



Can You Believe We Get To Do This? | Doug Wekenman | 10.4.20  
Weekly Study

START

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

**What's the best trip (traveling wise) you ever had?**

SHARE

Welcome to Week Eight of Kingdom Culture. Two thousand years ago, Jesus started the process of bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to earth. In this series, we are talking about what it means to continue the process.

The "Kingdom" is God's presence on this earth, and "Culture" is a specific way of walking and talking. When we put those two words together, we get a great reminder that our calling is to carry God's Kingdom wherever we go. Our job is to walk and talk like Jesus's followers. We are agents, called to bring slices of heaven down to earth everywhere we go!

This week, Doug talked about how amazing it is that we get to do what we do. When you are a part of the Red Rocks Family, the question is not: what do we have to do? The question is: *Can You Believe We Get To Do This?*

But before we dive in, take some time to check in with your Group by having everyone answer these questions:

**Rate your week on a scale of 1 (terrible) to 10 (excellent). Why did you pick that number?**

**What was the best part of your week? What was the most challenging part?**

**What do you feel like God is trying to teach you right now?**

G R O W

**Read Genesis 22:1-14**

**What is your initial reaction to this story?**

**What do you think this story is trying to communicate?**

This passage highlights Abraham's obedience to God to the point of him almost sacrificing his only son at the altar. God had no intention of physically taking his son; however, his actions proved just how much he trusted and feared God above all.

God was able to do limitless things through Abraham's obedience throughout scripture; making nations through his many descendants. It's not that God can't do these things, because He's still God, it's that He's looking for a willing and obedient heart.

Through our obedience, God can do immeasurable things through us. He's a loving Father and has so much more to offer us than we can even begin to imagine. Our obedience often reveals the measure of where our trust is in Him in certain areas of our lives.

He wants nothing more than for us to surrender our full lives to Him. Why? Because He loves us immensely and can take us further than we could ever take ourselves. He's our hope and where we find true peace in the unknowns and uncertainties of life.

But as Doug reminded us this week, this story is about something much bigger than Abraham. This story points us back to Jesus!

**How does this story foreshadow Jesus?**

**How does reading this story within the context of the bigger story of the Bible help give it new life?**

M O V E

## **Read Matthew 16:13-20**

**What do you think Jesus was trying to communicate in this passage?**

2020 has been a challenging year for everyone. The truth is, these days, it can be difficult to remember just how amazing the invitation is to follow Jesus. One of the reasons we meet together as a Group every week is to remind each other just how incredible it is that we get to be a part of what God is doing on this earth.

That's why it is so essential that we continuously fix our eyes on Jesus. As Doug reminded us this week, "A Kingdom Culture Church starts and stays centered around Jesus!" When we keep our eyes focused on Jesus, regardless of what's going on in the world, the Church will keep moving forward because the gates of hell won't prevail against it.

So how do we stay focused on Jesus? We do this by reminding each other that Jesus didn't come to give us a list of rules we have to follow. Jesus came to invite us into something much bigger and more beautiful – a relationship!

We need to stop saying things like: what do we have to do to fulfill our obligation? That's religious talk. The much better question is: Can you believe we get to do this?

- Can you believe we get to be alive in 2020?
- Can you believe God chose us for this?
- Can you believe as the light shines brighter the darker things get?
- Can you believe we get to plant churches?
- Can you believe we get to be the goers and the sharers of good news and the storytellers of the Gospel?
- Can you believe our kingdom won't be shaken?
- Can you believe our peace and joy can't be taken?
- Can you believe we get to live in complete freedom?

**Did any item on that list frustrate or annoy you? Which one? Why do you think that is?**

**What is one thing you feel like you have to do this week that you are not looking forward to? How can you shift your perspective and see the good and the beauty in it?**

### Take-Home Assignment: Make Your Own List

What are three things you get to do this week that you need to change your perspective on? Write them out below and then share them with the Group.

#1: Can you believe I get to

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#2: Can you believe I get to

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#3: Can you believe I get to

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### P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

### T O G O

*If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.*

- 1 Corinthians 13:1

