

Now What? | Ryan Wekenman | 05.01.22

Weekly Study

START

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

What's your favorite concert you've been to so far?

SHARE

Welcome back! Ryan preached an incredible message this weekend defining the difference between building our kingdom and His. Our Salvation, the 'yes' to Jesus, is just the beginning to life forever. While we're promised Eternity after our final breath, God offers us a constant invitation to partner with Him in His kingdom that results in true abundant life. We become a part of a story bigger than ourselves when we choose to surrender and abide in Jesus.

What's one area of your life that you find yourself building your kingdom instead of His?

What would that area look like if laid that down to Jesus and built His kingdom instead?

What was the most challenging part of your week?

What was the highlight of your week?

GROW

Matthew 4:17

What's the first thing that comes to your mind when you see the word 'repent'?

What kind of invitation do you believe Jesus is calling us into through this simple, yet profound passage?

The word 'repent' means to turn away from, to change position, and turn toward a new direction.....in this case to turn towards a Person. This simplistic, yet so profound one line passage holds a beautiful invitation that has stayed relevant for over 2,000 years. Jesus isn't inviting us into a religion; behavior modification in hopes that it'll make us "feel" or "look" like a better person. He's inviting us to follow Him. To partner with Him in this life and reorder structure so we can experience abundant life through Him alone.

Religion commands us to follow structure so we can get to God, or be loved by Him. But God came down to us through a Person, without our own efforts, to lovingly restructure our lives for the better. When Jesus said to "repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near," he meant that the kingdom of heaven has come to us. Because of Jesus, we no longer have to strive; just abide in the Person of Him.

What does abiding in Jesus look like for your life?

How differently would your life look if you let Jesus fully take the throne of your heart?

M O V E

Hebrews 4:12

What resonates with you the most in this passage?

What stood out to you the most in Ryan's message?

When you accept Jesus in your heart and start your journey of following Him, you will always be reminded along the way that the word of God is alive and so sharp that it cuts deep into your heart that it exposes your motives, attitude, and intentions. The double edge sword which is the word of God helps fight your battles and cuts away anything that is not of God right down to your very essence.

There are so many lessons to be learned and relearned while you are on your quest for Jesus. It can be daunting at times but the rewards for sure outweigh the drawbacks. Through it all the living word of God is with you as you navigate your life. Always remember: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7.

What were your first thoughts of what to do after starting your trek of following Jesus?

Can you recall a time when the word of God cut into your soul to remove something that was hindering your walk with Him?

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.

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