



JOURNEY TO THE GARDEN 2: HOW & WHY TRUMP WHAT

Feb 19, 2012 • Pastor Gregg Matte • John 17:3-4

▶ Be concerned with the how and why of life, not the what.

▶ Jesus finished the work given to Him.

How:

- Abiding life: live a life that requires God, not just includes God.

Walk in your spiritual gifts. *Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Ephesians 4:4*

Spiritual Gifts test: HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer – Activation Code: YourPlaceAtHFBC

- Obedient life: cut the noise and sin.

John 15:4-5; 1 John 2:24; 1 John 2:27

Why:

- To give God glory.

1 Thessalonians 2:4; 1 Samuel 16:7; Proverbs 21:2; James 4:3

- To live with purpose, pointing others to God.

What:

- “Temporal” what: the things of the world that will fade away.

- “Eternal” what: know Christ in the midst of job, home, and life.

Daniel 10:12; Ephesians 2:10; Romans 14:8; 1 Corinthians 6:20

Our prayer: Lord, I want to know You and glorify You. I trust You to take care of the rest. *Matthew 6:33*

For further reflection and discussion:

- “How and Why” trumps “What”. Why is this true?
- Which “Why” are you most tempted towards?
- How clear are your spiritual gifts to you?
- Are you growing in “How and Why” or just living for “What”?

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SYMPATHIES

- Clarence and Patty Houser in the death of her mother, Susanna Stephens
- Robert Kenderdine in the death of his grandmother
- Richard Baum in the death of his father
- Family and Friends of Fannie Pegg



DECISIONS FEB 12, 2012

Baptized

William Gregory

Julie Nguyen

Emma Loo

For Baptism

Emily Bridge

Sean Golden

Matt Bridge

Tracy Hale

Sammy Carranza

Monica Reyes

By Statement

Faith Manley

Walter Valenzuela

Eric Sprader

From Other Fellowships

Betty Anderson

Toby Henry

Ellen Anderson

Austin Johnson

Kelly Brown

Matt Jones

Carrie Field

Nikki Levingston

Tom Field

Annette Macias

Jeff Geissler

Michael Schmidt

Heather Golden

Michelle Schmidt

James Greene

Chase Smith

Erik Hale

Christi Smith

David Henry

Rosie Zermeno



ATTENDANCE FEB 12, 2012

Life Bible Study	4,137
Mission Bible Study	333
Total Bible Study	4,470
Wednesday Night	1,100



GIVING — WEEK ENDING FEB 12, 2012

Tithes & Offerings	\$272,660
Weekly Requirements	\$335,755
Over/(Under)	(\$63,095)
Designated Gifts	\$49,412
Over/(Under) for Feb	\$65,095
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$173,591
Capital Campaign	
Donations Received	\$4,907
Total Received	\$26,399,935

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