

JESUS BREAKS DOWN WALLS

Matthew 15.21-39

JESUS MINISTERS TO A CANAANITE

Matthew 15.21-28

Coming off a conversation with the Pharisees about what truly defiles a person, Jesus and His followers now encounter a Canaanite woman. Canaanites are the historic enemies of Israel. Her request seems to be denied, but there is more going on behind the scenes.

JESUS HEALS AND FEEDS THE GENTILE CROWDS

Matthew 15.29-39

Here, we see some similar actions as earlier: healing and miraculous feeding. Interestingly, the disciples don't know how the people will be fed. But this is not just temporary amnesia. There is a reason. Jesus is beginning to unfold a bigger picture and a larger truth to them.

JESUS THE TRUE ISRAEL

Romans 1 shows us that all Gentiles have fallen short. Romans 2 shows us that all Jews have fallen short. Romans 3 makes clear that ALL have fallen short. So who is it that is worthy to be saved? Who is the "remnant" of Israel, the true, faithful Israel worthy to be called a child of God? There is only One, and it is Jesus.

And yet, it doesn't stop there. Now, through the gift of God's grace, *anyone* who calls upon the Name of the True Israel can be saved and become part of the Remnant of Israel. Jesus, through the keeping of the Covenant God made with His people, now allows anyone to hide themselves in Him to receive the full blessing of sonship.

This plan of redemption for both Jew and Gentile was not Plan B. God, from the foundations of the earth, had always planned to save a people from every tongue, tribe, and nation, and call them "My people."

John 10.16 // Ephesians 2.11-3.6

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

We, too, were once dogs, unworthy of being called sons and daughters. But God indiscriminately gave His grace to us. Everyone is a candidate, and there is no one we should withhold the Gospel from. We need to examine our hearts, our prejudices, and our fears, nail them to the cross, and obey the words of Jesus, to "go and make disciples."

Revelation 5.9



NOTES:

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Please visit lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

Our **High School students** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at hbarnes5@yahoo.com.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 15:21-39**. What stuck out to you the most in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

As you may know but may need to be reminded of, instead of meeting in our **Community Groups** this week, we will be having our quarterly **Gospel Positioning Strategy (GPS)** meeting this **Wednesday at 6:30** at **Classical Academy High School**. If you are not in a Community Group, however, we would love to have you join us on this evening. We spend time being reminded of who we are as a people, as a united body of Christ, and we gather for this "family meeting" in order to get a picture of where we are headed as a church and the great things, behind the scenes more or less, that we have to look forward to.

Read and mediate on **1 Peter 2:9-10**. Why are you a part of **Life Mission Church**? _____

Now, as a good test, and to make sure that we are united as a local royal priesthood, it's time to play a little **Life Mission Church Trivia**...

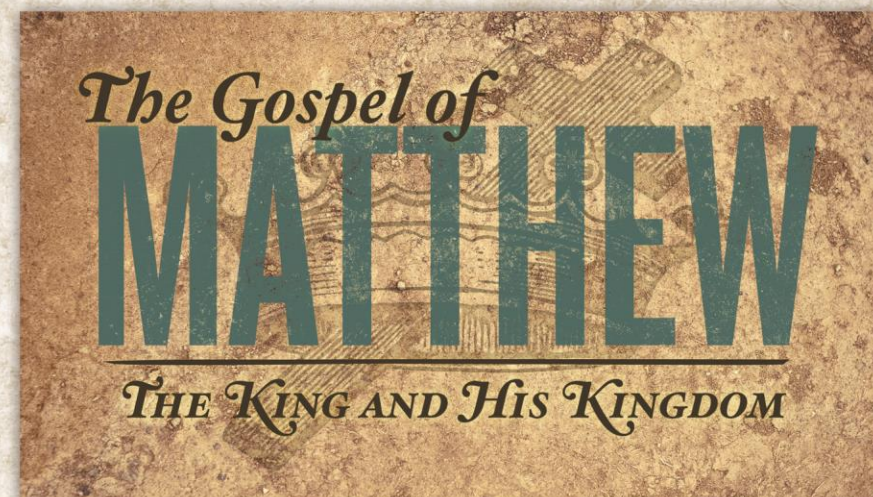
- **What is the Vision of Our Church? Why do We Exist?**
 - A.) Don't Worry be Happy
 - B.) Make Disciples Who are Saved to Sit
 - C.) To See God's Glory Among the Nations to the Least, Last, and Lost
 - D.) Get Rich or Die Tryin'
- **What is the Mission of our Church? What do We Need to Do to Accomplish Our Vision?**
 - A.) Build Sweet Sand Castles
 - B.) Make Disciples that Make Disciples, both Locally and Globally
 - C.) Try Our Best to be Good People
 - D.) Be the Change You Want to See in the World
- **What is Our Strategy? How Will We Accomplish Our Vision and Mission?**
 - A.) Be Rooted in the Gospel Through Prayer, the Word and Gospel Community
 - B.) Just Love Each Other. Nothing Else.
 - C.) Tons of Expensive Advertising Campaigns
 - D.) Have a Big Impressive and Entertaining Production on Sundays



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