

Small Group Questions: Part 4: The Good Way

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Read

Matthew 9:9; Romans 12:2a; Acts 2:44, 46; and Matthew 28:20b

Reflect

Jesus asked his disciples to come and follow him, and they responded with an action, they stopped what they were doing and followed after him. Saying yes with their steps forever changed the course of their lives.

Pastor Josh Walters highlighted three points that will change the trajectory of your life and lead you on the good path:

1. It starts with an RSVP.
 - a. In what ways have you RSVP'd, or responded, to God in the past?
 - b. Do you respond to God each day, and if so, how?
 - c. What about future appointments, do you have anything on the calendar? Perhaps dates and locations where you anticipate God will move – mission trips, camps, conferences, etc...
2. His way will transform you over time.
 - a. Have you seen your life transform since your initial response to God? Was the metamorphosis instantaneous or did it happen over months or years?
 - b. Are there areas you want to see change in your life, but you don't see evidence of the transformation?
 - i. How are you renewing your mind each day?
 - ii. Could it be you need to RSVP to the invitation God is giving you now? After all, God's got a lot of events he wants you to attend, and friends he wants you to meet. When Jesus was on earth he wanted his disciples to go everywhere with him.
3. You cannot do it alone and you are never alone.
 - a. In the gospels, Jesus would go off alone to pray and hear from the Father, but he spent most of his time with his disciples and with seekers. How does this apply to our life?
 - b. Jesus also experienced his worst temptations when he was alone and he overcame them by keeping his focus on his Father in Heaven. What does this mean for us?
 - c. What can we learn from being in a small group of people seeking after God's wisdom that we can't learn by ourselves?
 - d. Do you believe a collective group gives us a fuller perspective of God's heart and a better understanding of his word? Why or why not?

Respond

Discuss further the process of change and the bumps in the road. Your experience of overcoming failure, or voicing the areas where you still need help, may be the encouragement someone else needs to turn their focus to God for help.