

“Jesus – The Returning King”

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a flexible guide that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God’s Word.

Message Summary

Two Sundays ago we began a series titled, “Who Is This King?” We studied the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem the Sunday prior to His crucifixion. Jesus went to Jerusalem to be the Savior King. This past Sunday we continued our study and learned through Jesus’ teachings in the temple during that week that Jesus is the Returning King. Jesus established His kingdom, however, he would go away through His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension, but He promised that one day He will return in power and glory. He would return in righteousness, supremacy, and justice and has promised to make all things new.

Jesus’ disciples were confused by this. They asked questions like, “When will this happen and what will be the signs of your coming?” While these were valid questions, Jesus wanted them to not lose heart but be courageous until that day comes. The same truth applies to us. In a world of chaos, disaster, sin, and persecution many Christians are concerned when the end will come. Rather than fretting over the “when” and “what” believers should take comfort in His promised and certain return and simply watch and pray, living and longing for the end. When Christians live toward this end we can rejoice in our salvation and work He has called us to do until He returns.

You might be wondering what this should look like in your daily life. This week our Missional Communities will watch the next training video from Jeff Vanderstelt titled, “Everyday Rhythms – Part 1.” This video will address the daily routines of individual believers living together in missional community. Ask God to prepare your heart to meet with your group and discuss the principles discussed in the video. Through it all you can live and long for the return of Jesus the King!

Message Outline

Jesus will return in:

- Righteousness
 - He has authority from heaven.
 - He lived under authority on earth.
 - He gives Himself as our inheritance.
- Supremacy
- Justice
 - He will condemn the oppressor.
 - He will restore the weak.

We must watch and pray because:

- Jesus’ return...
 - Is certain.
 - Will be unexpected.
 - Will be global.
- Troubles will increase.
- Persecution will increase.
- Witness will increase.
- Mission will be accomplished.

Therefore, let’s rejoice because all things will be made new:

- People will be saved.
- We will escape His wrath.
- We will enjoy His redemption.

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Group Discussion (video application)

Watch the video titled “Gospel Identity.” Use the Listening Guide below as you watch the video and then spend some time making application by answering the following questions as a group.

A disciple is a _____, _____, and _____.

Believing the Gospel leads to _____ and _____.

The program is _____.

All of life is meant to be done under the _____. (1 Corinthians 10:31, Colossians 3:17)

What are the Rhythms of everyday life?

1. _____
 - God always intended the meal to be a means of _____.
 - 3x a day we are reminded of who is our _____.
 - You don't have to _____ the meal...the meal is the _____.
 - God intended every meal is a _____ service.
 - God gives Israel a _____ to remember their deliverance.
 - Jesus uses the _____ and the _____ to help us remember.
 - If we were a Family, how often would we _____ together?
 - As missionaries, _____ are we eating with?
 - Minimally commit to 3 meals a _____ (one with the _____, one with _____ of the family, one with _____).
 - Who are you _____ a meal?
2. _____
 - We are always listening to _____ voices.
 - Children of God are learning how listening to the _____.
 - Missionaries are learning how to listening to the _____.
 - Servants; that's the _____ of the servant.
3. _____
 - We are living our life through the grand _____ that has the most _____ influence in our life.
 - Whatever the dominant story is it is the _____ through which you see the world.
 - We have a brand _____ story.
 - We must listen to see where they need _____.

Questions for reflection:

1. How are we going to start to see the meals we eat on a weekly basis change in light of our new identity? How often would we eat together? How often would we eat with those that don't know Jesus?
2. Do you know how to listen to the Spirit? If so, are you practicing that? If not, how could you get more training?
3. Are you listening well to others and getting to know their stories?
4. What do you think you should do next to be servants to others in light of what you now know about their stories?

Weekly Prayer Focus

- **Church:**
Pray that God would give us new believers.
- **Local:**
Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities.
- **Global:**
Pray that God would give us hearts for the nations.