

One From the Heart

Be Prepared

Our calling in this season

Overnight Success

The Beatles

Saul of Tarsus

+ Acts 8-9

+ Galatians 1:18-2:1

14 Years

Is there anything that you were waiting for or planning 14 years ago that's only just happened, or is yet to happen?

How much do we let God take a hold of our timelines, our plans and structures, and let Him re-order our plans?

What is happening in your life that is so urgent that family, friends, relationships, God, all can wait until you've finished it or achieved it?

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 5:3 (ESV)

Preparation

+ Mark 9:17-29

+ Proverbs 18:16

Build your life now for our overnight success.

Ownership

+ 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Now it's up to us to take ownership.

Disciplines

We can't expect to change anything if we don't let God change us first.

"Maybe we need to reimagine church in our minds as a spiritual discipline, "

- + Mark Sayers – Disappearing Church

Practicals:

- + Come to church each week
- + Read the Bible daily
- + Prayer regularly
- + Apply spiritual disciplines to your life

A Challenge

What does God need to do in me for me to be the right person for our city in this next season?

And what should I do in response? What discipline is essential for my preparation?

Questions for Groups/Personal Reflections:

1. Is there anything that you were waiting for or planning 14 years ago that's only just happened, or is yet to happen?
2. What does your waiting time look like? Are you eager to move on, or is God trying to teach you something as you wait?
3. What lessons have you learned from the waiting times?
4. Sometimes we can spend more effort trying to fit God into our plans than we spend letting God show us His plans for our lives. How can you let God have more time to set your personal and career agendas?
5. What would it look like to you to practically prepare for a season of increased opportunity and influence?
6. What opportunities do you have to implement some of the things you've learned at church about loving and influencing your workplace for God?
7. Spiritual Disciplines are hugely practical ways to grow in Christlikeness. What spiritual disciplines do you currently practice? What new ones is God prompting you to adopt?
8. Get yourself a copy of a Spiritual Disciplines book, like ones by Adele Calhoun or Dallas Willard, and explore ways to bring discipline into your spiritual life.
9. Spend time letting God show you what He's developing in you to prepare for the next season that He's calling you into.
10. Why not subscribe to our new 'Going Deeper' podcast, that is currently exploring a series on Spiritual Disciplines. You can find it on Apple Podcasts, Spotify – just search for 'going deeper riverlife' – or contact the church office to get a link in your email.