

Go. Live.

A Series on the DNA of our Church Family

5 – Ready to Launch

Matthew 28.18-20

What is the command?

Make disciples: apprentices who believe, think, feel, act, and relate like Jesus

Who is given this command?

We are – the church is called by God to reproduce the life of Jesus

Where do we fit?

Launch into Monday – “as you are going”

- Everything to do with your everyday life
 - Jesus isn't in the business of transforming a portion of your life dictated by your calendar – He wants to transform all of your life
- No real division between sacred and secular
 - To live as if there is means that Jesus doesn't care about part of my life – and if not this part, then what about that part? (If not work, then what about health? Marriage? Kids? Depression?)
- Eternal impact in every aspect
 - There is nothing you will encounter or do that you cannot fully and gladly state this:
 - Jesus reigns over this (because He reigns over everything)
 - Jesus is present in this (because He's present with me)

Our calling as a church is to launch you into your Monday as a **Transformed Agent of Transformation**

- We reside where life meets the artificial (MAP)
- You're not aimless or losing resource (MARTIAN)
- You carry the transformation with you into work, school, marriage, kids, everywhere
 - None are minefields – all are mission fields

Launch into Ministry – because we *are* going

- We launch as a family
 - Examples: short-term teams, longer-term people, ministers in churches, church planting

- We're developers!
- We launch people
 - Most of the conversations about ministry lately have been about YOU (not pastors) engaging in caring for others and sharing the Gospel – in places we pastors will never be or get to be

How do we Go.Live.?

- Whom are you investing in?
- Whom are you sharing with?
 - It means more than sharing the Gospel, but it does not mean less
 - Objection: I'm not sure they will listen to what I have to say
 - If we share the Gospel with those that look like us, we betray the Gospel we say we believe
 - Objection: I'm not sure I have what it takes to share with them
 - If you have the Gospel, you have the power of God unto salvation – you don't need anything else (Rom. 1.16)

Discussion Questions:

1. What's been the most memorable thing God has said to you over the past 5 weeks in this series about our church's DNA? What part do you play (or what do you need to do with what God has said)?
2. When you think about your week, how has it (or should) it change because Jesus reigns over everything (v.18) and He is with you always (v.20)?
3. What part of your life are you most tempted to believe that Jesus doesn't care about it? Why do you think that is?
4. When you look back at your time as part of the church family of Heritage Park, what is the coolest / most impacting thing you have seen God do?
5. Answer the two questions under the "Go.Live." section: in whom are you investing and with whom are you sharing? If you can't answer them, what will it take for you to be able to do so next week?