

All That Matters - Life Group Discussion

Part 4: Go

Big Idea

Pastor Ryan continued our series today called, "All That Matters". Without vision or revelation of what God is doing and the part we have to play in it, we cast off restraint and ultimately perish. In other words, a life without vision is empty, joyless, and unfulfilled. Furthermore, it's fruitless, lawless, and ignores God's plan to use us to reach others. Essentially, without vision, we're either spiritually dead or dying. Remember, we are on a mission with God, and it's a Great Commission. It's the call of the global Church. Jesus gave us our assignment moments before He ascended into heaven. Pastor Ryan summarized our ultimate purpose with Jesus' last words.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8

Before we embark on the Great Commission, we might have some work to do ourselves. These four steps not only lead us into the abundant life Jesus promised, but they give us vision and equip us for our part in God's mission. First, we must know God and know Him personally. In the depths of our hearts, we must know Him intimately and powerfully. Second, we must tackle our past pain, including our hurts, mistakes, or missteps, and allow Jesus to wipe the shame and regrets of our yesterdays away permanently. Then and only then, can we see ourselves as He does, in His righteousness. Third, we must identify how God planned to use us and our unique gifts to reach the world. And, finally, we must make a difference. God has something specific for each of us to do with the Holy Spirit as our guide. Paul said we were created for good works before the world began. That's where we experience real joy. It comes through knowing God, being filled with His spirit, and yielding to Him as we joyfully impact eternity.

Talk About It - In light of Jesus' parting message of Acts 1:8

1. How am I reaching my world - my Jerusalem? That would be my family, my neighbors, my co-workers, and friends. (For clarity read Mark 5:19 and Proverbs 3:27-28).

2. How might I make a difference beyond my world - my Judea and Samaria? That would be those just outside of my world and sphere of influence. For example, the Space Coast at large. (For clarity read 1 Corinthians 9:22 and Galatians 6:2).

3. How am I making a difference in the whole world? Has God blessed me to be a blessing to others? Is He calling me to go and give, or merely give? How have I responded? (For clarity read Mark 16:15; 10:29).

Next Steps

Encourage your group members to participate in our upcoming Legacy Vision Night. We will be hosting a night of celebration on Sunday December 11th, 2022 to share the great things God has done through our collective giving.

Visit lineage.church/legacy to RSVP for this free event.

Prayer

This week's prayer focus is the unsaved and unchurched people within our sphere of influence and beyond. This week, intercede for a lost family member, a nearby community, another state, or a country. Ask God to use your prayers and save the lost by His grace and for His glory.