other feel good words)”. This is constantly thwarted sending us into a spiral of negative (unfruitful/dead) emotions and attitudes. These unfruitful and dead emotions quench the Spirit of God--and Satan is delighted. He delights in our complaining, worry, fear and dead emotions.

- Give an example of a time you believed the lie “If \_\_\_\_ would just \_\_\_\_ I'd be happy (or other feel good words)”
- Did it work out? What was the result?

### 2.) Isolation & Loss of Relationships

#### John 12:24

Dr. Del Tackett said “We are the most connected generation, but also the loneliest.”

- Do you agree with this statement-- why or why not?
- What are some (of the many) ways we can connect right now without actually connecting?
  - What are some ways you actually connect with others?
  - How often do you connect with others?
- Do you ever feel lonely? Why (or when) do you feel lonely?
- Have you lost a meaningful relationship before?
- What things lead to a loss of a relationship?

### 3.) Dependency Vs. True Freedom

#### Isaiah 46:9-11

#### Read Jeremiah 29:11

- After hearing what Dr. Del Tackett says about this verse, have you been reading(interpreting) it wrong?
- What did he say that stood out to you?

God created, equipped, empowered, and set us free to flourish, bring forth fruit, and that fruit brings glory to God. Satan does the opposite of God. Satan wants to consolidate power and authority creating dependency. His goal is to enslave God's creatures, making them dependent and destroying their incentive to be fruitful. While God brings true freedom and life, Satan brings loss of incentive, desire, self esteem, purpose, meaning, and a fruitless dead life.

Dr. Del Tackett reminds us to check our “Gauges” in these ways:

- Am I angry, frustrated, disappointed, worried?
- Am I constantly complaining or filled with bitterness?
- Am I controlling and focused on MY script?

Ask yourselves these questions to “Check Your Gauge”. If comfortable, share your answers with your group.

- How can you change these answers from a Downstream of Death to a Downstream of Life?

All of these things will keep us from fulfilling the “Royal Task” we were given to be fruitful. This is right where Satan wants us. Concerned with “polishing our lamp”. As long as we are not bearing fruit we will eventually wear out and die out and the flow will have changed from a Downstream of Life to a Downstream of Death and flow on without life.

- What is the biggest takeaway for you from Tour 2?
- Everyday the world is still falling...how can you keep from falling and continue on a Downstream of Life?