

Jeremiah 10:10 - But the Lord is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation. 11 Thus you shall say to them: "The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens." 12 He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion.

Isaiah 43:13 - The craftsman stretches out his rule, He marks one out with chalk; He fashions it with a plane, He marks it out with the compass, And makes it like the figure of a man, According to the beauty of a man, that it may remain in the house.

I. Introduction

- a. Hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA)
- b. Today, humans are being stretched thin by thousands of little things.
- c. First, God has designed us to be stretched.
- d. Second, stress, anxiety, and mental health is a matter of boundaries and clearly drawn lines.
- e. God made the earth by His power and ability; He established the world by His wisdom, and He stretched out the heavens at His discretion.
- f. Therefore, the life we construct is affected by our ability, competence, wisdom, and personal discretion.

II. Stretched thin in ability & competence.

- a. One is stretched thin when they are extended beyond their current ability and competence.
- b. The question becomes, Can I really grow within the necessary timeline in my ability and competence?
- c. When Eve was alone, she was stretched thin by the cunning craftiness of the serpent. (Gen 2:16)
- d. Two are better than one. (Ecc 4:9)

III. Stretched thin in wisdom. (Prov 1:20-27)

- a. There is a reorientation happening globally.
- b. Idols and idolatry. (Is 43:13)
- c. Many today are living without lasting convictions, but for current conveniences.
- d. Joshua (Joshua 8:25-26)
- e. Some are stretched thin because it has been difficult for them to stretch out of their comfort zone and into biblical community. (Matt 12:47-49)

IV. Stretched thin in discretion.

- a. Discretion is the power or right to decide or act according to one's own judgment; freedom of judgment or choice.
- b. Example: It is entirely within my discretion whether I will go or stay.
- c. We cannot remove all obstacles and potential stumbling blocks from people's paths and journey through life.
- d. Jesus, the King of the Kingdom to come and the firstborn of the new family of God, is seeking overcomers.
- e. You can be stretched thin by not making decisions that guard and keep you growing in your liberty in Christ.
- f. You either take thoughts captive, or thoughts will take you captive. (2 Cor 10)
- g. You either assign purpose to items or your purpose will be assigned to you by the items.

V. Jesus was stretched thin. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

WELCOME!

If you have questions, please stop by the NEXT STEPS table in the foyer or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com.

Our strategy at DPC: Gather (Gatherings), Group (Connect Groups), Grow (Growth Phases), Give (Giving/Gifting Teams), Go (Outreach)

GROUP

**Sunday, October 3 + 17 -
Connect Group Night**

Our connect groups will be meeting all over the area this evening.

GATHER

**Sundays in October -
Stretched Thin: A Conversation
About Stress, Anxiety, &
Mental Health**

9:30a + 11:15a

Did you know that 1 in 5 people struggle with mental health issues? There is no health without mental health. The subject of mental health is a real thing and it is hitting our culture in a big way. This series is a conversation about stress, anxiety, and mental health. And the goal is to open up this conversation, make us more aware of this issue, and encourage those who struggle to realize that they are not alone. Jesus has much to say to us on these issues.

**Sunday, October 10, 5p - 6p
Groundbreaking Ceremony**

Join us for our Groundbreaking Ceremony on Springfield Drive! We will unite in prayer, worship, and dedication on our new land and officially break ground! "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it."

GROW

**Thursday, October 7, 7p - 9p
Night Six of our Fall Semester
of Growth Phases**

Join us for night six of Growth Phases. We can't wait to see all that the Lord will do in lives this session!

GIVE

**"His Blueprint" Capital
Campaign - He Has Chosen Us!**

We encourage each of you to continue to ask God what He would have you give to our capital campaign!

Goal by June 2022

\$220,000

Commitment Levels:

One time Legacy Gifts

20K - Gold Legacy Gift

10K - Silver Legacy Gift

1K - Precious Stone Legacy Gift

Monthly Pledges

\$500, \$250, \$150, \$50

Did you know you can give via text? Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text.

GO

**Wednesday, October 27,
6p - 8p - Trunk or Treat**

Join us for our Trunk or Treat in front of our facility in the parking lot! Decorate your trunk and serve the community by handing out candy, which we will provide. Sign up now at the Next Steps table!