

5. How have you experienced being disciplined by another person in your own life?

6. What does going to “all the nations” or a “foreign land” look like to you? Global missions? Local ministry to international populations? Neighborhood?

7. Looking back over this week’s sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply?

Missional Application

God calls us to make disciples of all nations by declaring the truth of the gospel with our words and demonstrating the reality of His love with our actions.

Christ Connection

Before Jesus ascended to the Father, He commissioned his disciples to go into the world and make disciples of all nations. Under the authority of Jesus, we make disciples by baptizing people in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and by teaching them everything Christ commanded us. As we go, we trust in the presence of Christ, who promises to be with us on mission.

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Jesus the Risen King (Part 5)

“Three Reasons Your Story Matters”

Matthew 28:16-18

God calls people to himself using the stories of other human beings...

1. Your story matters because of God’s Promise

- From the very beginning, God’s story has been about God and his creation doing something together.
- Your life and story are an integral part of telling God’s story.

2. Your story matters because of God’s Plan

- God puts his grace (forgiveness, and power) on display through our lives and stories to reveal who he is.
- Your life and your story are more than a random series of events when placed in the hands of God.

- “We each are gifted with a story of life change, our unique wiggle in this world. When we attempt to shove ourselves into a pre-set mold, we destroy the beauty and influence personally breathed in us by God.” - Maina Mwaura

3. Your story matters because of God’s Provision

- God empowers you to be salt and light wherever you go.
- Jesus teaching on Salt and Light is a command and a promise. We are to follow him, and he will make the way for others to come along with us.
- The call to obey is more than belief. To obey is to do this with your life and to help others do the same.

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week’s sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. In light of this message where in your life/story do you feel a greater sense of purpose according to his mission?
3. Where in your life/story could God use you to tell his story?
4. What doubts or fears do you have that keep you from obeying or ‘living out’ that purpose as the mission Jesus has given us?

Family Discussion Questions

1. What are some ways our family can be a part of telling others about God?
2. Talk about a story or event in your lives that points to God’s bigger story.
3. As a family, discuss the role of the Holy Spirit in your lives. How does his role in our lives and the fact that he empowers us encourage our family?