

“Jesus – The Covenant 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

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, claiming to be the Savior King. As He taught in the temple on the following days, Jesus made His claim to be the Returning King. On the evening of his arrest, Jesus instituted what has affectionately become the Lord’s Supper. In this sacred meal where we remember the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, He made another claim – Jesus is the Covenant King.

Throughout biblical history we see that God’s primary model for communicating the nature of His relationship with His people was through a covenant. God covenanted with Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, and many others throughout the Bible. God’s people, however, always broke His covenant.

God in His grace knew His people were prone to unfaithfulness so He promised a New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-33). Jesus fulfilled this promise in His death at Calvary. Jesus communicated this promise to His disciples during the Passover meal as He also instituted a new meal called the Lord’s Supper. It was through this experience that Jesus would establish this New Covenant. Throughout this text Jesus made several promises related to this New Covenant. Therefore, we can rejoice in these promises and rest in the fact that Jesus will always keep His promise. He has defeated sin and Satan and as a result made us new.

Living in light of this New Covenant is something we should do in the everyday stuff of life. This week our Missional Communities will watch the next training video from Jeff Vanderstelt titled, “Everyday Rhythms – Part 2.” 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 this video you will discover how to live daily in light of the New Covenant.

Message Outline

A covenant is...

- An agreement between two or more parties in which obligations are placed on one or both.
- The primary model God chooses to communicate the nature of His relationship with His people.
 - Usually a promise of grace.
 - Often requiring faith.
- Always kept by God but historically broken by people.

God has promised a New Covenant because:

- We are completely sinful. (1-6)
- Satan is completely evil. (3)
- God is completely faithful. (7-13)

Jesus established the New Covenant, promising:

- His death would atone for our sin. (14-23)
- The King would serve His subjects. (24-27)
- He will share His inheritance. (28-30)
- He will intercede for His followers. (31-34)
- He will send us in the power of the Spirit. (35-38)
- He will obey His Father’s will. (39-46)

Therefore, let’s respond in faith, believing:

- Jesus will keep His promises.
- Sin/Satan has been defeated.
- We have been made new.

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Group Discussion (video application)

Watch the video titled “Everyday Rhythms – Part 2.” 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.

What are the Rhythms of everyday life?

1. Eat
2. Listen
3. Story
4. _____
 - _____ – Storybook bible
 - _____ leads to serving.
5. _____
 - God commanded His people to remember Him through a _____.
 - Jesus has brought the _____ to the _____ and taken what is _____ and made it _____.
 - What if we saw _____ as a way to point people to Jesus.
 - If discipleship is only done in a _____ then the people we are trying to lead to Christ will never know what it’s like to be a _____.
6. _____
 - Be people who _____ and _____.
 - The 7th day was to be a _____ rest.
 - We should be the most _____.
 - We should be the most _____.
 - What if we could learn how to _____ again?

Questions for reflection:

1. Make a list of everything that God has blessed you with as a group. Then ask, is there any of this that our church family needs that we need to bless them with? And then, what of this is God wanting us to use to bless those outside of our church family? How can we tangibly bless those we are being sent to?
2. What kind of celebrations could we engage in that would display the grace of God we’ve experienced through Jesus Christ? How can we celebrate as good family? As good missionaries? As good servants?
3. How good are we at resting? Do we take time off? Do we play? Are we known as people that are childlike in our faith? How could we better engage in resting, playing, and creating that would show that we trust our Father?

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.