

BIG IDEA: Going to New Places with God

SUMMARY

The Ascent series is an opportunity and an invitation to take next steps with Jesus so we can go to new places with Him. As we discover Jesus and the difference He has made in our lives, we begin to want to make a difference in the lives of other people. God is reaching the lost, building the Church, and making disciples. He does not need us, but He wants us to come be part of His work.

KEY POINTS:

1. You have been called and empowered to make a difference.

"Your purpose is to work with God to help other people go to new places with Him."

1 Peter 4:10

What gift has God given you to make a difference in someone else's life?

2. Your gifts are for us, and our gifts are for you.

"The problem is we are so used to consuming, we forget we are created to contribute."

Ephesians 4:7, 11-12, 16

"It cost Jesus everything to make a difference in your life. It will cost you something to make a difference in someone else's life."

"Every believer has the responsibility and privilege of building up the body of Christ."

3 John 4

"If you want to go to new places with God, you have to position yourself where He is."

Matthew 25:35-36, 40

God wants us to partner with Him to make a difference. How does this change your perspective about how you should use your time, talents, and treasures?

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Simple Next Steps to Make a Difference

1. Join A Serve Team – Check out valleycreek.org/serve

2. Invite Someone – Invite people to follow Jesus with you. **Matthew 22:9**

3. Go to Leaderstep – Sign up at the Information Center.

4. Start Giving – **Matthew 10:8; Genesis 12:2**

What next step is Jesus inviting you to take?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Psalm 25:4; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Romans 12:2; Luke 2:49; Genesis 1:28; Mark 3:13-15; Matthew 4:19; Matthew 28:19; Ecclesiastes 4:12; 2 Corinthians 5:17