

New Followers & New Generations
John 1:35-42 & Acts 2:36-41

Getting Started

- ❖ In the sermon on New Followers, Jerry put before us that “bringing gospel restoration is not dropping truth bombs on the unprepared or the disinterested.”
 - Jesus was full of grace AND truth when He carried out His mission. Why is grace being married to truth such an important need?
 - Have you ever dropped a “truth bomb” without grace or been around someone who did? What was the result?
 - What are practical ways we can prepare the way so that we can speak the truth and it not be disregarded?

Digging Deeper

- ❖ Read John 1:29-42 (our sermon text plus the preceding verses) and discuss the following.
 - What do these verses reveal about John the Baptist and his role in the Kingdom?
 - In what ways were the Jews confused by John the Baptist? What insights into John’s character does this passage reveal? What was he like? Describe his personality.
 - Why is the title of the “lamb of God” so important when applied to Jesus?
 - How would you answer someone who says, “Why would I want to worship a God who sacrificed His only Son? How barbaric of a God is that?!”
 - What did you take away from the story of Andrew?
 - If you could bring one person to Jesus and see them become a Christian, who would it be and why?
- ❖ Read Acts 2:22-41(our sermon text plus the preceding verses) and discuss the following.
 - What do verses 22-24 teach us about the redemptive plan of God?
 - What ideas and truths in verses 22-36 do you believe would have “hit home” the most with the audience so that they were “cut to the heart” (vs.37)?
 - Think about the way Peter interacted with this audience and what he said to them. What truths and concepts in this sermon do you see as vital to being passed on to our children?
 - Why would Peter say “repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins”? Why include baptism? Is baptism a necessary precondition to having our sins forgiven/salvation? Why or why not?
 - Jerry said that baptism is to the New Covenant as circumcision was to the Old. How is the idea that baptism is the outward sign of the New Covenant both different and similar to the idea of “believer’s baptism” that our Baptist brethren embrace?
 - How is the New Covenant more inclusive than the Old? How does this apply to our children?

Think About It!

Certainly, all adult church members must profess faith personally before the church. Communions that baptize infants provide for this in confirmation or the equivalent. The

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Christian nurture of Baptist and paedobaptist children (Note: children baptized as infants) will be similar: They will be dedicated to God in infancy, either by baptism or by a rite of dedication; they will be brought up to live for the Lord and led to the point of publicly professing faith, in confirmation or baptism. After this they will enjoy full communicant status. The ongoing debate is not about nurture, but about God's way of defining the church.

It is sometimes said that infant baptism leads to a false presumption that the rite by itself guarantees the child's salvation. In the absence of biblical instruction on its meaning, this unfortunate misconception is possible. But it should be remembered that such a misunderstanding is equally possible in the case of adult, believer's baptism. (RC Sproul)

WORSHIP RESOURCE

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WORSHIP SONGS

THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

Words by Phil Wickham and Jeremy Riddle, 2013

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness, whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of glory, the King above all kings. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder, who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace; this is unfailing love that you would take my place, that you would bear my cross. You laid down your life that I would be set free. Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.

Who brings the chaos back into order, who makes the orphan a son and daughter? The King of glory, the King of glory. Who rules the nations with truth and justice, shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? The King of glory, the King above all kings.

I WANT TO KNOW YOU

Words and Music by Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, and Rich Thompson, 2016 / Based on lyrics from "In Jesus" by James Proctor

I've tried in vain a thousand ways my fears to quell, my hopes to raise, but what I need, Your word has said, is ever, only Jesus. You died, You live, You reign, You plead; there's love in all Your words and deeds. This weary hearts finds all it needs in ever, only Jesus.

I want to know You, Jesus my Lord, king of the heavens, king of my soul. I trade my treasures and all my rewards, Jesus, to know You, then know You more.

Though some should curse me for Your name, I have no fear, I have no shame. You stand with me for all my days, my ever, only Jesus.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood, 2016

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord most high. Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ.

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my king. What a beautiful name it is. Nothing compares to this. What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down. My sin was great, Your love was greater. What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my king. What a wonderful name it is. Nothing compares to this. What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You. You silenced the boast of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory. For You are raised to life again. You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever, God, You reign. Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory. Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my king. What a powerful name it is. Nothing can stand against. What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (BEGINNING TO END)

Words by Thomas Chisholm, Jason Ingram, and Michael Weaver / Music by William Runyan, Jason Ingram, and Michael Weaver, 2018

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father. There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not. As Thou has been, Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest; sun, moon and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Beginning to end, my life in Your hands.

Great, great is Your faithfulness. You never let go, this one thing I know; great, great is Your faithfulness.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth. Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide. Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow; blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

Great is Thy faithfulness. Great is Thy faithfulness. Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 136; Genesis 18:22-33; 1 Peter 5:1-11; Matt. 7:15-29
MONDAY | Ps. 124; Jeremiah 30:1-9; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 6:1-11
TUESDAY | Ps. 66; Jeremiah 30:10-17; Col. 1:15-23; Luke 6:12-26
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 9; Jeremiah 30:18-22; Col. 1:24-2:7; Luke 6:27-38
THURSDAY | Ps. 68; Jeremiah 31:1-14; Col. 2:8-23; Luke 6:39-49
FRIDAY | Ps. 96; Jeremiah 31:15-22; Col. 3:1-11; Luke 7:1-17
SATURDAY | Ps. 92; Jeremiah 31:23-25; Col. 3:12-17; Luke 7:18-35

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

God of comfort and compassion, through Jesus, your Son, you lead us to the water of life and the table of your bounty. May we who have received the tender love of our Good Shepherd be strengthened by your grace to care for your flock. Amen.



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