



Eternal ROI | Shawn Johnson | 12.13.20
Weekly Study

START

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

What are your top three favorite Christmas Movies of all time? Why?

SHARE

Welcome to our final week of Kingdom Builders! At Red Rocks Austin, we want to be known as people who give their lives to build God's Kingdom! This week, Shawn ended our series by reminding us how powerful the church can be when we all seek to be Kingdom Builders! But before we dive in, take some time to check in with your Group by answering the following questions.

What is one thing you want to accomplish before the end of the year?

What was the most challenging part of this week? What was the highlight of your week?

What is one word you would use to describe your relationship with God right now? Why did you choose that word?

GROW

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

In what ways have you experienced? What stood out to you from the last four weeks?

What is one way you feel like God has been inviting you to be a Kingdom Builder during this series?

The Apostle Paul understood the power of having an eternal mindset. He wasn't looking for an earthly return on his investment; he was looking for an eternal one. Before his conversion, he worked hard to build his personal resume, but once he started following Jesus, everything changed. In his letter to the church in Phillipi, here's what he said about building his own kingdom, "I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ" (Philippians 3:8).

Two weeks ago, we read this same passage about the church in Macedonia. If you remember, they experienced fierce troubles that pushed them to the very limit, just like we have in 2020. However, Paul is raving about them because they didn't shrink back and play small when they faced these challenges. Instead, they pressed in and gave generously. They gave offerings of whatever they could, far more than they could afford.

That is the power of the Gospel. It frees us up from worrying so much about our own kingdom so that we can focus on God. According to Scripture, "you have been bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 6:20). Your life is more valuable than you can ever imagine. Which means, God is going to take care of you! He actually delights in doing so. It can be scary to let go of that control sometimes, but generosity is a great way to practice! When we do, God always comes through for us. His Kingdom gets larger, and our faith gets stronger!

What is the most challenging part of your life to trust God with? Why do you think it is so hard for you to surrender it to God?

What is one brand new way you can practice being generous this week?

M O V E

Read Luke 12:15-21

What stuck out to you about this parable?

Did you find this story to be surprising at all? Why or why not?

In the passage you just read, Jesus tells a fairly difficult parable. It's important to remember exactly why he is telling this story. It all began with the statement, "life does not consist in an abundance of possessions" (Luke 12:15).

Jesus is giving us an invitation. Instead of storing up treasures for ourselves here on this earth, He tells us we can be rich toward God!

What do you think it means to be rich toward God?

Think about some of the most content people you know. Chances are, they've figured out how to be rich toward God. In other words, they've spent their life building up God's Kingdom instead of trying to build their own. As a result, they are the opposite of the man Jesus warns us about in this parable. They aren't stressing out about storing up all their own things, so they are free to put their resources to good use.

As Shawn reminded us this week, "The local church is the greatest mutual fund on the planet!"

Because of your generosity, we are making noise all around the world. Kids are being fed, churches are being planted, lives are being changed, and heaven is getting more crowded. When you give to Red Rocks, you aren't giving to a church; you are giving through a Church!

How can you be even more generous, with your resources and time in 2021? What is one giving goal you have for yourself next year?

What are three practical steps you can take this week to set yourself up to accomplish your goals next year?

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

The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.

- Proverbs 11:24