



GROUPS AT CROSS POINT

BREAKING THE ICE

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

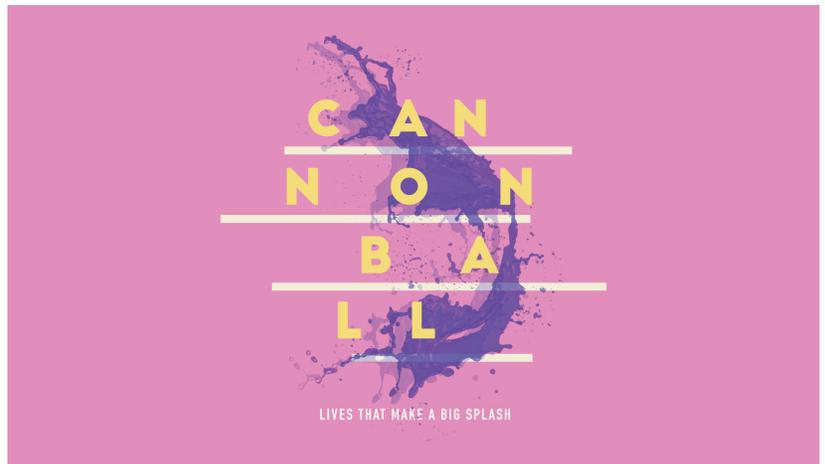
MAIN CONTENT

Pastor Kevin Queen said that we all desire greatness. Look at kids and their big dreams for the future. He said that desiring greatness isn't a bad thing, we just have to make sure that we are defining greatness how God does, not how the world defines greatness.

The world seems to define greatness as fame, but the Bible says something very different in Matthew 11.

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” Matthew 11:11

John the Baptist was a prophet that “prepared the way” for Jesus. John lived as an outsider – literally in the desert eating locusts and wild honey. John’s one goal was to point people to Jesus. His message stayed the same no matter his crowd.



1. Does the message of your life stay the same no matter who you are talking to? Is there a crowd where you're especially tempted to hide the message of God's work in your life? Why?

Pastor Kevin said that if we want to pursue greatness we need to make pursuing God our greatest ambition.

2. If someone's greatest ambition is knowing God, what do you think their life looks like?
3. We find what we value when we see what we invest time and energy into. What would people say you value?

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John knew who Jesus was, and he continued to tell people.

“The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29

Pastor Kevin said that we have to know who we are to pursue greatness.

John knew who he was. Check out how he replies when the religious leaders ask him:

“Then they said to him, “Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as Isaiah the prophet said.” John 1:22-23

John had clarity about who he was and his purpose. Pastor Kevin said that the closer you walk with God, the clearer your purpose becomes.

4. What practical steps have you found the most helpful in your walk with God?

5. Do you feel like you are walking in the purpose God gave you? Explain.

Pastor Kevin said that if we want to walk in greatness, we also need to know who we aren't.

When people speculated about who John was, he told them.

“This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ 20 And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, ‘I am not the Christ.’ 21 They asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ And he said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the Prophet?’ And he answered, ‘No.’”
John 1:19-21

6. Have there been times in your life when you felt like you had to hold everything together? When the success or failure of something rested completely on your shoulders? How did that work out for you?

Pastor Kevin said that most of the time when he is stressed out it is because he is trying to do something that only God can do.

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We are responsible for effort, God is responsible for outcome. 99% of the time, when we feel anxious, we are trying to control an outcome.

7. Do you have an area of your life where you need to shift your focus to your effort, and release the outcome to the Lord? Share what this is with your group.

Ultimately John gives us the recipe for greatness in John 3:30.

“He must increase, but I must decrease.”

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, help us to see that You put the desire for greatness in each of us. Show us how to define greatness by Your standard. Let us surrender our fears, anxiousness, and victories to You and for Your glory. Amen.

ACTION STEP

Spend some time praying about what it looks like in your life to decrease so God can increase. Share what you discover with someone in your group.

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