

SHALOM AT HOME

Take about 30-40 min to engage in discussion. Feel free to start off by asking everyone to introduce themselves if they haven't already. Pick a few questions below to use as a guide to your discussion. Remember, you can be organic and don't have to ask every question.

Shalom

In scripture, "Shalom" is the last word of the priestly blessing, found in the oldest known fragment of the biblical text, Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and give you shalom."

Shalom Vision

Here at TLC, we believe we are better together. Shalom was created to build community and grow together. A space where every person can be seen, known, and loved.

The church has never been about a building; we believe it's time to start acting like it. Let's see Shalom, Let's grow together.

– Vernon Gordon, Lead Pastor

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

01

How does Pastor Vernon define endurance in the context of living a life of sustained power?

02

Reflecting on 2 Corinthians 12:7, what does it mean for God's power to work best in weakness, and how does this concept challenge our usual expectations of power?

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In what ways do we tend to limit our prayers for God's power, as highlighted in the sermon? How can we shift our mindset to be more open to God's workings, even in weakness?

04

Paul emphasizes the importance of vulnerability in accessing God's power. How can we cultivate a culture of vulnerability within our faith communities?

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The sermon outlines three factors to consider in cultivating endurance: community, confrontation, and recognizing that power lies beyond endurance. How can we actively incorporate these elements into our spiritual growth and development?



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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

- The sermon mentions the distinction between a faith that is good and one that is powerful. How can we discern whether our faith is merely good or has the potential for true power?
- Reflecting on personal experiences, when have you found yourself developing a form of power through moments of powerlessness or weakness?
- Considering the idea of training in weakness to endure, what practical steps can individuals take to build endurance in their faith journey?
- How does Pastor Vernon's message emphasize the importance of authentic community over superficial relationships, and how can we actively cultivate iron relationships in our lives?