



Vision Weekend 2024 | Shawn Johnson | 01.27.2024

Weekly Study

SHARE

As group members get settled, take a few minutes to check in with everyone and see how life is going. Share an exciting story from this week, your highs and lows, an answered prayer, or something you're struggling with. If someone is really struggling, rally the group around them and take a few moments to pray over them.

Share a high and low from last week.

Have your New Year's resolutions, goals, aspirations, etc., survived the first four weeks of January? If yes, what helped you stay on track? If not, what has been the biggest challenge?

**Is there an area of your life where you feel "not normal" that God has used for His good?
Is there an area that you're still wrestling to make sense of?**

GROW

Welcome to *Vision Weekend 2024*, the final message of our January series, *The Story You'll Tell*. We've spent this series focusing on the question, "What's the story you want to tell a year from now?" The story we tell at the end is determined by the vision we set in the beginning and how we intentionally pursue that vision with faithfulness and obedience so that the "middle matters." As Shawn suggests, the best way to do that is *Devotion* - our word for 2024.

Read Acts 2:42-47 NIV

The story we want to tell in January of 2025 is that this is the year Red Rocks Church stopped being recognized as a collection of buildings and started being recognized as a chosen people devoted to “being the church” in such a loving and radical way that the people in our families, schools, workplaces, and cities begin experiencing Jesus in a way they never could have imagined. To bring this vision to life, there are six things we must devote ourselves to, all of which can be found in Acts 2:42-27, when Peter established the church as we know it.

1. Showing Up (v.42 - “teaching”)
2. Getting in Groups (v.42, 44, 46 - “fellowship”)
3. Prayer (v.42 - “prayer”)
4. Giving (v.45 - “give to anyone in need”)
5. Serving (v.45, 46 - “broke bread together”)
6. Inviting (v.47 - “added to their number daily”)

What does “being devoted” mean to you?

How do you show up for the people in your life? Are you just “doing church,” or are you “being the church?”

Which one of these is your greatest strength? What does that look like?

Which one of these might God be calling you to lean into and really devote yourself to this year?

M O V E

Shawn made a powerful point regarding our place in God’s plan. There’s nothing any of us have done to earn or deserve the responsibility we’ve been given to build His kingdom, just like there’s nothing we could ever do to earn or deserve our salvation. The only reason any of us have been entrusted to serve or lead His people is because we said “yes” and trusted Jesus with our life. J. Oswald Sanders, author of *Spiritual Leadership*, puts it this way, “Through all the highs and lows of leadership, in times of great certainty and crippling uncertainty, those who have led in rebuilding broken-down walls and bringing God’s message of light and life into dark

places have not been men and women of great status, experience, or natural talent, but those whose souls have never ceased to say “Yes” to Jesus’ invitation, “Follow Me.”

Read Hebrews 12:1-3

Isn't it interesting that receiving salvation and being called higher and higher into God's service share the same recipe - the saving work of the cross and our “yes?” Imagine what God could do in and through an entire group of people if we let go of our fear, shame, comfort, insecurity, control, and other hindrances, so that we could wholeheartedly answer “yes” to how He wants to use us. Our role is to align our hearts with his plan, leaving the results up to Him. What if, this year, we devoted ourselves to saying “yes” with great faithfulness and expectancy, trusting that He will make good on his promises?

What is hindering you from saying yes? What beliefs fueled your response?

What is God asking you to say “yes” to right now? How is He asking you to get off the bench and into the game?

What captures your attention, effort, and energy on a weekly basis? Are your eyes fixed on where you want to go or on things that are leading you astray?

Will you devote yourself to these three things this week?

- 1. (Run your race) Write down one thing you can take responsibility for and actively take steps towards accomplishing.**
- 2. (Surround yourself) Think of a way you need to be pushed, challenged, encouraged, and held accountable. Ask someone you trust for help this week by checking in with you regarding those things.**
- 3. (Fix your eyes) Commit to spending 15 in prayer each day this week. What areas of your life do you need God to recapture your attention?**

P R A Y

God, thank you for inviting us to partner with you in building your kingdom. We know that our relationship with you was made possible because of the work of the cross and the countless people who came before us and faithfully responded “yes” to how you wanted to use them. We know that you honor one simple “yes” with generations upon generations of blessings. Will you stir up our hearts and help us say yes to the things you’re calling us into?