



Rock Church

Pastor Miles McPherson | A Difference Maker's Focus | July 26, 2020

D12 Monthly Focus for July: Humbly Embraces A Kingdom Mindset

Sermon Application from Sunday's Message:

On Sunday, Pastor Miles opened the message by talking about Maya Moore. Maya is a very talented basketball star with several accolades, who went to a prison ministry in the height of her career, and ended up learning about the criminal justice system and became passionate to help someone. She walked away from her WNBA career because she felt God had called her to fight for justice for a gentleman named Jonathan Irons, who became like a brother to her. Her focus was not the situation, but being a difference maker, expanding the Kingdom of God on earth. As disciples, you and I need to learn ways to avoid everything that distracts us from obeying God, so here are three things to ask ourselves:

- Are you leveraging your gifts to do **MINISTRY** that expands the Kingdom of God?
- Are you **MENTORING** or equipping someone else to expand the Kingdom of God?
- Are you **MULTIPLYING** or sending them out on their own to expand the Kingdom of God?

Ask yourself what your distractions are, then help those you're mentoring find out what is distracting them. Then as they are sent out, we need to help them stay focused on their mission.

As a group, take time to read through the following statements and discuss the questions below.

1. Like Jesus, we minister with effectiveness by **REFUSING** to be distracted from the mission. **Read: Matthew 16:23**

- Anything that distracts you away from God's mission, is not from the Lord. Identify the distractions in your life that are keeping you from doing what God has called you to do.
- 2. Like Jesus, we mentor others by helping them IDENTIFY their distractions.
 - Help each other identify how much time is spent worrying or thinking about things that have nothing to do with your calling nor the Kingdom of God (social media? watching too much tv / catching up on the latest news? Or something else?)
 - What do you need to do in order to regain focus on what Jesus is telling you to do for Him?
- 3. Like Jesus, we multiply ourselves by REDIRECTING others from their distractions. **Read: Matthew 16:24-26**
 - Share what God is calling you to do to help others in their walk with God, and how they could be a difference maker in helping someone else identify their distractions.

Next Steps:

- **Encourage your Group members to branch off and host or start their own groups for the new Difference Maker series. Have them text GROUPS to 52525 for more information on hosting an rGroup or starting a dGroup.**
- **Take the LIFE Class and learn more about your gifts and how you can use them in ministry. Text LIFE to 52525 to get started.**

THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE: Therefore, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. – Matthew 18:4 NKJV

This Week's Bible Reading / The Bible Project Videos

Ezekiel 1-28: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/ezekiel/>

Psalms 90-97: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/psalms/>

