

“Forgotten God-A Lesson to Remember”

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A reminder from last week:

- We _____ the life God calls us to live without the power of the _____.
2 Corinthians 4.7
- When God chooses to do His amazing, powerful work through broken people like us it _____ . It makes them realize we could never have done it on our own.

An uncomfortable question:

- When people saw Elijah’s life they said, “The LORD— _____.”
- Does _____ make people say that?

A cause for concern:

- Because we have so many gifts, resources, and skills, we are in a _____ place.

This is a dangerous place because...

- ...our gifts can _____ that we need to depend on God’s power.
- ...if we just rely on our gifts our dreams will be _____.

You might as well be prepared:

- At some point God will call you to do something, for His glory, _____ unless He provides the power to do it.

The question we must ask:

- God, what are you calling me to do that...
- ...I can’t do _____...
- ...that will point people _____?

Maybe He’s calling you to...

- ...take on some new _____
- ...restore a _____
- ...undergo a _____ in your own life

(The title Forgotten God is taken from a book by Francis Chan.)

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

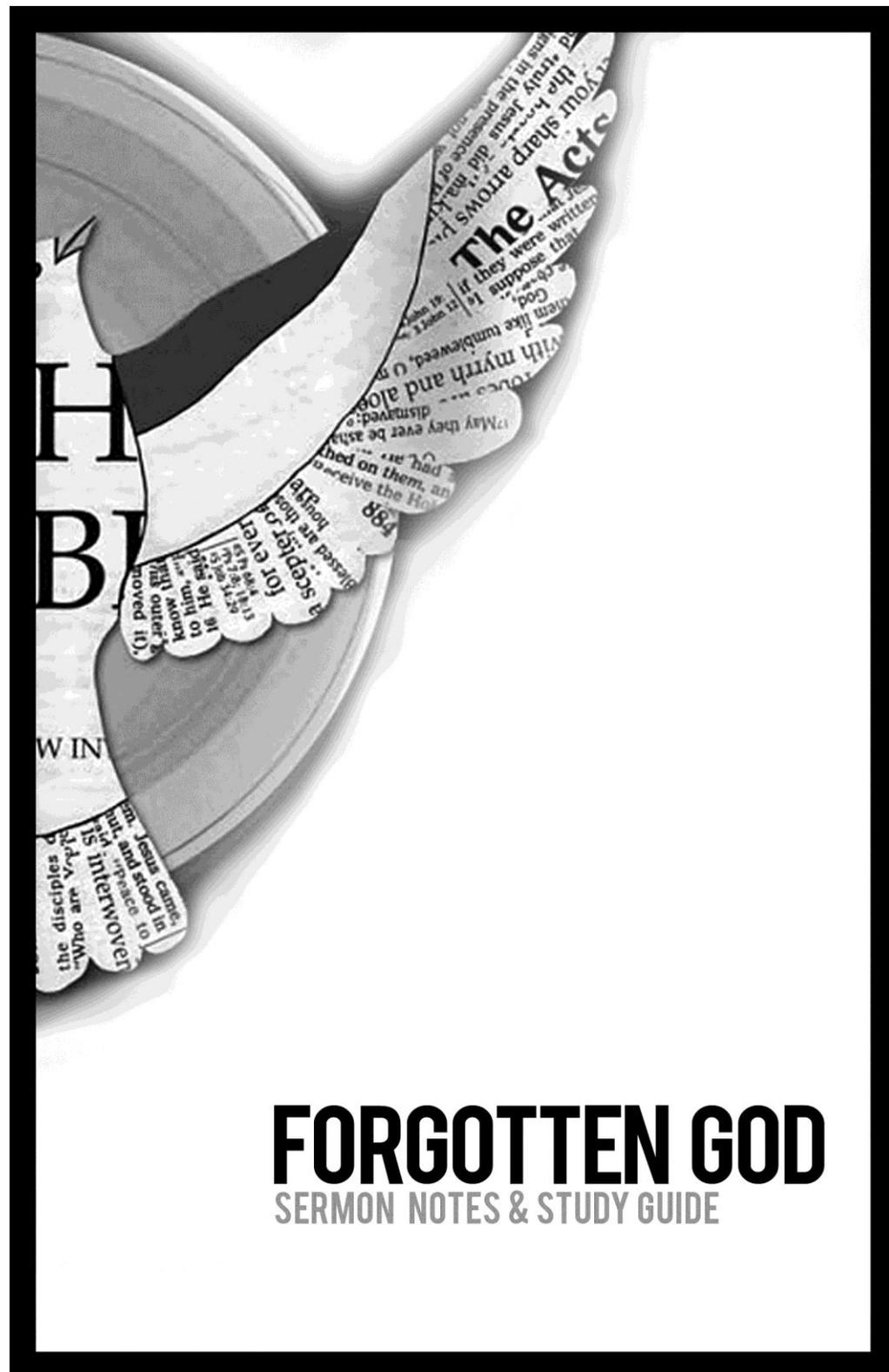
Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

- What part of your life is unexplainable apart from the work and power of the Holy Spirit? Can you think of a time in your life when God worked in you or through you in a way that you never could have done on your own? What was that experience like? What impact did it have in the lives of the people around you?
- Your skills and abilities were given to you by God to be used for His purposes. Yet they can also be the very things that pull us away from depending on Him. How do you manage that tension in your life? What kinds of things can you do to make sure your talents always help you serve God instead of distract you?
- Why do you think God had you here today? What do you need to take away from today's worship service? What part of the service did God use to speak into your life, and how do you feel like He is calling you to respond?

Some next steps:

Here are some things you can do this week to dig deeper:

- The title of this sermon series, Forgotten God, comes from a book of the same title by Francis Chan. The book does a great job of discussing who the Holy Spirit is and what we can do to allow Him to be a more vibrant and vital part of our lives today. Grab a copy at Amazon and read it!
- Set aside 30 minutes this week to do what Mike asked you to do, to invite God to do a searching inventory of your life and point out to you some areas where He is calling you to stop relying on your own gifts and, instead, to depend on His power to do His work that will help bring His lost and hurting world back to Him. Listen prayerfully for His answer, and then step out and go for it!



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