

Go! Beyond the Sermon...

Week of February 26, 2017

Prayerfully engage with these five Biblical passages throughout your week. This can be done individually. Households can use these together. Or this can be a tool for ongoing disciplinemaking relationships. Engage others with God and His Word! In doing so, we will all be further equipped as disciples who are making disciples!

Day 1 ~ John 17:1-19

Truth: *for the Disciple* – Just as Jesus was sent, we are sent into a needy world. “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.” (John 17:17-18)

Interaction: *for Disciplinemaking* – For whom is Jesus praying in this passage? What does it look like to bring glory to someone (v. 4)? According to Jesus, what is our relationship to the world as His followers? How do you see yourself as someone who is sent?

Challenge: *for Real Life* – Personal testimony is a powerful witness of the Gospel and God’s grace. Write out the story of how you came to faith in Jesus. Form your story in three parts: your life before Jesus, how you came to know Him and your life after. Look for opportunities this week to share your story with others.

Day 2 ~ Matthew 5:13-16

Truth: *for the Disciple* – We are called, as followers of Jesus, to have influence for His Kingdom. “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

Interaction: *for Disciplinemaking* – What do the images of salt and light have in common? What kind of influence does a salty person have on those around them? What does a life that is “under a basket” (v. 15) look like to you? When a Christ-follower lets their “light shine before others,” what do you think are the results? What obstacles keep you from being salt and light?

Challenge: *for Real Life* – Our mission is meant to be done together. During your next small group, Learning Community or Bible study, ask the question, “Who is God laying on our hearts?” Brainstorm ways to minister beyond your group in prayer, word or deed.

Day 3 ~ 1 John 4:7-21

Truth: *for the Disciple* – Our highest Christian calling is to love. “And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.” (1 John 4:21)

Interaction: *for Disciplinemaking* – How has God demonstrated His love? How can a person know God and experience His love? What is the connection between God’s love for us and the love we are to have for others? Is the love discussed here an action or a feeling? What times in your life have you abided in God’s love?

Challenge: *for Real Life* – LBC’s mission is “to love God supremely and others sacrificially.” Identify priorities God is calling to change in order to love in these ways.

Day 4 ~ Matthew 28:16-20

Truth: *for the Disciple* – We share in God’s mission to bring the Good News to our world. “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)

Interaction: *for Disciplinemaking* – Upon seeing the resurrected Jesus, how did the disciples respond? What is the central command Jesus gives His disciples? How are they to carry this out? What difference does it make that Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and earth? Why is this assurance essential for completing the Great Commission? How can you fulfill this command in your particular situation (i.e. work, home, school)?

Challenge: *for Real Life* – Explore ways that you can witness or serve beyond the walls of the church. Reach out to either Pastor Ben or Pastor Greg about potential, ongoing outreach opportunities.

Day 5 ~ John 14:8-14

Truth: *for the Disciple* – Jesus is the model for the work we are to do in this world. “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.” (John 14:12)

Interaction: *for Disciplinemaking* – What do you imagine Jesus’ tone of voice was when He spoke these words to His disciples? What sort of things do you think Jesus expects His disciples to do (v. 12)? How is it possible that we will do greater things than Jesus? What role does prayer play in our work for Him? How do you see yourself as Jesus’ ambassador in your life?

Challenge: *for Real Life* – Boldly ask someone who does not know Jesus whether you can pray from him or her this week. Pray with confidence and expectation, asking God to reveal Himself to this person through their specific need or request. Follow up with this person in one week.