

## LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE:

1. Discuss the difference between disqualification from salvation and disqualification from fulfilling your purpose
2. How do you define your personal vision?
3. Do you know the vision statement of Eastside Church? (here's a clue... 1 Corinthians 13:13)
4. Are there areas in your life that have ever become unbalanced? How did you correct them? Are there areas of imbalance currently which you need to give attention to?
5. What does it mean to give your burdens to the Lord? How do you do that? Share about one time when you deliberately did this. What was the result?
6. Pray together for your PRIORITY 1 people
7. Pray for each other's needs
8. Pray for Ps Artie and Alana and the leadership of our church

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# EASTSIDE CHURCH

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## NEHEMIAH: CUP-BEARER TO CITY-BUILDER PART 12: DISQUALIFICATION OR DESTINY

**TEXT: Nehemiah 7:1-65**

**Nehemiah 7:61-65**

**1 Corinthians 9:24-27**

**Leviticus 21:16-23**

*Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>17</sup>“Give the following instructions to Aaron: In all future generations, none of your descendants who has any defect will qualify to offer food to his God. <sup>18</sup>No one who has a defect qualifies, whether he is blind, lame, disfigured or deformed, <sup>19</sup>or has a crippled foot or crippled hand, <sup>20</sup>or is hunchbacked or dwarfed, or has a defective eye, or festering sores, or damaged testicles. <sup>21</sup>No descendant of Aaron who has a defect may approach the altar to present special gifts to the LORD. Since he has a defect, he may not approach the altar to offer food to his God. <sup>22</sup>However, he may eat from the food offered to God, including the holy offerings and the most holy offerings. <sup>23</sup>Yet because of his physical defect, he may not enter the room behind the inner curtain or approach the altar, for this would defile my holy places. I am the LORD who makes them holy.”*

NOTE: Not disqualified from salvation!

- **Galatians 3:26-28**
- Disqualified from fulfilling all the purposes of God for you

**Are you in:**

**The Decagon of Disqualification or The Decathlon of Destiny?**

## 1. BLIND

- **Proverbs 29:18**
- People of Destiny are visionary

## 2. LAME

- Lame literally means to limp or hesitate
- People of Destiny are forcefully advancing

## 3. DISFIGURED & DEFORMED

- Literally “a flat nose or anything superfluous”
- Few things hurt like a blow to the nose!
- Flat nose = Squashed dreams
- Superfluous = unbalanced or uneven, eg too many fingers or one limb longer than the other
- People of Destiny are beautiful and balanced
- Dream releasers are beautiful
- Balanced, don't major on minors

## 4. CRIPPLED FOOT

- Crippled purpose, can't run with a vision
- People of Destiny respond quickly
- Respond quickly to the call of God
- Respond quickly to change
- Are sure footed

## 5. CRIPPLED HAND

- Crippled hand can't catch or hold
- Keep dropping the ball, don't stick at things
- People of Destiny have safe hands
- Tenacity of faith
- Monkey grip

## 6. HUNCHBACKED

- Burdened down by cares of the world

- Sin will burden you
- **1 Peter 5:7** *Cast all your burdens upon Him for He cares for you*
- **Matthew 11:28-30** *My yoke is easy and My burden is light*
- People of Destiny learn the unforced rhythms of grace

## 7. DWARFED

- Stunted growth
- Healthy things grow
- People of Destiny are always enlarging, stretching & strengthening

## 8. DEFECTIVE EYE

- Defective eye is different to blind – can see, but don't see correctly
- 1 Samuel 18:9 a jealous eye
- Job 17:7 sorrowful eye
- Job 24:15 adulterous eye
- Proverbs 28:22 evil eye hastens after riches
- Proverbs 30:17 a mocking eye
- Matthew 7:3 hypocritical eye
- Matthew 7:22 envious eye
- People of Destiny see through good eyes
- Eg **Proverbs 22:9** *he who has a generous eye will be blessed*

## 9. FESTERING SORES

- Wounds which have never healed
- People of Destiny have scars, not sores
- Nothing wrong with scars – reminders of healed wounds

## 10. DAMAGED TESTICLES

- Unable or unwilling to reproduce
- Healthy things reproduce
- People of Destiny reproduce other people of destiny
- Christian maturity is shown more through fulfilling the Great Commission than studying the “deep” things of the Word