



15 YEARS IS JUST THE BEGINNING

Pt. 1: Not Waiting...We Are

Questions for further study and application:

- Day 1 The movement of God's kingdom here on earth is to push back evil, darkness, and hopelessness, and replace it with goodness, kindness, and grace. God rescued you from darkness and He will use you to be a light in this dark world. Read Matthew 5:14-16. You counter-attack the darkness by letting your light shine bright and be part of the mission to rescue others. Take an easy first step and think about whose life can you brighten today?
- Day 2 God's primary vehicle for creating movement in the world is the church. Read Matthew 16:18. Jesus proclaims that the church is the one thing you can count on regardless of how uncertain and unsettled society may be. Today's culture says that hobbies, sports, vacations, or any other distractions you may have should be your priority. If Jesus declared the church as the one constant in this world, why would you let church become optional in your life? When you love God, you will love His people, and you will find His people at church. Commit to attending church on a regular basis and see God move in your life.
- Day 3 The church is a movement; yet you are the church. What this means is, God wants to grow you to be united, heart and soul around His mission. Read 2 Corinthians 5:20. How incredible is it that He wants to use you to move His mission forward? When you think about being the church, you may feel like it's a daunting task. Listen, it's not about compounding your already busy days; it's about recognizing that you can be a light wherever you are on a daily basis. At work, at home, out shopping, or the kids practice, you can be intentional in your everyday environments to advance the mission of God. Ask Him to show you opportunities to show love and be a light today.
- Day 4 Being the church and creating movement doesn't have to feel like an additional task. It's as simple as tuning into the people around you and responding with love and compassion. Read Romans 15:5-6. Focus on having the same attitude that Jesus had towards people. Be on the lookout for people that God will put in your path. You might encounter someone that needs help, or they need words of encouragement, or they just need someone to listen. Don't over-think it, focus on what you can do and start there. God will lead the way; use your eyes and ear and tune in to His promptings.
- Day 5 The movement has just begun. We are not finished with our mission as long as there are people that are hurting, depressed, and lost. They need to know that God has a plan for them, and that He loves them unconditionally. Maybe you've tried helping others before and you were left feeling taken advantage of, or that you didn't make a difference. These type of experiences can tempt you to avoid getting involved. Read Galatians 5:13-14. Remind yourself that God didn't avoid getting involved in your life. In order to be the church and create forward momentum, you must love fearlessly. Know that God will use you and your story to reveal His love to others.

What's New?

On March 18, Waters Edge is going to be celebrating its 15th birthday with a huge blow out celebration! There are lots of fun surprises in store. So, come ready to celebrate our history and our future; because the best is still to come!