

Sermon Discussion Questions for Randy Riggins Sermon on May 31, 2026 @ RPC Central

Scripture passages: *Matthew 5:14-16. Matthew 20:20-28; Ephesians 2:10 and Philippians 2:3-4; 1 John 3:16-18, Colossians 3:23-24.*

Possible Icebreaker: Ask a few people to share about a time when someone unexpectedly helped them. How did their act of service impact you? Did it change the way you viewed that person?

1. What do we learn about the character and nature of God from these verses and this sermon?
2. How does Jesus redefine greatness in His Kingdom? In what ways does His definition differ from the messages about success that you have received from culture, family, &/or work?
3. What do these verses teach about God's purposes for those who follow Christ? How does serving others reflect God's design for our lives?
4. Randy said knowing Christ should cause a "chain reaction, not a brick wall." How does experiencing and remembering God's grace toward us motivate us to serve others?
5. Why is it important to remember that we ultimately serve Christ and not people? How might this perspective help when serving feels unnoticed, inconvenient, or difficult? (Col. 3:23-24)
6. Discuss a time when you have seen someone's act of kindness or service open a door for spiritual conversations or point others toward Christ? (Matthew 5:14-16)
7. The sermon challenged us to: Stay focused on Jesus, Keep our eyes open to what God is doing and Follow His lead. Which of these three is most challenging for you right now and why? How can we help you take the next step towards growth in that area this week?

Prayerfully consider:

How can our group serve others this week?

Take time to have different group members pray for those leading, serving and receiving these upcoming missions' teams. Consider writing a prayer or sending a notecard of encouragement.

Family & Students: Belize: June 5-12 – Belize: June 13-20

Students 7/8 Memphis: June 21-26

Mexico: June 30-July 5

Students 9/10 New Orleans: July 11-18

Cuba: Fall 2026, India: October 2026

Application Points

Memorize Colossians 3:23-24 this week.

Ask God each morning this week to show you one person you can intentionally serve. Keep your eyes open and heart expectant for opportunities He places in front of you.

Choose one act of service this week that helps someone experience the love of Christ. Whether it's visiting folks in an assisted living facility, baking treats for a new neighbor, asking to hear their story, meeting a need, offering encouragement, or giving your time, ask God to use your actions to reflect His light and draw others closer to Him.

Sermon Related Books in the RPC Small Group Library

1. [Finish the Mission: Bringing the Gospel to the Unreached and Unengaged: Piper, John, Mathis, David, Platt, David, Stetzer, Ed, Giglio, Louie: 9781433534836: Amazon.com: Books](#)
2. [Let the Nations Be Glad: The Supremacy of God in Missions](#) by John Piper
3. Radical: Taking Back Your Faith From the American Dream by David Platt
4. Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity by Nabeel Qureshi and Lee Strobel
5. The Heavenly Man: The Remarkable True Story of Chinese Christian Brother Yun
6. Through Gates of Splendor by Elizabeth Elliot
7. The Art of Neighboring w/study guide Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon
8. Don't Waste Your Life by John Piper
9. Something needs to change – an urgent call to make your life count by David Platt
10. The Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert Coleman
11. Autobiography of George Muller – the life of Trust