

Weekly Study

Three Prayers that Change the World | Ryan Wekenman | October 9, 2022

**A note to leaders: there have been two additional questions added to the “grow” and “move” portions of the Weekly entitled ‘Dive Deeper’. This is designed for you to help guide your group into deeper relationship with Jesus and each other, and take an additional step for owning their relationship with Jesus throughout their week.*

START

If your group has been meeting already, go around and check in with your group with the following questions. If you had new people join your group this week, be sure to allow time for introductions.

- Everyone go around the circle and share a picture of your phone background. What’s the story behind it?
- What is the most impactful or challenging thing you learned during Sunday’s message?
- What did that thing teach you about God? About yourself?

SHARE

This week Ryan concluded our sermon series “Let’s Go Change the World” by talking with us about three prayers that change the world. Revival has an order to it, and revival comes more easily when we aren’t focused on ourselves. Ryan reminded us that when it feels like we’re plateauing in our faith or like we aren’t being fed like we once were, it could mean that it’s time to move from being a consumer of content within the church to doing our part to set the table for other people to experience God. It has been the times where lovers of Jesus have committed themselves to sharing the good news about Jesus and to prayer when the Spirit of God has seemed to rest more tangibly on a group of people throughout history. For that reason, Red Rocks Austin will always be passionate about making heaven more crowded by sharing the gospel with as many people as possible and utilizing our greatest weapon in the form of prayer for God’s will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

GROW

Read Matthew 28:18-20.

Think about the last time you were obsessed with something. What are the effects of being obsessed with something? All you want to do is learn about it, talk about it with other people and bring other people along in your obsession in hopes that they develop a love for that thing as well.

The same can be true for our life with God. What would it look like if we began to pray for God's mission to become our obsession? We want to be a church that is full of individuals who have been so transformed by the power of Jesus' life, death and resurrection that we can't help but be obsessed with His invitation for His people to make disciples of all nations.

- Have you ever considered that it's possible to be obsessed with the mission of God in a very normal way, and that it isn't solely reserved for "super-spiritual Christians"?
- What intimidates you most about the idea of making disciples?
- *Dive Deeper:* If you're feeling like you are ready to take action, find your group leader after group and talk to them about next steps in your walk with Jesus. Pray together that He would make that step clear to you. It could be something internal like confessing your sin to a trusted person in order to gain more freedom in your life, or something external like going to Grow this Sunday, joining a serve team or getting baptized on November 6.

M O V E

Read Galatians 1:14-18.

If you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you are saved — but are you living called and dangerous to the devil? As believers, we want to live in the here and now with the authority he has for us. When the people of God walk in Jesus' authority, we become increasingly more dangerous to the enemy, who only seeks to steal, kill and destroy. The enemy is working to trick people and promise that life will be found in a myriad of places that it isn't and all they end up feeling is isolation, shame, anxiety — but Jesus came that we would have life and life to the full (John 10:10).

Becoming dangerous takes time and more importantly, preparation. Paul's salvation happened immediately, but this passage shows us that it took him years of getting to know the God who had saved him — allowing the Holy Spirit to transform him from the inside out — before he became the church leader we know him to be today. In the same way, as we yield to the process of transformation, we will in time become increasingly more effective in our sharing of the gospel and dangerous to the kingdom of darkness.

- If given the opportunity, would you feel comfortable sharing the gospel with the people in your arena?
- What is one thing you can do this week to take your eyes off of yourself and focus more intentionally on serving and loving other people and by doing so, bringing the good news of Jesus to them?

- *Dive Deeper*: Your testimony is often the most powerful tool to share the gospel with other people and bring them to the truth of who Jesus is. When we realize that we have a story that needs to be told that points to who Jesus is and what He's done, evangelism becomes less intimidating. Find one person in your group and get together this week to share your testimonies with each other — it's encouraging to the soul and it's also great practice!

P R A Y

Spend some time sharing personal prayer requests. If you are in a co-ed group, consider breaking up into separate groups to share more freely.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to make you dangerous to the enemy and give you a specific way to push back the kingdom of darkness this week.
- Pray for God to give you an “alley-oop” this week that helps you easily share Jesus with someone.