

Sept 6, 2020
Gather, Serve



Key Scriptures

2Ti 3:1-9 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. (2) For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, (3) unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, (4) treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, (5) holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these. (6) For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, (7) always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. (8) Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, rejected in regard to the faith. (9) But they will not make further progress; for their folly will be obvious to all, just as Jannes's and Jambres's folly was also.

Rom 12:20-21 NASB "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD." (21) Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Mat 20:28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

The Big Point:

The Father has been taking RLC on a journey before we even knew where it was leading. He has been talking to us about following only Jesus, being the church in our local context, and serving our neighbor. Now that we are once again having physical gatherings,

Talk to your groups about meeting physically this coming Sunday. In your Life Group report, tell what the reaction was. How many people will meet in person.

Important points from the message:

- God has been taking RLC on a journey into seeing Him more clearly.
- We need to gather as a community.
- We learn to serve the world by serving in the church.

Important quote:

- *"As God is just and loving, so we are called to do justice and live in love."*
- *"You can't be selfish and be following Jesus at the same time.*
- *"God intends our corporate worship to be part of our rhythm of life."*

Questions that may get your group talking.

- Are you excited to physically attend church?
- Do you see how we have been going on a journey as a church?
- How is your view of justice shifting?
- What would it look like if the Church in south Florida started showing the world how to care for one another?

Questions that may get your group thinking.

- Why do people think they can be self-centered and still be following Jesus?
- Who do you think Jesus is telling you to lay down your rights and serve?
- When you read the Scripture, what story of Jesus serving stand out?

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Text RLCserve to 97000 and sign up for a ministry team.
- Go to church.