

SHARING THE HEART OF JESUS

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Palm Sunday

Series: Part 12

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Do This in Remembrance of Me

Jesus, who is the Gospel, wants to shape every aspect of our lives. (Our words, deeds, and values)

- A disciple's spiritual viability is determined by their level of connection to the power of the Gospel. The intent of Biblical calls to "remember" is to powerfully connect us to the event and recalibrate us. (NS-2)

- Jesus asks us to "remember" the Cross to keep us from drifting from the influence of the Gospel.

"...This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me... This cup is the new covenant between God and His people—an agreement confirmed with My blood.

Do this in remembrance of Me as often as you drink it." 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Remembering the Cross should connect our hearts to the Gospel's impact and cause us to recalibrate.

- I am loved – I'm forgiven – I'm victorious, no longer a slave – I'm a new creation – I will live forever!

Live Like Jesus is Alive

Right after Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples' unbelief had them living like He was still in the grave.

- Eyewitness testified of Jesus' resurrection, but the disciples refused to believe. Mark 16:9-14 (NS-3)

It's sad when we choose to live as though Jesus isn't alive and stop connecting to the power of the Gospel.

"Still later He appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen Him

after He had been raised from the dead." Mark 16:14

Even though the disciples had given up on Jesus, He continued to pursue and engage them.

And then He told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone." Mark 16:15

Joining Jesus in His Gospel Mission

If you've joined Jesus in His mission, you know how scary & exhilarating it is to point people to Jesus.

- It's grown your dependency – You've seen God work – Your faith has grown – More study of the Bible.

Practical Next Steps: (1.) Invite people to our Easter Services. (Grab some invite cards.) (2.) Build relationships with your neighbors. (Listen and Be Present.) (3.) Simple Acts of Kindness (Remember Molli) (4.) Share pieces of Gospel literature. (See Joan/Gary Walter.) (5.) Join in with J-Rock. (Visit lobby display.) (6.) Pray for divine moments and be ready to share the Gospel. (Talk to your Heavenly Father.) (NS-4)

How to Begin the Conversation: (1.) Ask questions like: What does your spiritual journey look like? Are you a God-follower? What does that look like for you? (2.) Ask people if there is something you can be praying for them about. (many will) (3.) Place your Bible where it's visible, or get caught reading your Bible App. (4.) Ask: If you died today & God asked why He should let you in, what would you say? (NS-5)

We All have a Story to Tell: Your personal story can be a big encouragement to many others.

Please take time to fill out the form on your chair & drop it at the Welcome Center or in box #150. (NS-6)

What Biblical Truth do people need to know to be saved? (Learn the **Romans Road.**) (NS-7)

Romans 3:23 – We can't receive the Good News until we embrace the bad news. We're all sinners.

Romans 5:8 – Our sin is offensive to God but He kept loving us and sent Jesus to die for us.

Romans 6:23 – Our sin places a sentence of death over us. God, through Jesus, offers us eternal life.

Romans 8:1 – The dark cloud of condemnation for sin can be lifted from our heads through Jesus.

Romans 10:9-10 – Declare Jesus as Lord. Believe in who He is/what He's done - You will be saved!

Sharing the Gospel isn't about us. It's a supernatural act of God. All we can do is present the Truth and leave the results to Him. It comes down to the mighty work of the Holy Spirit. **Just Be Available!**

Next Steps –

1. Watch any sermon series and work through our helpful Sermon Guides by going to www.lebefree.org
2. What past family memories help you to find strength and encourage you? How does “remembering” Jesus help you find strength and encourage you? How does His costly sacrifice define who you are?
3. Honestly assess if there are ways you are thinking and living as though Jesus isn’t really alive.
4. Prayerfully consider each of these possibilities and ask God to help you to take the next right step.
5. Come up with additional “Gospel Conversation Starters,” then try them out in the spaces you inhabit.
6. Think through aspects of your spiritual journey that you could share with our Church Family. Take time to fill out a testimony form and turn it in at the Welcome Center or place it in box #150. Be a Blessing!
7. Take time to learn the **Romans Road**. (Consider memorizing the verses.) If needed, mark your Bible in ways that guide you from verse to verse. (I like to include Ephesians 2:8-9 Hey, it’s not Romans but it’s the same author. ☺) Ask God to guide you to the right people and courageously start the conversation.

Key Passages –

Romans 3:16-17 (NLT)

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. ¹⁷ This Good News tells us how God makes us right in His sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”

Mark 16:14-15 (NLT)

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“The Romans Road”

Romans 3:23 (NAS)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 5:8 (NAS)

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23 (NAS)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:1 (NAS)

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 10:9-10 (NAS)

that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

Make Yourself Available – Join Jesus in His Mission!