

Group Notes & Discussion

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Title | Greatest of All Time: Are You Going to Leave a Legacy?

Key Verses | Matthew 4:18

Main Idea | Following Jesus will help us become better versions of ourselves.

Premise for this Message:

Not many people can claim to be the G.O.A.T. but those who can, are the greatest of all time in their field. In order to be the G.O.A.T. you can't just talk about what you are going to do, you have to back it up with action. Enter Jesus. Many people believe Jesus is the G.O.A.T. because not only did He make bold claims, He actually modelled them. As a result, His legacy has done more to impact the world than any other global figure and He invites us to become like Him. We want to explore over the month of September what it looks like to live your life as a G.O.A.T.

We have all had people in our lives who challenged us to be better. Whether it was a parent, a coach, a beloved author, a spouse or a friend, they have shown us that it is possible to better ourselves. Jesus also challenged us to become the best version of ourselves by demonstrating that it is possible!

The first step in becoming better versions of ourselves is to follow Jesus. One way that children learn things as they grow is by imitating their parents. To follow someone means to emulate them. To follow Jesus means to emulate him. It begs the question, who are you becoming? That depends on your focus. As Craig Groeschel said, "your life is always moving in the direction of your strongest thought." What direction are your thoughts pointing?

Second, Jesus promises to make us fishers of men. The word 'make' shows intentionality. It is a process of us moving from where we are to where we want to be. If you just let life happen to you, you will always become a victim of circumstance. Instead, you need to be intentional in who you want to be. Engage in crucial conversations. Journal about your life so you can reflect on what's happened and find patterns. Do self-evaluation, sometimes involving external help.

Finally, Jesus gives us our purpose. It is to be fishers of people. This is not a goal. It is a by-product of a life lived well. When we are living our best lives, we will naturally draw others to Jesus.

Discussion Questions |

- Do you believe that you are living the best possible version of yourself?
- Have you started following Jesus? If yes, what does it mean to you to emulate him? If no, have you considered it?
- How are you evaluating your life?