



Get Ready to Change the World | Ethan Matott | 1.18-19

Weekly Study

SHARE

Welcome Red Rocks Austin to the third week of our "Get Ready" series! Last week we were reminded of how we were made on **purpose, for a purpose** and this week we are challenged to go out and live with that purpose by asking, "Do YOU want to change the world?"

The focal point of this message is the great commission and how we, as disciples of Jesus, are to make this command a living reality in our lives for the sake of others. Pastor Ethan reminds us of our mission as the Church by stating 5 points we can use to "Get Ready" in order to change the world around us by being the hands and feet of Jesus.

- How have you actively lived in the one area you felt God calling you to live more intentionally in the past week?**
- Discuss with the group the most impactful lesson this series has taught you so far.**

GROW

Read Matthew 28:18-20

We are given a clear and concise commission by Jesus in these verses, yet a lot of us consider ourselves unqualified to carry it out. As men and women who surrender to God's grace for salvation we are given a new identity in Christ. Jesus invites us to be His disciples, and it's in that identity, that we are able to truly live out our purpose and change the world.

- How can you shift from the mindset of unqualified to the mindset of being called according to His purpose?**

Many times we feel the nudge to step into a disciple identity desiring to fulfill the mission, but are reluctant to adopt that identity due to how heavy the word sounds. Here's the good news that combats hesitation due to our feelings of inadequacy. The sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit moves us into a calling of discipleship which helps us step out of the crowd to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. It is through our daily decision to follow Him that we can change the world for His glory and not our own.

- What is one area of discipleship making you hesitant in that committed identity?**
- How can daily sanctification shape and mold you into making a daily impact on the world?**

MOVE

Read John 13:34-35

Do you want to change the world? Once we answer yes, the next question is, "Are you ready?" Jesus tells us, "Go." but we hesitate because we don't feel ready. We allow our hesitation to hinder us in proceeding when we have all that we need to be ready - The Spirit of God - although we should be able to say, "let's go." with confidence that He is with us and that His Spirit is working in us and through us.

- How can knowing you have all that you need to be equipped move you to a place of confidence to go into the world?**

As disciples we are called to make disciples. We aren't merely to be hearers and observers of this command, because we then deceive ourselves. This world is in desperate need of us to actively participate in Jesus' calling, yet we must be willing to lay down our lives, take up our cross, and follow Him. Jesus was very succinct in His transparency of the price we will pay when we willingly choose to lose our lives for His mission. The price may involve leaving a relationship or having a family member distancing themselves from you. We may even lose the reputation we built at our job. Although obedience will cost us our time, money, and privileges, we gain a far greater reward when we see our Lord face to face. Viewing discipleship from this perspective allows us to be led by love when making disciples in a dark and messy world.

- How does maintaining a heavenly perspective ease the anxiety of discipleship?**
- What one thing do you need to let go of that is hindering you from paying the price for His mission?**

Jesus' greatest commandment for us was to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind and to love others in the same way that we love ourselves. This is the key marker we are to display when living as His disciples. When we live from a spirit of love, the fruit of the Spirit - joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control - are evident. Times will be messy as we go out and make disciples, because this world is messy and full of imperfect people like ourselves, however when we see others the way Jesus sees others we are able to move in love and compassion in leading others to salvation. Let us not judge by appearances or be deterred from the greatest mission on earth. Instead, let's step in confidence, believing that our God is with us and that He can turn the hearts of His people back to Him. The field is ripe and we are called to be the workers of this field, not merely observers. Let's go be the Church and get ready for a harvest.

In what ways can you display and share the love of Christ through your words and deeds?

Challenge: Submit one thing you are reluctant to surrender over to Jesus during this week and begin to adopt the discipleship identity in your daily interactions with other people.

P R A Y

Gather with your group as we close to share prayer requests. Pray for one another in the area of confidence and willingness in living out the great commission as individuals and together as the Church. Encourage one another throughout the week to not grow weary in being a disciple.

This week take up the challenge of finding one person you want to make a disciple and begin to live out what Jesus displayed in your daily interactions with that person. Share with the group how you plan to do this while praying to make room for the Holy Spirit to work in and through you. Rejoice in the reality that God called you to His great purpose in the mission.