



“Dream Shaping”

DREAMPOWER

Small Group Plan

Prestoncrest is called to be an extension of the heart and hands of Jesus. The Lord wants to shape us into a community formed into the image of Jesus. We will be a transformational church where people of all ages become God-worshipping, self-emptying, Spirit-powered reflections of the resurrected Lord.

The Lord wants us to be missionaries, sharing His message and ministry with our Metroplex neighbors, and beyond. We will nurture a missionary culture at Prestoncrest where relationships, worship, ministries and activities draw us deep into the mission of God.

OPEN IT / INTRODUCE IT ...

- What am I surrendering when I give someone the power to shape my dreams?
- What would it look like for Jesus to shape our dreams?

LOOK AT IT / STUDY IT ...

A JESUS SHAPED DREAM IS MARKED BY CONCERN

Matthew 14:13-14

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

- Why did crowds always gather when they heard that Jesus was nearby?
- When Jesus landed and “saw” the crowd, what did he actually “see”?
- His compassion immediately led to healing the sick. Why?

**A JESUS SHAPED DREAM IS MARKED BY
CONTACT
Matthew 14:15-16**

¹⁵ *As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."* ¹⁶ *Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."*

- Were the disciples being cold and selfish or practical when they suggested that the people find food in the nearby villages? Explain.
- Why did Jesus step into someone else's food problem and take it upon himself to solve it?

**A JESUS SHAPED DREAM IS MARKED BY
CONFIDENCE
Matthew 14:17-19a**

¹⁷ *"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.* ¹⁸ *"Bring them here to me," he said.* ¹⁹ *And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves.*

- After all they have seen Jesus do (healings, miracles) why do the disciples focus first on their limitations?
- How/why does Jesus look beyond the limitations?

**A JESUS SHAPED DREAM IS MARKED BY
COOPERATION
Matthew 14:19b**

^{19b} *Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.*

- Jesus responded to the disciples by saying "You give them something to eat" (v. 16).
- In view of their negative, pessimistic outlook, why does he continue to involve them in his ministry?

**A JESUS SHAPED DREAM IS MARKED BY
CONVICTION
Matthew 14:20-21**

²⁰ *They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.* ²¹ *The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.*

- Imagine and describe the reaction of the disciples as they each have their own basket (twelve) full of leftovers.
- What is the lesson they have learned ... again?

USE IT / APPLY IT ...

- What will be the evidence that we have compassionately “seen” people?
- How do you define “compassion”?
- When you see someone struggling with a problem, are you more likely to get involved or steer clear? Explain.
- Do you usually approach obstacles and challenges with a positive or negative outlook? Explain.
- How can we, as a church move forward in confidence, dreaming, creating, and envisioning the next step for Prestoncrest?
- Pray for our dream-shaping, that like Jesus, we can “see” with compassion and envision new ways to serve people in the name of our Father.