

# THE ARTISAN SOUL

## CREATING YOUR LIFE INTO A WORK OF ART

### Session 5: Craft – The Elegance of Workmanship

March 8-14, 2020

*"A life well lived is the sum total of a vast number of moments lived well."*

*~Erwin McManus, The Artisan Soul*

### Hang Out (30 Minutes)

Ice Breakers: Remember, everyone has the right to pass on any question.

- In the last 24 hours, what has made you say either "hmmmm", "wow!", or "now that's funny"?
- What skill do you think everyone should have?
- What would you like to be known for?

### Watch The Video (24 Minutes)

Watch the video if necessary. If everyone viewed the sermon before the meeting, add this time to your discussion.

### Discuss (30 Minutes)

It's okay if you don't get to every question. Leaders, guide the group to the questions you think will be most helpful.

1. Read 1 Chronicles 28:1-3. David describes his dream to build a temple in Jerusalem for the Lord, something that had never been done before. If you were one of the officials hearing about this, what would excite you about this plan? What questions would you have? What would scare you?
2. In this season of your life, what big goal are you pursuing (would you like to pursue) that has been on your heart, but scares you a bit when you consider the enormity, the intensity, and/or the change that will take place? [Some examples might be: creating a non-profit to serve disadvantaged youth, establishing friendships with your neighbors you've never met, significantly improving family relationships, mending a broken relationship, etc.].
3. Read 1 Chronicles 28:6-10. Solomon, David's son, will lead the work to build the Temple. How might the encouragement given to Solomon in these verses serve him in leading this immense building project?
4. In what way(s) is God a partner in the goal you are pursuing? What promises from God do you or will you rely on as you move forward?

5. Read 1 Chronicles 28:19-21. In your opinion, why would David encourage Solomon to be strong and courageous (v20)?
6. What fears or discouragement might tempt Solomon to give up on the Temple's construction?
7. If you were Solomon, what might be particularly enjoyable, fulfilling or satisfying in building the temple?
8. As you pursue your own goal, what might cause fear and/or discouragement in you?
9. Who else will benefit from you achieving your big goal? How will they benefit?
10. As you move forward with the goal you are or would like to pursue, what do you need to stop doing, do more, or start doing to move forward into the future?
11. What support do you need?

### **Bonus material**

Watch Erwin McManus discuss *The Artisan Soul - Dream Risk Create*

### **Next step**

Commit to one of the following to be your next step this week:

- Engage in a Genius email campaign. (See handout for instructions.)
- Discover your genius. Identify and describe one of the possible eight specific accomplishments or experiences across your life on the "Best Stuff Exercise" sheet provided.

~ from the Conscious Leadership Group

- Make a list of everything you are doing that you need to stop doing.
- Ask others to give you honest feedback on an area of your life, telling them your standard of excellence.
- Reorganize your priorities to give you more time to do what you do well and drop those things you do poorly.
- Refine your skills by working with people more skilled than yourself.
- Never stop learning - never stop growing - never stop improving!

~From *The Artisan Soul* by Erwin McManus

### **Pray (5 Minutes)**

Pray for the plans (shared in question #2) for one or two people in your group. Thank God for the vision for what's possible, and ask God to determine the specific steps to be taken, courage and perseverance provided, and others might be blessed through these plans.