



## Purpose of Greater Works

Week 1

### NOTES

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### WARM-UP

- Are you the type of person to ask for help from others? Why or why not?
- Recall a challenging task you had to do. How did you overcome it?

## WORD

<sup>12</sup> *“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. JOHN 14:12-14*

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“Great works” can be synonymous to success. People who do great things are often called the “G.O.A.T.” or “greatest of all time.” Jesus did a lot of great works during His ministry, preaching the gospel and performing signs and miracles. Because of this, many believed in Him. Jesus invites us to do the same – to do even greater works than He did – for the glory of God. Greater works refer to the work of God as part of His kingdom. But more than the amazing works, signs, and wonders, it is Jesus Christ who empowers us. Exactly how are we able to do greater works?

## 1

### Greater works are preceded by faith in Jesus.

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In our world today, people commonly say, “believe in yourself” in order to achieve great things. But Jesus calls us to believe in Him. Jesus empowers believers to do God’s work on earth, which includes performing miracles. It is Jesus’ intention to extend the work of the Spirit beyond Himself to all believers, as He had already begun to do (Luke 9:1-6). We only need to place our faith in Him and not on our own achievements, capabilities, and what the world offers. How have you experienced God’s works in your life?

## 2

### Greater works are possible because of Jesus.

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. JOHN 14:12*

We wouldn't be able to do great works – much less greater works – if it weren't for the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Since the time of Adam and Eve, people have disobeyed God and turned their backs on Him. No one was without sin (Rom. 3:23) and in right standing with God except for Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:22). Yet we were made right with God through Jesus, who was made as an offering for our sins (2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus died and was resurrected on the third day. And even as He went away, He sent the Holy Spirit to teach, guide and empower us to do greater works as followers of Christ. How are you being led by the Holy Spirit?

## 3

### Greater works are a result of our passion for Jesus.

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do.... JOHN 14:12*

We often strive to do what we are passionate about. And we don't find it a burden to do things for our loved ones. Doing God's work is the way to demonstrate our love for Jesus (John 14:21). As we reflect on and understand the great work that Christ has done for us, it stirs our heart with love and gratitude that overflows to obedience. It would not be hard to do what God calls us to do because our hearts are filled with His love. Simply put, doing the work of God is not a burden because we love Him. Greater works are a result of our passion for Jesus.

## APPLICATION

- Does your daily life demonstrate living by faith? What keeps you from believing that you are righteous in Christ?
- What are some aspects in your life that prevent you from being assured in Him?
- What are some ways you can step out in faith and lead others in faith?

## PRAYER

- Pray for God's help in any unbelief in your life. Pray to be stirred to passion for Jesus.
- Pray for sensitivity towards God's leading, and His Holy Spirit to empower you to do greater works.
- Pray that you'll be able to share your faith with someone this week.



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