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July - August 2022

Overview

We have the greatest message. Jesus Christ - raised to life again. It's a message that changes lives for eternity and we get to scatter it far and wide. Yet often it can be challenging to know where to start. In this series we examine a short conversation of Jesus with his disciples that gives us some great insights on how to share this message effectively.

At the Street we are committed to helping one another become "Total followers of Jesus Christ". As you explore these passages as a life group and try to encourage one another, we pray that you will see this fruit, that your testimony will be of miracles and growing in the purposes Jesus has placed upon your lives.

Outline

1. Incarnation
2. The Gospel Message - Matthew 9:35-36
3. Power, Perspective and Perspiration - Matthew 9:37-38

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Week 1 • 24 July • Incarnation

1. What is some good news you have this week? How did it change your week?
2. Read Matthew 28:16-20. What do you notice in this passage about
 - a. The Disciples
 - b. Jesus' instructions
3. In the world, what are people typically commissioned to or for? How is what Jesus does here different?
4. How do the following verses help with your understanding of the call Jesus has placed on your life?
 - a. 1 Corinthians 1:23
 - b. 1 Peter 3:15
 - c. John 3:16-18
5. Make a 'map' of all the areas of your life. Ask God how he can use you in those areas.
6. Discuss and pray over ways you can encourage one another this week in being a disciple of Jesus.



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Week 2 • 31 July • The Gospel Message

1. What is your reaction to the phrase “it’s a miracle”?
2. Take some time as a group to meditate upon Matthew 9:35-38. Read the passage a few times, imagining yourself as different characters in the passage.
 - a. What is your emotional response?
 - b. What jumps out to you?
 - c. Which verse has a more vivid picture?
3. Do you see yourself as a ‘worker in the harvest’? What are the signs of this? Or what changes do you need to make for this to be so?
4. The world rejects this picture of miracles, of a selfless saviour who is the future hope. What is your response?

It is not us, or our persuasive testimony or reasoning that convinces people of the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but the Holy Spirit acting in others that causes them to believe. We must give ourselves over to the “Lord of the Harvest”

5. Spend time praying for miracles, for the people in your lives that are “harassed and helpless”, asking God to reveal to you through the Holy Spirit where he is sending you to be “labourers into his harvest”. Take time to pray for each other; sharing scriptures, words of knowledge and other encouragements you receive from the Holy Spirit. Romans 10:14-16 may be helpful to start this prayer time.

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Week 3 • 7 Aug • Power, Perspective & Perspiration

1. How have you found this series, encouraging or frustrating? What is your perspective?

At the Street Church we believe the transforming power of the Holy Spirit is at work in every person who believes in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

2. Read Hebrews 13:20-21.

Share from your own life where you are:

- a. “equip[ed] with everything good for doing his will”, and
- b. “ what is pleasing to him”.

Romans 12:1&2 or Ephesians 4:15&22-24 could be alternative passages to look at here.

3. Can/have you shared these transforming life changes with others who don't believe? Why/Why not?

4. To draw people to Jesus you need to have honest relationships. Spend time as a Life Group discussing how you can encourage one another in building these relationships.

You might like to plan some activities in your community or go for a prayer walk on your streets, or try one of the other ideas shared in the teaching for this series.