

To Where Will You Go? | Ethan Matott | 04.10.22

Weekly Study

START

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

What's one place you plan on traveling to this Summer?

SHARE

Welcome back! This week Ethan preached a necessary message on Palm Sunday, talking about Who we should run to rather than what, when facing uncertainty. Do we run to the Answer or do we look to the empty things of this world? Pain and loss are inevitable on this side of eternity, and we may not understand the reasoning behind every event or season. However, we can find our rest assured in the Prince of Peace because He is the Lord of it all. To echo Ethan: we aren't called to understand Jesus, but to know Jesus.

What area or situation in your life do you need to run back to Jesus for? How differently

would that part of your life or situation look if you invited Jesus into that? What was the

most challenging part of your week?

What was the highlight of your week?

GROW

Mark 14:43-52

What are your thoughts on this story? What stands out the most?

How did Jesus fulfill scripture in his arrest?

In this passage Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested to fulfill the Old Testament scriptures. This is the beginning of the end to Jesus' life on earth. What He was born on earth to do was coming to completion. The crowd led by Judas came ready for violence yet Jesus responded still, with love. In this moment Jesus showed us that even when we know something is unjust in our lives, and hate and betrayal come against us, love will always be our greatest weapon.

Such a simple notion in theory to always go to the author of life when we want to know about life and how to solve problems. Yet why do we not use Him as our first and only resort? Jesus taught so many things that can help us overcome obstacles in our lives but why do we tend to lean on our own understanding to try to fix things? As Ethan said in his sermon; when problems arise in our lives we tend to go our way, the wrong way, and eventually away. Instead, let's go towards the Way.

What's holding you back from laying your life down to Jesus completely?

How would your life look differently if Jesus was your first resort daily?

M O V E

Acts 17:22-32

**How does Paul's response to the Athenians resonate with Ethan's message on Sunday?
How have you responded to the longing and desire for something more in your life?**

The desire you feel is one that we all share. That desire, that desperation for something more, is our need for Jesus. God created every single person who's ever lived with a desire to know Him. The Athenians didn't even know who they were worshipping or searching for. They just knew something in them was drawing their hearts to this unknown God. They had that instinct to search for God.

We have that same instinct, but it's so easy to pursue the things of this world instead of pursuing God. When we set our minds on the things of this world, we do things our way for the pursuit of control. But when we turn to Jesus to meet our needs and fulfill our hearts, we relinquish control and live by faith. We put our hope and trust in Him. And that's what God is looking for from us every day: faith that He is good.

God has made it clear to us what His intentions are with us. To show us a greater love than we could possibly understand and to fulfill every desire in our heart.

Where are you putting your hope today? Is that fulfilling the longing in your heart?

Are you ready to trust in Him and totally surrender to His way so that He can show you His goodness and all that He has for you?

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

- *“Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” John 6:68*