

# “Jesus Wins!”

**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

On the night Jesus was betrayed He gathered His disciples, washed their feet, shared a meal with them, and taught them many things that were about to take place. These men were scared and confused. However, just before He finished His teaching, Jesus gave them one final piece of encouragement; they could find peace in Him because even though they were going to experience trouble in the world He had already overcome the world!

Jesus shared these words prior to His capture and crucifixion. But He said them as though they had already happened. Jesus’ words were a proclamation of His victory over sin, death, and the grave; a victory for you and for me. John immediately records for us Jesus’ prayer just before His capture. This prayer has become known as the High Priestly Prayer. In this prayer Jesus prayed for Himself, His disciples, and then those of us who would believe on Him as a result of His disciples words. The whole of Jesus’ prayer reminds the reader of Jesus’ victory over the world. Not only does Jesus bring peace, but He also gives hope and purpose.

Our world is experiencing much turmoil. Particularly for Christians, many fear religious persecution is increasing. Further, the aftermath of the Charleston, SC church shooting has increased cultural and racial debate. Most recently the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that Same-Sex Marriage is constitutional in all 50 states, causing many to feel their religious beliefs are being ignored. This ruling caused some to lose hope. For others it caused them to become angry and lash out. Others still just turned a blind eye. But Christians should not lose heart! Jesus reminded us there will be troubles in the world. Remember, Jesus wins! Many people try to find peace, hope, and purpose in what the world offers. Some will think that as a result of this new ruling they can now have peace and hope in the world. However, we learned through Jesus’ encouragement to His disciples and His prayer that these three can only be found in knowing Jesus. Jesus won the victory at the cross and the empty tomb. Now as we wait for Him to deliver the final blow to Satan’s head we have real purpose and are able to point others to find the same peace, the same hope, and the same purpose we have in knowing that Jesus Wins!

## Message Outline

Jesus Wins because:

1. Our Peace is found in Jesus not in the World. (16:33)
  - The World is in the hands of an evil ruler who hates Jesus.
  - Followers of Jesus will experience trouble.But...
  - Jesus has crushed the head of the serpent!
2. Our Hope is found in Jesus not in the World. (17:1-19)
  - The world is temporal but Jesus is eternal. (1-3)
  - The world is broken but Jesus is perfect. (4-5)
  - The world brings sorrow but Jesus brings Joy. (6-13)
  - The world serves a lie but Jesus serves the truth. (14-19)
3. Our Purpose is found in Jesus not in the World. (17:20-26)
  - Whether you work, play, or study; do it in the name of Jesus. (Col 3:17)
  - Gospel unity points the world to Jesus. (20-21)
  - Gospel beauty points the world to Jesus. (22-26)
    - The presence of the Groom (Father, Son, Spirit)
    - The presence of the Bride (Family, Servants, Missionaries)

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## **Group Discussion (video application)**

Watch the video titled “Forming a Missional Community Covenant.” Use the Listening Guide below as you watch the video and then spend some time discussing the following questions as a group.

MC Covenant – An agreement of what they \_\_\_\_\_, who they are going to \_\_\_\_\_, and how they will effectively \_\_\_\_\_ disciples for a \_\_\_\_\_.

Elements of an MC Covenant:

1. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Have \_\_\_\_\_ saved.
  - b. Are \_\_\_\_\_ saved.
  - c. Will \_\_\_\_\_ saved.
2. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_.

Questions for reflection:

1. What about this is difficult for you? Does it feel too legalistic? Does it feel like too much commitment? Speak out loud how you feel about it and whether or not you struggle with any part of it. Discuss if those struggles are properly informed by the gospel.
2. What are you going to do as an MC to take steps forward to actually commit to something, whether it’s fairly simple or more in depth?
3. When are you going to start the process of creating it and when are you going to complete it? After finishing it, when will you have a time of prayerful commitment to the things you’ve agreed upon?

## **Weekly Prayer Focus**

- **Church:**  
Pray that God would give us new believers and covenant members.
- **Local:**  
Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
- **Global:**  
Pray that God would give us hearts for the nations.