

THE 6 D'S

PROCESSING YOUR NEXT STEP

Pray through James 1:5, Luke 22:42, and Matthew 6:10 asking for wisdom in decision-making and submitting your upcoming decisions to the Lord. Discuss the questions below with a mentor to get practical on processing your next step.

DEVOTION - JOHN 15:5-8, MATT 28:18-20

- Have I been remaining in Christ? How can I prioritize doing so in my next step?
- Have I been taking steps to make disciples? How can I do so in my next step?
- Consider these questions as a backdrop to the rest of the handout:
 - What is God doing around me and how can I join him?
 - Where and how is God asking me to sacrifice for Him moving forward?

DEVELOPMENT - LUKE 2:52, 1 TIM 4:8, ECCL 10:10

- Luke 2:52 comes after a short story of Jesus as a boy. The next time we read about Jesus, he is a 30-year-old man. What insight can you gain from this verse on how Jesus spent his teenage years and his 20s?
- What are my greatest developmental needs?
- Where can I be mentored and be a part of a godly community?
- How can I prioritize being developed in my next life stage?

DESIGN - PSALM 139:14, 1 COR 12:12-31

- What comes naturally or what am I gifted in?
- What would those closest to me say I am good at?
- What are my unique contributions to groups, work, or other situations?

DESIRES - MATT 12:34B, PROVERBS 4:23

- What do I seem to get excited about vocationally?
- What do I most enjoy doing or being a part of?
- What are my dreams?

DOORS - JAMES 1:17, EPHESIANS 5:15-16, GENESIS 2:15

- In Gen 2:15, did God command Adam to “work” before or after sin entered the world? Was it “spiritual” work or “secular” work? What insight does this give you about work?
- What are the open doors available to me?
- How do these doors fall in line with God’s universal purpose for believers to “make disciples of all nations?”
- How well do these doors align with my desires, design, and developmental needs?
- Has the Lord better positioned me as a GOer or SENDER in this next life season? Why?
- What are the 2 options that I want to consider moving forward?

DEBT - PROVERBS 22:7, ROMANS 13:7

- What debt or other financial obligations do I have in this next season? How does this affect my options moving forward?

Application: What step(s) do I need to take in deciding or processing my next step?