## **LESSONS LEARNED FROM 33 YEARS OF MINISTRY**

JOHN 10:10; ROMANS 12:1,2; MATTHEW 28:18-20 TED HARRIS | FEBRUARY 13, 2022



John 10:7-10, "Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." New American Standard Bible (NASB)

## Lesson 1: Jesus always has more!

Romans 12:1-2, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (NASB)

## **Lesson 2: More Always means Transformation**

"We're probably living in the most anti-intellectual period in the history of the Church. Not anti-scientific, not anti-academic, but anti-intellect, anti-mind. The Bible tells us that we are called as Christian people not to be conformed to this world but be transformed...and the way of that transformation is through the renewing of the mind. We have been made by our Creator to have a direct line from the brain, or the mind, to the heart...and so for the Scripture the new mind brings with it always a new heart. But you can't bypass the mind in an attempt to have a renewed heart. And that is what people are trying to do today. 'I don't want to learn...I don't want to study the Word of God. I want to have a feeling. I want to have some mystical experience. And let that supplant or replace the hard studies of the content of the Word of God'. But the way the Scriptures say life changes is when the mind changes".

RC Sproul, the Truth Project



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Matthew 28:18-20, "Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NASB)

## **Lesson 3: Transformation Means Living on Mission**