

TAKEAWAY

JUST DO IT

Finding our place in the Master plan

THE BIG PICTURE

Sunday 6th October 2019

INTRODUCTION

This week we started a new series called Just Do It - looking at how we know and follow God's will. We noted that the big picture of God's plan falls into three categories: kingdom, commission and character.

DISCUSS

1. What are the biggest decisions you have had to make in life thus far? How did you make them?
2. Which decisions are you really pleased to have made? Are there any you regret?

READ

Luke 13:18-21

EXPLAIN

The kingdom Jesus is excited about is the space where God is in charge. It's where He's acknowledged as King. The analogies Jesus uses suggest that the kingdom might initially look small and unimpressive (like the seed or the yeast) but end up being large (like a mustard tree) and influential (like yeast in dough). In our world, the

kingdom of God might often look weak and unimpressive. But it will not always be that way. History is building towards the day when God's rule over everything is fully realised.

DISCUSS

3. How would you describe the 'kingdom' Jesus is talking about in your own words?
4. How might we know when it is present or prevalent in our lives?
5. What do you think it means to make a 'kingdom' decision?

READ

Matthew 28:16-20

EXPLAIN

These words have been called the greatest commission with the greatest scope given by

the greatest person who ever lived. The Great Commission is central to what God's doing, bringing people to himself and growing them to love Him more and live in His ways. This great call is surrounded by Jesus' promises that He has all authority and is always with us.

DISCUSS

6. When Jesus calls his disciples to make disciples, what do you think he's asking for? Try to be as specific as possible.
7. What do you think it might mean to make decisions in light of the Great Commission in your own life and circumstances?

READ

Colossians 1:9-12



EXPLAIN

Paul's prayers have a purpose in mind - that knowing God's will would completely transform the character of his friends.

DISCUSS

8. In your own words, what does Paul want a knowledge of God's will to foster in the lives of his friends in Colossi?

9. In this prayer, God's will is something that He reveals to His people. But are there things we can do to pursue it? What are they?

READ

Revelation 7:9-10

EXPLAIN

The lamb is Jesus, and the reason people are wearing white robes is because that symbolically that means they've been cleansed - all guilt and wrongdoing is gone. Every nation tribe people and language are present - people coming from all over the world from every time and place, vast millions of them - all gathered to worship. Everything God does and everything God wants throughout history, is pointing towards this day. The decisions you and I make cannot stop this happening. It will

happen. But our decisions can make us a part of it happening. It is the most amazing privilege.

DISCUSS

10. Committing to God's big plan invests everything we do with wonderful significance. Which is the biggest challenge for you? God's kingdom, Jesus' commission, or your character?

11. Do you think God asks a lot of us?

12. How might you be inspired to make decisions differently after looking at these passages?

