

Rock Church Pastor Miles McPherson | April 12, 2020

D12 Monthly Focus for April: Serves With Humility

Recite the Do Something Disciple Prayer

"As a Do Something Disciple, I am in a disciplined pursuit for the heart of The Father, a heart that is being perfected in love for God and people.

Father give me a heart that:

- Desperately seeks face-to-face intimacy with You.
- Faithfully avoids that which displeases You.
- Humbly embraces a Kingdom Mindset.
- Values making disciples that make disciples.

Jesus, create in me a heart that:

- Values being guided by the Word of God.
- Gratefully grows in generosity.
- Nurtures a burden for lost people.
- Demonstrates a commitment to a Spirit-filled expression of my gifts.

Holy Spirit develop a heart in me that:

- Gracefully gives and receives forgiveness.
- Passionately worships God.
- Is dependent on the power of prayer.
- Serves with Humility.

"Father, with Christlikeness as my goal and the Holy Spirit as my Guide, knit my heart with Yours. Fill my heart with Your passions, motivations, and desires. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

Sermon Application from Sunday's Message:

This Easter Sunday, Pastor Miles opened the service by sharing a video about all that the Rock Church is doing in the community by constructing N95 face masks, providing meals for medical workers, and sharing what we could further do to help during this crisis. Pastor Miles then focused on answering the 4 "So What" questions of Easter.

Take time to read through the following materials in your rGroup and discuss the scriptures and questions provided.

- So what is the story? Read Mark 8:27-33
 - In this section of scripture, we see that Jesus is with His disciples at Caesarea Philippi and Jesus poses two questions. The first question that Jesus asks His disciples is, "Who do people say that I am?" The second question He asks His disciples is, "But who do you say that I am?" The reason that Jesus asks these two questions is so that the disciples will know that Jesus is the Christ and that He would suffer and die for all humanity.
 - In your group, discuss these two questions.
 - Who do your friends, coworkers, family, and others say Jesus is?
 - Who do you say Jesus is? Why?
- So what that He rose? Read Matthew 28:1-15
 - What is the significance of Jesus rising from the dead?
 - Why did the Jews of the day bribe the soldiers to tell others that the disciples came by night and stole Jesus' body away?
- So what will you believe? Read John 20:19-29
 - In these verses, the disciple Thomas moves from unbelief to belief. Why is it hard to believe in God whom we cannot see with our eyes or touch with our hands?
 - In verse 29, "blessed" translates to happy or fortunate. Why does Jesus say that we are "blessed" for believing in Him?
- So what are you going to do? Read Mark 1:14-15
 - Jesus has brought a new Kingdom and Jesus is the King. Will you believe in Jesus and follow His direction for your life?

Next Steps:

- Serve the community! Visit <u>https://www.sdrock.com/ministries/disaster/volunteer/</u> for serving opportunities.
- Text INFO to 52525 for more information.

Monthly Memory Verse: Mark 10:45 – "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

This Week's Bible Reading / The Bible Project Videos 1 Kings 1-22: <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/1-2-kings/</u> Proverbs 13: <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/proverbs/</u>

