

## CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

### 'The Real Jesus' Part 66 – Matthew 28v16-20

- 1) Who was the first person to tell you about Jesus? What did you think at the time?
- 2) Was there anything Rich said that you felt particularly challenged or provoked by? What was it and why?

After his resurrection from the dead and giving the great commission, Jesus had one final conversation with the disciples in Jerusalem, recorded in Acts 1v1-8. **Read Acts 1v1-8.**

3.1) a) What does Jesus command us to do?

b) How does he promise we will be empowered for this?

3.2) a) Who have you shared your faith with in the last few weeks? How did it go?

b) On a scale of **0 – 10**, **0** = '*I never talk about Jesus to non-Christians*' and **10** = '*I speak about Jesus to non-Christians daily*'.

i) Where on the scale are you at the moment? (eg: 5)

ii) Where would you genuinely like to be? (eg: 8)

iii) What could you practically do to get nearer to where you want to be?

3.3) a) When did you last receive power to witness from the Holy Spirit?

b) How real is the experience of the Holy Spirit's power to witness for you at the moment?

c) How could you seek more of the Holy Spirit's empowering in your life now?

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4) Here are seven possible ways you can help make disciples:

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| 1. Being friends with non-Christians        | 2. Sharing your own faith |
| 3. Inviting non-Christians to church events | 4. Answering questions    |
| 5. Leading someone to Christ                | 6. Helping new Christians |
| 7. Helping Christians to grow               |                           |

Read the passage **John 4v4-42**.

- a) Can you identify in this passage where Jesus carries out each of these stages?
- b) What can you learn from the passage about how to be more effective at these stages?
- c) Which stage(s) do you feel most effective at? How can you be more effective in this?
- d) Which stage(s) would you like to be better at? How could you grow in this?
- e) How does this passage show the empowering of the Holy Spirit in Jesus's witnessing? What can you personally learn from this?

## CONNECT IN PRAYER

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**Respond to the message:** Spend some time praying into your answers from the questions above and seek the Holy Spirit for more empowering to 'go and make disciples' (Matthew 28v19).

The **Alpha Course** has been extended by two weeks to replace the Alpha Day that very few of the guests could make. Please continue to pray for those on the course that they will make genuine commitments to Christ.

**Christmas Events:** Please pray about who you can invite along to our Christmas events. The Traditional Carol Service is on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** at **7.30pm** and the Christmas Day service is at **10:30am**.

## CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

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**Late Night Shopping** is on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December** at **6pm**. Please speak to Francis if you would like to be involved.

The **King's Church Christmas Party** is on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December** at **7pm**. This promises to be a great event with games, party snacks, prizes to be won (including a prize for the best Christmas outfit) and a bar. Tickets are now on sale and cost £5 for adults and £1 for kids. All are welcome so invite your friends! Speak to Jeff for more info.

**Catalyst Festival 2013, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2013.** The first price break is **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** so book before then to get the lower priced tickets. To book, visit our website and click on the Catalyst graphic in the scrolling box on the homepage.