

What Do You Want? | Ethan Matott | 05.14.22

Weekly Study

START

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

What's one thing you're looking forward to this Summer?

SHARE

Welcome back! Ethan preached a necessary message that challenged us individually, and corporately, as the Church to surrender our will for His. When we lay down our life for Jesus, we experience a Kingdom bigger than ours, and God in ways our soul has always longed for. The temporary and fleeting desires we seek to satisfy become just that, and we quench the soul thirst that only God Himself can satisfy. We trade in a perishing kingdom for the eternal one, and see the things of Heaven; the lasting things that are coming.

What's holding you back from surrendering your entire life to Him?

How different would your life look if you lived a life in obedience to Jesus?

What was the most challenging part of your week?

What was the highlight of your week?

GROW

Luke 14:27

What is the biggest difference between a disciple and believer of Jesus?

How does that difference challenge you in your walk with Jesus?

Salvation is the gateway, entrance, into Heaven and eternal life: but sanctification is the start to a lifelong journey of becoming more like Jesus. We don't have to stop at the starting line, the 'yes', to our faith in Jesus. We can experience what Heaven promises us after death, now in this life while we're still here. However doing so requires one very important thing: surrendering your entire life to Jesus.

When we lay down our life for Jesus, we sacrifice the kingdom of self in order that we see the glory of God. The goal on this side of eternity isn't to inherit more blessings, it's to get more of Jesus. The ultimate Promised Land is eternity, which has already been promised and given to us through Jesus. Therefore, we are free to seek more of Jesus, living with a purpose, over the temporary things this world has to offer.

How differently would your life be if you fully surrendered it to Jesus?

Why is discipleship so important in our walk with Jesus?

M O V E

Acts 4:29-31

How does the context of this passage resonate with Ethan's message from Sunday?

How does this passage distinguish the difference between operating out of the power of the Holy Spirit and our own power?

Believers in the early Church prayed the boldest prayers to continue pressing on in the Great Commission amidst persecution. They willingly surrendered their lives to Jesus, and were able to look past the temporary kingdoms of this world, and pain they faced, for a purpose greater than themselves. In doing so, we see throughout Acts, that they saw the glory of God. They saw the things of Heaven that were longer just talked about, but lived out.

I wonder what the Church would look like today if we prayed those same prayers? No matter the cost, seeking Jesus, and bringing the prodigals home. Forfeiting our earthly reputations and comfort so that others could see Him and come to know Him. The early church in Acts played an integral role in spreading the Gospel and ultimately thrived under persecution. Perhaps we can learn something from the faith of great witnesses that have gone before us.

What are some bold prayers you could be praying?

Who is one person in your life you're praying for to know Jesus and how can you live out your faith boldly for them to see 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.

T O G O

- *“The kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought the field.” Matthew 13:44*