

DIGGING DEEPER

In part 3 of “One Small Step” we discussed our Purpose Statement at the Grove Church. It’s really three statements with the goal of helping people understand how we make disciples and challenge people toward greater maturity of following Jesus. Let’s dive in and take the message to the next level...

1. The opening of the message was about leadership gurus and promises we hear that would make us buy the book, attend the conference, subscribe to the podcast, etc. in order to see quick change. What has been your experience with any of these examples personally?

2. What comes to mind when you hear the title of the Eugene Peterson book *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*?

3. The core text for the message was Mark 12:28-34. Turn there for the next few questions.
 - i. Did anyone write down how many “laws” the Old Testament includes? How many did you write down & come up with?

 - ii. What became of those original laws after multiple centuries of discussion between rabbis? (Sadducees, Pharisees, and teachers of the law.)

 - iii. In Sunday’s message, the 10 Commandments were referenced from Exodus 20:2-17. Take a look at them in your Bible. What is the difference between the first 4 commandments and commandments 5-10?

 - iv. “Love God. Love people.” sums up Jesus' answer. Can someone describe how that looks at the Grove Church (Purpose Statement)?

4. Read aloud Mark 12:32-34. Why did Jesus say, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God?”

MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. Where are you guilty of expecting a quick fix or “three step solution” in your life? How have you come to understand that “a long obedience in the same direction” is a healthier perspective?

2. We support missionaries all over the world. How should our lives reflect those of a missionary to a foreign country? How are you doing as one? What are 1 or 2 specific things you can do today to start living like a missionary.

3. At the end of the message, with the mention of the Grove Church magazine, the vision was cast for “Explore → Engage → Lead” and our first Explore class on Sunday, February 23rd at 5:00pm. It’s meant for everybody to attend, with dinner included. Will you and your LifeGroup make it a point to sign up? Go to grove.church/events and click on Explore, Engage, Lead Nights.