

The Principles Session 2

1. The dream begins in your heart in the "Land of Familiar" it points you toward its fulfillment in the "Land of promise."

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." Phillipians 3:12

2. The dream is a "sacred destiny," your personal calling.

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

3. The dream is one part of the Dream-Giver's great dream for all of us.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

The Pitfalls Session 2

Myths and misconceptions about discovering your dream.

1. "The dream is only for an extraordinary person."

Truth: Every human being is a dreamer.

"...everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.: Isaiah 43:7

2. "The dream should be sensible and realistic."

Truth: Genuine dreams are always over-sized and daunting.

"I will make you into a great nation.... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:2,3

3. "The dream requires our readiness before our commitment."

Truth: If we wait until we know how to fulfill it, we will never start.

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for." Hebrews 11:1-2

4 Stages in Discovering Your Dream

1. **Selfish:** The dream meets my needs.
2. **Shared:** The dream meets our needs.
3. **Sacrificial:** The dream meets your needs.
4. **Sacred:** The dream serves God.

How Can I Identify My Dream?

- *Pay attention to need wherever you find it.
- *Pay attention to your talents.
- *Pay attention to your passions and desires.
- *Pay attention to your spirit (your relationship with God).

You are the steward of your dream. It is placed in your trust. What does the Dream Giver want you to do about it?

My Own Journey Session 2

1. From this session, my most important new insight into my own dream was:

2. My key misconception (pitfall) in relation to the dream has been:

3. As I look at the four stages of dream development (selfish, shared, sacrificial, sacred), I feel I am at the _____ stage. Here is why:

4. I expect to move to the next stage by:

5. As I reflect carefully upon the four keys to identifying my dream, the strongest point I discover about myself is:

6. I feel the Dream Giver is leading me to take the following action as soon as possible:

What:

When:

Who to tell:

Signed:

Date:

My Groups Journey Session 2

1. Some of us can quickly describe our dream; others are uncertain. In your opinion, what are the greatest challenges in attempting to identify ones' dream?

2. Read Jeremiah 1:4-5. What do you feel is significant about God's timetable in assigning tasks and missions to His children?

3. When you reflect on God planning for you before you were born, how do you feel about His emotions toward you? How does it affect your dream?

4. What is the most important insight found in Job 33:14-16? What are some of the various ways ("now one way, now another") that God impresses upon us our dreams? How has he done so in your life?

5. Hebrews 11:1-2 offers an intriguing definition of faith. Put the meaning in your own words. What does it say to you about the fulfillment of your dream?