



Let There Be Light | Chad Bruegman | 10.7.18
LG WEEKLY

START

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

How do you react to change in life and why? (Eternal Optimist, Steadfast Realist, Downer Pessimist etc.)

SHARE

And God said, “Let there be light” and there was light. – Genesis 1:3

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And then God spoke! Now, there are thousands of books filled with exhaustive research and biblical analysis from prestigious scholars about the creation of the world. There are many biblical views on how it all came to be. We love to debate about whether the author is referring to literal days or indefinite periods of time. And those are all interesting questions, but the problem is none of us were there to see it.

What we believe with certainty is that God spoke, and it came to be. Genesis tells us that “God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.” What God creates is good! It is no wonder that throughout scripture, those who follow Jesus are likened to ‘light’ in the midst of darkness. When the people of Jesus are around, they should reflect the light of Jesus.

Most of us grew up being afraid of the dark, but now it’s time the darkness is afraid of us.

As a disciple of Jesus, we have Jesus with us. We have God's Spirit working in and through our lives. Because of that, we don't have to fear the dark; we are not alone.

This weekend was a special moment for Red Rocks Church as we deeply honor and appreciate Pastor Chad and his family for all of the years spent loving and serving the Red Rocks church family for the Kingdom of God. For some people, being a part of Red Rocks Church is relatively new and may not be as impacted as those who have been at Red Rocks Church for years. As a Directional Leadership team member and Chad being one of my best friends for 14 years, I can say with complete integrity that this change for Chad will be incredibly healthy for him and his family in this season. He has demonstrated such thoughtfulness, counsel and integrity through all of this and we stand united with his decision. There is no moral or ethical failure, just simply God calling my friend into a new season he truly needs. New seasons come into all of our lives.

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

In our individual lives and in the life of God's church, there are seasons of change. As God begins a new season at Red Rocks Church, what are some of the good and beautiful things that we can anticipate coming in this new season?

What are some of the difficult things that you may think the new season will bring?

Ecclesiastes tells us that God "has made everything beautiful in its time." What does that mean to you?

G R O W

Read Psalm 23

When we are in seasons of doubt, confusion, or difficulty we can react in very different ways. Regardless of how one reacts to challenges, God lights up the darkness and fear goes running. God goes before us. He is the controller of all things and is above all things. The Lord is our shepherd, He leads, guides and restores the broken. Christ is the head of the church. It is Jesus who leads the church, not man. It is our responsibility as the body of Christ

to listen to what God is saying and to follow in obedience where He is leading at all times, in all seasons.

According to Psalm 23, what does the Lord promise He will do in our lives?

After reading this Psalm, what do you need most from God in this season?

MOVE

Red Rocks Church Directional Leadership team, Staff, Board, and all other Leadership teams, stand united together as we always have in the past. It is not the first time we have experienced change. Every time God allows change, He uses it to change us, to mold us, to bring us into maturity so that we lack nothing. All things are beautiful in their time. God calls us all individually to follow Him, to trust Him and to become the man and woman of God we are called to become. Whether you are one of the teaching Pastors of a church, to a brand-new greeter on a weekend, your act of obedience to follow Jesus every step of the way is a beautiful thing, in every season.

Read Ephesians 1:1-16

Christ himself gives us pastors and teachers, why?

If we have been equipped, what actions should we be taking individually and as a church to continue to build the kingdom?

During this new season, in what way do you think God is calling you to build up the church? What gifts do you need to step forward in faith to start using?

PRAY

As a group, spend some time praying specifically over Chad and his family as they walk in obedience in this new season. Pray also for one another for courage to continue to say 'yes' to God in your own individual lives.

TO GO

Ephesians 3:20

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us”

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