

Care About Details

As Christ-followers, we don't just show the way, we lead the way. But what does it look like for all of us to lead? How do we lead from where God has us right now? Let's look at some real-life examples from the Bible and learn how it's done.



INTRODUCTION

Pastor David concluded the Lead the Way sermon series by showing how God cares about the details all throughout the Bible. By caring about the details ourselves and by loving God first, we can notice and act on the needs we see in the lives of our neighbors and lead the way.

STARTER QUESTION

Pastor David proved that God is a “God of details.” Discuss any evidence you have seen that God knows and cares about details in your life. Like Pastor David’s story about the missing button on his family’s trip, what is the “smallest” prayer God has answered for you?

INTO THE WORD

In the sermon we heard examples of God’s consistent focus on the details of life from Genesis, Deuteronomy, Psalms, the Gospels, and Acts. Thinking about attention to detail, discuss some aspects of God’s creation or actions that amaze you the most.

Read the Parable of the Good Samaritan: Luke 10:25-27. Discuss Pastor David’s second interpretation of the parable, in which we view it from the perspective of the injured man with Jesus being the unlikely source of help.

In Luke 10:30-37, the Samaritan considered several significant details in the care of the half-dead man. And we are told to go and do likewise. But, we must love God first and then love our neighbor as a byproduct of our love for God. Do you agree it is more difficult to love and care for others without first loving God? Why or why not?

APPLICATION

Pastor David discussed four ways in which we can care about the details in others. Of the four (listen well, watch closely, sacrifice consistently, and wait willingly), discuss which is the easiest for you and which is the hardest.

When Pastor David asked us to identify as detail-oriented people or not, were you thinking more about tasks or relationships? Discuss examples of how you can pay attention to the details in someone else’s life in order to serve them.

PRAYER

As you pray this week, ask for God’s help to care about the details in your relationships. Listen well, watch closely, sacrifice consistently, and wait willingly in order to care about godliness and people in the smallest of details. As Jesus says in Luke 10:37 (ESV), “You go, and do likewise.”