



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Series- Vision Sunday; transformed

Bible Reading- Matt. 28:1-20

Date- 9th July 2017

Be & make Disciples

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

1. Adopted. (John 1:12, Gal. 4:5-7, 1 John 3:1-2).
2. Living in & by the Spirit. (John 14:25-26, Gal. 5:25).
3. Learning to serve & serving to Learn. (Mark 1:17)
4. Compelled by Love. (1 Cor. 13 & 1 John 4:7-12)
5. Propelled outwards (Acts 1:8, Matt. 28:18-20)

A. Text based Questions

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20. According to this passage what does it mean to make disciples?
2. Read 1 John 3:1-3 & John 1:12. What do these passages reveal about salvation and adoption?
3. John 14:25-26, Gal 5:25. What is the role of the Spirit in the life of the believer from these scriptures?
4. Mark 1:17. How does this verse teach discipleship as serving to learn?
5. 1 John 4:7-12. How does this passage reveal the central nature of love to the Christian experience?
6. Acts 1:8. Core to the gift of the Spirit, is power for mission. How is that seen in this verse and in the book of Acts more generally?

B. Meditation & Application

7. Justification by faith is the doorway to the wonder of adoption. How important to your faith journey is this idea of becoming a child of God? How is adoption to shape one's prayer life and ethical life?
8. "The Spirit is a primary marker of the Christian's new identity?" What do you make of this statement?
9. Reflect on a recent experience of involvement in ministry- (youth work, Jam, Waves, small group or something less structured) what did you learn about Jesus in that experience and what word of encouragement do you think Jesus would speak to you?
10. How do you think love and mission are connected in the Christian life? What could you do this week in this space (love & being propelled outwards) this week to be a blessing?

Prayer- Dear Heavenly Father- please teach us to be learners of Jesus who are eager to become more and more like Christ. Guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus and help us to follow you. In Jesus Name- Amen!