

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for April 6, 2025
That's a Great Question: To what can I
compare this generation?



Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week

• CONNECT

- o Can you think of a time when you were part of something challenging—maybe a team, a class, or a relationship—but you chose to stay, even when others left? What helped you stay?

• GROW

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. 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it. 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. 14 And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. 15 Whoever has ears, let them hear.

16 “To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

*17 “‘We played the pipe for you,
and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge,
and you did not mourn.’*

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

Matthew 11:11-19

- o Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- o Why do you think Jesus’ teaching in this chapter was so hard for people to accept?
- o What are some other teachings of Jesus today that people find difficult?
- o Jesus asks, ‘Does this offend you?’, What does this question reveal about Jesus' understanding of His followers?
- o When have you found Jesus’ words or ways challenging or even offensive to your expectations?
- o When Jesus asks, “Do you want to go away as well?”, what does this reveal about the nature of the gospel message?
- o How does Peter’s answer (“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life...”) speak to faith during moments of doubt or confusion?
- o What sets Peter (and the Twelve) apart from those who walk away?

- o How might this prayer shape your outlook when you're tempted to walk away or give up?

- **SERVE** *others*

- What's one way you can help someone stay faithful to Jesus this week—even if it's hard or unpopular?

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**