

# GREATER WORKS

JOHN 14:12-14 // PASTOR TODD DUGARD  
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*“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. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. (John 14:12-14)*

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why are Jesus’ great works considered signs and wonders? How does his work affect your faith in God?
- What problems can arise from setting your expectations about ministry based on the idea that “greater works” must always mean miraculous events? What else can be a greater work?
- In light of your answer(s) to the above question, how do you set expectations about what could happen as a result of your faithful, hard work?
- How is your church involved in performing the greater works that Jesus said would be done in his name?
- Are you helping your church cause people to consider Jesus with awe and wonder? How do you see your activities as a believer extending what Jesus did while he was on earth?
- (See the next page for definition of post-Christianity.) How does your life of faith begin to address one or more of the specific post-Christian points of view listed?

- What connection does John 14:12-14 make between faith, prayer, Jesus' activity, and God's glory? Given what you see there, how are you actively building your faith in God so that greater works, whatever they may be, will happen?
- What is going on in your life right now that makes it difficult to believe that God would do a greater work with your life and/or in the life of your church? How can you intensify your prayers about those things?
- Do you recognize a desire for to measure your success (or failure) as a Christian according to your own standards and plans? What changes do you want to make so that you more often measure your success by God's standards?

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### **Post-Christian Metrics (BARNA.COM)**

In 2017, to qualify as "post-Christian," individuals had to meet nine or more of the following factors. "Highly post-Christian" individuals meet 13 or more of the factors (out of these 16 criteria).

- Do not believe in God
- Identify as atheist or agnostic
- Disagree that faith is important in their lives
- Have not prayed to God (in the last week)
- Have never made a commitment to Jesus
- Disagree the Bible is accurate
- Have not donated money to a church (in the last year)
- Have not attended a Christian church (in the last 6 months)
- Agree that Jesus committed sins
- Do not feel a responsibility to "share their faith"
- Have not read the Bible (in the last week)
- Have not volunteered at church (in the last week)
- Have not attended Sunday school (in the last week)
- Have not attended religious small group (in the last week)
- Bible engagement scale: low (have not read the Bible in the past week and disagree strongly or somewhat that the Bible is accurate)
- Not Born Again