

# SEE THE WORLD

## PART 4: Three Little Words

### INTRODUCTION

When we think of the word *ambition*, we tend to think of driven people—CEOs and Type-A personalities. But we all have ambitions. Even if you weren't wired with a hard-driving personality, you've experienced strong desires to do or achieve things. Our ambitions create desired destinations, but what happens when our circumstances threaten those desires? What does ambition look like when we try to see the world as God sees the world, and to do as God says?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time when you had a strong desire to do or achieve something? What did you do?
2. Have you ever worked hard to do or achieve something only to discover that it didn't satisfy you like you thought it would? If so, what did you learn from that experience?
3. When have you been tempted to put your ambition ahead of family, friends, coworkers, or other people? How did you respond?
4. Read Matthew 26:36–42. What, if anything, surprises you about this passage? Talk about a time in your own life when you wanted something and God said no. How did you respond?
5. During the message, Evan said, *"Surrendered ambition is leveraged by God to create the best version of you."* Is that difficult for you to believe? Why or why not?
6. In what area of life do you feel a tension between your desired destination and God's yet-to-be-revealed will? What is one thing you can do this week to begin to surrender your ambition to God? How can this group support you?

### MOVING FORWARD

We all wrestle with a tension: our desired destination is clear and God's is yet to be revealed. We're all tempted to judge God based on our expectations. But would you be willing to see as God sees? Would you be willing to surrender your ambition? Would you be willing to look at your circumstances as an opportunity to see God reveal *his* desired destination for you? When you surrender your ambition, God will leverage it to create the best version of you.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."*

**Matthew 26:42**