



Week 1: May 3-9

Share Life:

Review Guidelines: What guideline has helped you become a more relational person?

Question: How do you feel about the possibility of churches and gatherings reopening?

Vision: We are God's church. As His church, we are to reach the world for Jesus one person at a time. Let us engage in making multiplying disciples together so that we can reach the world.

Share God's Word (story):

Background:

Jesus was around 30 years old when He began His public ministry. He knew that it was time for Him to tell the world who He was. He told us that He is the way, the truth and the life. He told us that He is the giver of life. He told us that no one can have life apart from Him. The fullness of time had come. Jesus had a mission to accomplish, and it was time for His public ministry to begin.

Satan, the devil, did not want Jesus to accomplish His mission. Everything he had done until this point was to deceive people and manipulate them to follow him instead of God. He is the father of all lies. Satan is a created being, but he chose to rebel against God and go his own way. Why? Because he wanted to rule the world. When God created Adam and Eve, God gave them dominion over the world. Satan went to work on these first humans. Through lies and deception, Satan attacked Adam and Eve's faith in God. He led them to turn from following God and convinced them to follow him. When they turned from God to follow him, he became the ruler of this world. Satan attacked Adam and Eve with lies and deceptions to get them to follow him, and he has been doing the same thing to all humans ever since.

At the beginning of Jesus' mission, He was baptized. After being baptized, He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan. Jesus did this so that He could set an example for us on how we should fight for faith when Satan attacks us. This is where our story begins...

Tell the story from Matthew 4:1-11
Read the story from Matthew 4:1-11

1. What stands out to you in this story and why?
2. What does this story teach us about God and/or people? Remember, Jesus is God & man.
3. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you and how do you need to respond?

Share in Prayer

As you spend time in prayer, remember things that have been mentioned throughout the time when life was shared. Also, pray for our church leaders as they prayerfully consider God's direction in merging back into in-person meetings and services in our church.

Recruit a storyteller for next week!!



Week 1: Jesus the Great Administrator

One of the hardest things to do is let people go. Parents are a great example of letting people go. As children grow older and become more autonomous, parents must gently let them go. Eventually, their children grow and mature to a point where they are to be released into the world. Hopefully, they are released to be warriors for the Kingdom of Heaven. But it is difficult to do this. As parents, they have spent 18-20+ years training their children to become godly people. People who are responsible and able to contribute to society in a positive way. And it can be difficult or sad to actually release their children to do so.

Jesus had to do the same with his disciples. After spending 3 years training His disciples to build His church, it was time to send them out. Below are some verses of what Jesus told them as He prepared to release them into the world.

Matthew 16:18 – “And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

Matthew 28:19-20 – “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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

As we train others to become great leaders, let's not forget to release them into the world so that they can fulfill the role they are supposed to play in advancing God's kingdom.