



DIGGING DEEPER

Week 1: Design

WELCOME TO GROUPS!

This is the first week of Fall Groups at Fair Oaks Church! Our Fall Session will be going from the week of September 8 until the week of November 10! Whether you have been in this group for years or this is your first time, there is always something new to learn about one another!

Make sure that everyone in the group has a chance to introduce him or herself, share their phone number, and share a prayer request. Also, for ease of access, have everyone download our church app and show them how to pull up the digging deeper and sermons through the app!

This week we talked a lot about plans; think back to the earliest “plans” you made for your life. What were they?

RECAP

We have begun a new series, Fixer Upper. It is all about how God is able to transform and shape us into who he has PLANNED us to be. This series is supposed to challenge us to evaluate our lives and determine how God might be growing, changing or moving us!

DISCUSS

What would change in our world if we actually let God change us all?

EXPLORE

- **Proverbs 19:21** | Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.
- 1. How often do you think about, discuss, or explore the “what if” moments of your life? What is the most common dream, change, or future that you come up with?
- 2. Have you ever explored what the Lord's plan for your life might be? Do you feel like you are close or far from that plan? Why?
- **Jeremiah 29:11** | “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
- 3. If you could describe your life thus far in a sentence, what would it be? Do you feel as if the Lord has prospered you? Do you feel like you have hope? How might the Lord be using your life, circumstances, or past to prosper or bring hope in the future?
- **Read through the Key Scripture as a group.** What are some observations that come to you as you work through this text?

KEY SCRIPTURE

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Matthew 7:24-27

WRAP UP

The Lord has a plan for our lives, and it is often difficult to differentiate his plan from ours. It is always important to evaluate how God might have, or is currently, transforming you to become more like Jesus.

In the next 10 weeks, how can you make a small change in the way you are currently living your life, loving others, or serving God to positively impact your family, neighborhood, community, or church?

