



Legacy | Shawn Johnson | 1.10.21  
Weekly Study

START

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

**What three emojis would you use to describe how you are currently feeling? Why?**

SHARE

Welcome to Week One of our brand-new series, Legacy! For the next several weeks, we will be talking about what it looks like to live a life that is bigger than ourselves. This week, Shawn kicked off this series by reminding us why we are here! But before we dive in, take some time to catch up with your Group and hear about their Christmas by answering the following questions.

**What was the highlight of your week?**

**What was the most challenging thing that happened to you this week?**

**What do you feel like God is teaching you right now?**

GROW

**Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-17**

**What stuck out to you about this passage? Why?**

The passage you just read is about one of the most interesting people in the Bible. The author is King Solomon, and he is writing toward the end of his life while reflecting on everything he's learned. While thinking back, he realizes that so much of what he has done has been in vain. What's interesting about Solomon is that he is one of the wealthiest humans to ever live. Solomon had just about every material thing someone could ever want, yet it still wasn't enough to fulfill him.

Eventually, he had to turn his attention to living for things that will outlive his life. He needed to begin focusing on his legacy!

Maybe you are in a similar place. Perhaps you feel like God is inviting you to refocus while getting your eyes off yourself and start focusing on the impact your life will have on other people. If so, the beginning of 2021 is the perfect time to start. Take a few minutes to talk to your Group about practical ways you can do that by answering the following questions.

**What is one gift you feel like God is inviting you to bring to the world? What is one tangible step you can take this week toward that goal?**

**What do you want to be remembered for? Why?**

M O V E

**Read Matthew 22:34-40**

**What stuck out to you about this passage? Why?**

**What does this passage teach us about Jesus?**

In the passage you just read, Jesus sums up the entire Bible! When a lawyer asks him a question to try to test him, Jesus sees the trap coming from a mile away. They are trying to place Jesus in a corner, but he knows exactly what to do. He responds: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments" (Matthew 22:37-40).

One of the best parts about Jesus is how simple he makes everything. As Shawn reminded us this week, if you want to leave a legacy, it begins by doing three things:

1. Loving God
2. Loving People
3. Reaching the Lost

**Which of those three things is the most difficult for you?**

**Which of those three comes most naturally to you?**

One of the best questions you can answer about your life is: *what about your life will outlive you?* If you commit the rest of your life to love God, build up other people, and do whatever you can to reach those who are far from God, you can confidently answer yes to that question!

**What is one practical way you can *love God* this week?**

**What is one practical way you can *love people* this week?**

**What is one practical way you can *reach out to the lost* this week?**

P R A Y

As a group, spend some time praying with and for each other. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking up into men's and women's groups to share more freely.

T O G O

*One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.*

- Psalm 145:4

