

GIVE GO SERVE

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer this question:

What is the biggest risk you've ever taken? What was the outcome?

SHARE

Welcome to "GIVE.GO.SERVE."

This week we are putting a pause on our current series "Circle Makers," to tune in together, as a whole church body, on what God is doing in and through Red Rocks Church. We believe that there is great value in everyone being on the same page and there are some major changes on the horizon, and exciting places that the Lord is leading our church. Red Rocks Church, from the very beginning, has been on a path that only God could create. The milestones that have been reached, the places the church has gone, the amount of people that have been reached, and the lives that have been changed, could have never have happened without Him. This message allows us to invite every single person who attends Red Rocks, to not only be informed about where God is leading us, but to be an active part in His Kingdom work, here at RRC.

Think about when you first started attending Red Rocks Church. For some of you this might have been 10 years ago, 5 years ago, 1 year ago, or maybe even less. Think about how you felt walking into the campus you now attended. Maybe you were creeped out by the nearly abandoned theme park, or maybe you drove past the Lakewood building five times before you realized that's where the campus was! Whatever campus you attended, and despite how long you have attended Red Rocks, it is probably safe to say that you have witnessed change, growth, and God choosing to move through this church.

This week's sermon is entitled, "GIVE.GO.SERVE," Shawn spoke about where we have been, where we are, and where we are going, as a church. When "Building Stories" first started, the purpose was to focus not on a building, but the lives that a building could welcome in, and

how those lives could begin to change by His grace and power. We are certainly not the first church that has faced tangible challenges in finding a place to hold a Sunday service. In fact, we can read about Moses having to worship God on the move, in Exodus. Change is usually accompanied by great sacrifice and it is never easy. Sometimes it can feel like a lot to take on and accept. Luckily, we can read about what God has to say about this topic.

Let's read Exodus 34:10-11

How do you react to change? In what ways do you need to be stretched in your personal life, concerning the topic of change?

In the verses above, what was God's purpose in the covenant He was making with Moses and the Israelites?

Can you think of a time or an instance in which God deepened your relationship with Him through the catalyst of change?

GROW

We see time and time again in the Bible when God called His people to move on to greater things, through the difficult pathway of sacrifice. The Lord's heart is always for our good, and He never calls us to walk forward in sacrifice in vain. When we lay down our time, our finances, our comfort, for the Lord, we allow room for Him to move in our lives. We then use those offerings for His Kingdom, as well as deepen our relationship with Him. God does not ask us to do anything He is not willing to do, and we can rest in remembering that He gave the ultimate sacrifice to save us through His son, Jesus Christ's shed blood on the cross.

By sending His perfect and blameless son to live a life of continual sacrifice on this earth, and allowing Jesus to die a sacrificial death, God has sacrificed more than we could ever imagine. God is not concerned with the amount of sacrifice we choose to give, but the willingness of our hearts to follow him. Remember, God does not need our time or money to accomplish His will, nor could we ever sacrifice enough to *deserve* or *earn* His love or affection.

His love for us is unconditional and unrelated to anything we have done or will do. God invites us to give more of ourselves, so that we can receive more of Him, which is truly the *best thing for us*.

Let's read Exodus 35: 4-5

What does it mean for you to be "willing" in your relationship with the Lord?

Is there anything stopping you from being willing to step out in faith and sacrifice?

What are some of the stigmas attached to "sacrificing" for the sake of the church and/or the Lord? How do we combat those to find and land on truth, in our own lives and hearts?

MOVE

We read in Matthew 16:24, that if anyone wants to follow Christ, he must deny himself. The Lord knew that man could not balance dueling desires. We cannot follow God while still trying to lead our own way. Chasing after the Lord may sound exhilarating, which it certainly is, and glamorous, but in all reality, it will require giant leaps of faith that don't feel glamorous. We must constantly check in with the Father and ask, "am I getting in my own way of you using me, my life, and all that you have given me?"

As we move into the next phase of Red Rocks Church, and as we continue to trust God and believe Him for the unbelievable, are you willing to GIVE/GO/SERVE? What part in Red Rocks Church's next steps might He want you to play?

As we all think and pray about being open to God using our time, our finances, and our comfort, it is important to remember that God does not need us to make Heaven more crowded. He delights in allowing us to work beside him and learn from Him. We believe He has given us a responsibility to partner with Him to do everything we can to make Heaven more crowded. The opportunities to GIVE, to GO, and to SERVE, are just that. They are tangible opportunities for you to serve the church, to serve those we know we will reach, and to see the Lord's work through your desire to lay down your own life, for the grandest cause of them all, Jesus.

Let's finish with reading Romans 15:13

If you were here for the last GIVE/GO/SERVE, what was that experience like for you?

How have you seen God bless your life in giving, going or serving?

What does it look like for you to GIVE/GO/SERVE now?

PRAY

As a group, spend some time praying for each other and the church as a whole during this next phase of GIVE/GO/SERVE. If you are in a co-ed group, consider breaking up into men and women's groups to talk more freely.

TO GO.

Trust that God is good. He only ever calls us to new levels and greater dependence on Him, for our good and His glory.

Psalm 31:14

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God.