



MARCH 9, 2025
STAKE YOUR CLAIM
Discussion Guide

SERMON SUMMARY

Isaiah 55:8 says, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways”. In this sermon, Pastor Donna Pisani of Capital City Church teaches about the signs and wonders of God. Specifically, she warns us of claim jumpers—lies that we are led to believe to stake claim over our minds and lives. Within every claim jumper you face is an invitation from God for increase in your life.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)
- Philippians 3:12-15
- Luke 22:31-32
- John 20:11-18
- Acts 5:15-16
- Revelation 12:10-11

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- Do you live for love or from love? How do you know?
- How do you feel about the fact that there is nothing you can do to stop God from loving you?
- What is the significance of Mary Magdalene mistaking Jesus for the gardener in John 20:11-18?
- What situation are you about to give up on when you might be just three feet away from all that God has in store for you?
- How can you continue to have strong faith while under pressure?
- In what aspects of your life do you need to "stop defending what you're not and become curious about what God created you to be?"

- How can you shift from placing your worth and value in your performance to finding confidence in what Jesus already did for you in the finished work on the cross?

APPLICATION IDEAS

There were multiple claim jumpers identified in the sermon: Fear, failure, shame, and disappointment. Which claim jumper is affecting you the most? How can you learn to lean into what God has to say in those areas?

GO DEEPER

At the beginning of the sermon, Pastor Donna Pisani differentiates between acting for faith and acting from faith. Find a passage (or multiple passages) of scripture.

- Which people are acting for faith?
- Which people are acting from faith?
- How would you behave in that situation? Why?

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Pray this week about a specific claim jumper in your life. Pray that God gives you a heart that desires to surrender to Him. Pray that you experience the love of God so that you may live from love not for love.

LEADER TIPS

Reminders:

- Men's Small Groups starting March 19
- Donna Pisani's book: "Entrusted to Lead"