

Legacy Starts Now | Shawn Johnson | 2.7.21 Weekly Study

START

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

Where did you see God in your life this week?

SHARE

Welcome to Week Five of Legacy! In this series, we are talking about what it looks like to live a life that is bigger than ourselves by answering the question: what are you going to leave when you leave? This week, Shawn reminded us that today is the perfect day to get started building our legacy. But before we dive in, take some time to catch up with your Group by answering the following questions.

Rate your week on a scale of 1 to 10. Why did you pick that number?

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

What was the most inspirational conversation you had this week?

GROW

Read Psalm 112:1-5

There is a good chance this is one of your first times ever meeting as a Group. If it is, this is a great time to get to know each other a little more by giving a few people in your Group a chance to share their life story. Although this can be a scary thing, it is one of the most fruitful things your Group can do. Pick two-three people from your Group this week and have them answer the following questions.

- 1. Tell me about your upbringing. What are a few of the significant life events that shaped and molded you?
- 2. Have you ever had a moment where you realized God is real and loves you? If so, tell us about it.
- 3. How have you changed in the last five years?
- 4. Describe yourself in five words and explain why you picked each one.
- 5. Who is God to you?

Every person has a unique journey they have been on that has led them to this point. Taking the time to share your story is a fantastic exercise for you and for everyone listening!

MOVE

Read Psalm 112:6-10

Which verse stuck out to you from this Psalm? Why?

Legacy is all about living a life that outlives us. As the Psalmist reminds us, "Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever" (Psalm 112:6).

We all want to leave behind a legacy when we are gone. We want to be remembered forever! But as Shawn reminded us this week, "If we want to leave a legacy someday, it's got to start today!" Stop procrastinating building your legacy; today is the perfect day to start.

How do we do that? Here are four simple steps:

Step 1: Decide Who You Want to Be

The first step to having a legacy is deciding what you want your legacy to be. Encourage everyone in your Group to make that decision by answering this question.

Who do you want to be? How do you want to be remembered? Tell your Group about it!

Step 2: Pick a Plan

Vision is great, but if you want to achieve your goal, you also need a system—a plan. Take some time to help everyone in your Group create a plan for building their legacy by inviting them to answer this question.

What is your plan for becoming the person you want to be?

Step 3: Start Small

Rome wasn't built in a day, and legacies aren't formed in a week. Don't let your Group get overwhelmed by the vastness of this week's message. Encourage everyone to start small by answering this question.

What is one small step you can take this week?

Step 4: Stay Consistent

Consistency is key! Taking a few small steps every day will pay huge dividends years from now. It will take your legacy to another level! But in order to stay consistent, you are going to need to be in it together!

How can your Group hold you accountable and make sure you stay consistent?

Now, let's put all these steps into action by completing this week's action step!

Action Step: Start A Legacy List

Take ten minutes as a Group to help each person create a legacy list—a list of five things they want to be remembered for. Don't put too much pressure on this list; remember you are free to change it over the years. But you have to start somewhere. Have everyone write down five things and then say them out loud to the Group!

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

PRAY

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.

TO GO

Let us not become weary in doing good at proper time we'll reap a harvest if we don't give up - Galatians 6:9