

Hidden Kingdom Part 5 - "Living on Mission" (3-7-21)

Introduction: Review last 2 weeks - Good Samaritan (Love God & People), Changed by Truth

Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV)

(16) Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. (17) And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. (18) And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (19) 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, (20) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

1) Living with Purpose - Go & Make

Matthew 28:19 (ESV)

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations

Note: Go (as you go living) - make disciples. This fills life with purpose, even the most mundane!

As Jesus is wrapping up his time with them, He is brings it full circle back to the original invitation . . .

Matthew 4:19 (ESV)

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Note: A huge part of our growth process is becoming people who live with a purpose to pass on what we received!

John 4:3-8 (ESV)

(3) (Jesus) left Judea and departed again for Galilee. (4) And he had to pass through Samaria. (5) So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. (6) Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. (7) A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (8) For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

Note: This leads to a life giving conversation with this Samaritan woman (someone to be avoided), and impacts the whole town!

Example - living w/ Purpose . . .

My early days: volunteering, mission trip, around Jesus' people, sharing the gospel (clunky)

John 4:31-35 (ESV)

(31) Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." (32) But (Jesus) said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." (33) So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" (34) Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. (35) Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

Note: Jesus was filled by living with purpose, he saw what others didn't - he had an awareness of a rich harvest. If only we could see it!

2) Living with Awareness - Observe & Obey

Matthew 28:20 (ESV)

teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Observe - to attend carefully, to take care of, to observe attentively, to keep the eyes fixed upon

Matthew 9:35-36 (ESV)

(35) And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. (36) When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Note: Jesus had eyes for the people around him - compassion, empathy, love!

Remember: Jesus and the Rich Young Ruler from last week - Jesus looked at him & loved him!

Matthew 9:37-38 (ESV)

(37) Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; (38) therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Note: Opportunity it everywhere - pray for laborers! If you are looking for a place to start - **pray** (Next Sunday)

- Be aware though: You might be the answer to your own prayer! (Micah is our living example)
- Immediately the next chapter (Matthew 10): Jesus sends them out!

Our growth is directly tied to our ability to give away what we have . . .

Hebrews 5:11-14 (ESV)

(11) About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. (12) For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, (13) for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. (14) But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Note: Trained by constant practice - don't worry be crappy! But live with awareness - observe & obey!

Example: Youth Mission Trips - watch for opportunity / daily de-brief - what did you see/experience

3) Living with Power - On adventure with Jesus

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. . . And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Acts 3:1-10 (ESV)

(1) Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. (2) And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. (3) Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. (4) And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." (5) And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. (6) But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" (7) And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. (8) And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. (9) And all the people saw him walking and praising God, (10) and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Note: Over 40 year old man (Acts 4:22) healed after spending his whole life lame!

- **As you go living** (vs. 1-3) Everyone is going about there day, but Peter & John walk with Jesus
- **They observed** (vs 4-5) Peter & John really look and engage with this man
- **Adventure with Jesus** (vs 6) They gave away what they had! (Power - when Jesus is all you have!)

I wonder how many of us have never put ourselves in a position where we have nothing else but Jesus?

Behold he is with us always, and he has all power!

Conclusion: Living on Mission with Jesus is about living with purpose, awareness, and power!