



## Week One

### Opening Prayer

God, thank you for being a God that desires to lead us towards a life of purpose. Help us to hear what it is you have for us. Amen.

### Talk It Over

This weekend was our big Vision Weekend. We used this weekend to celebrate the good God has done in us and through us as individuals and as a church family. And, equally important, we used this weekend to prepare our hearts for what is ahead in 2019. This includes these last eight weeks of Cannonball or our “final lap” of our two year generosity initiative. Vision Week is all about being grateful for the things God did and pressing forward with faith and courage to the good that is ahead.

- By nature, would you call yourself goal oriented, a dreamer, pragmatic, or futuristic? Share your thoughts behind your answer.
- Is it difficult or easy for you to take time to savor and celebrate accomplishments? Why do you think this is the case?
- What are some family wins you saw come alive through the people and mission of EastLake Church this year or through the Cannonball Generosity initiative.
- What are some good things God did in you or through you last year?

### This week we heard the idea, “Let’s give our best and see what God wants to accomplish through us”.

- Tell us about a time you gave your best and you saw God active in your life as a result.
- Tell us about a time you gave your best and it still felt like you fell short. What was hard about this and what good (if any) ultimately came from it?
- What would giving your best to God look like this season?

### Read Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

This verse is our theme verse for 2019. It is our hope that this verse serves as an anchor, a reference point, and a jumping off point this year.

- What do you think it means to keep our eyes on Jesus?
- On a very practical level, what would it look like day-to-day to keep our eyes on Jesus?
- What does it mean to “run your race”?
- In your own life, how are you running your race well? How are you struggling to run your race well?

### Read Our Cannonball Theme Verse Colossians 1:6 (NLT)

Another idea we heard this week is, “If everyone does something, God can do everything”. A large part of our Cannonball Generosity Initiative was aiming for 100% participation. The ‘why’ behind that goal was wanting everyone to jump in and see their role as a uniquely important part of the larger family win.

- Tell us about a meaningful time you worked or played on a healthy team.

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## **This weekend we shared our word for the year is “Clarity”.**

To clarify means to illuminate, to remove confusion, or to make clear.

- Have you ever struggled, suffered, or made mistakes based on a lack of clarity? Tell us about that experience.
- How have you seen clarity bring good to your life?
- Do you have a personal word for the year you would like to share with the group?

At EastLake Church, we believe mission comes in two key parts. There is the individual mission and collective mission. The sweet spot of mission is when we are working together, in our unique ways, towards a shared vision. As a result, the more clarity we have on that shared vision, the greater impact we can make.

### **To help walk out our theme verse, and with respect to our word of the year, here are three specific things we are praying God clarifies for us in 2019:**

1. Clarify individual mission. The goal is we all live the race God marks out for each of us.
  2. Clarify the collective mission. This is the part we play in the greater family of God or local church.
  3. Clarify the source to accomplish this mission. Living on mission is about fixing our eyes on Jesus — the pioneer and perfecter of faith. It’s about seeing Jesus is enough.
- Do you deeply believe God has a race for you, a mission or you to live on, and a difference for you to make?
  - Is there an area of life that you’re specifically seeking clarity around?
  - Does it feel like Jesus is “enough” for you in this season? Why or why not?

### **Let’s close today’s group by having someone slowly read our theme verse for the year again, Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV), out loud three times.**

- What word, phrase, or section of this verse jumps out to you? Why?
- Based on all we talked through this week, what is your next right step? Is there something you specifically feel God is inviting you into?

### **Closing Prayer**

God, thank you for your grace and love. Help us to live knowing you are enough; that you are the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Help us to see the race you have for us; help us to lean into our race with courage and perseverance. Amen.

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### **How To Use this Discussion Guide**

The guide is meant to serve you and your group as you intentionally create space to grow in friendship and faith. Use the guide as a tool to help your unique group.

With that in mind, consider reviewing the guide before your group to see if some content or questions might resonate more or less with your group. Don’t feel pressure to read all the content or to hit all the questions. The guide is not meant to be something you power through for the sake of completing. Pick the content from the guide you feel will help foster friendship and faith in your specific group.

In addition, spend some time praying for your group each week, preparing your heart, and asking God for wisdom and guidance as you lead.