



Ruin To Renovation - Sermon #3 - Revolution
Study Questions for Groups & Individuals

(1) In a posture of prayer, read again The Great Commission in Mt 28:18-20...ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you concerning it. Write down your thoughts. The following questions may help guide you...What is it that we're commanded to do? And why? Are there other things which impress you about this passage? What does Jesus mean by 'All Nations'?

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

(2) What does John 7:37-38 say about our influence & presence in the world among people who don't know Jesus? How does it tie in with the Great Commission? What does this person look like in relationship with others?

"...Let anyone who is thirsty come to me & drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."



(3) In the sermon it was stated that, *“because we’re Great Commission Christians, Living Water wells up within each of us & overflows to others around us. Spiritual Formation & Discipleship overflow into Evangelism & the world’s changed by Jesus through the ministry of His Body on earth - the Church.”* But this takes intentionality in spiritual formation & witness...

What verses would you use in witnessing about Jesus to someone? Explore your Bible with someone else (break down into twos or threes) using your concordance to find verses which help to explain the Gospel in clear terms....write these down together & share them with the group (if you are in a community group setting). Think about: What we are saved from. Saved to. And how salvation accomplished...

(4) Get some paper & a pen, take 5 minutes to write your testimony out with Scripture to reinforce what your experience has been. Do this in 3 short paragraphs. You should think about (a paragraph for each point below)...

- (1) what life was like before Jesus,
- (2) what happened when you encountered him, and
- (3) what it has been like since.

Reinforce these three points with Scripture (a short verse or passage each).

- (5) Share your testimony with someone, either one-on-one, or in the group.
- (6) Think of 3 people who don't know Jesus in your life, and write them down. Share them with the group & pray for these people together. Pray also for an opportunity to share your testimony with one or all of them in the coming week.

(7) Pray for the requests below as related to our new Kinship Partnership in the Middle East (Lebanon/Syria). These are Muslims coming to Christ - some of the 'nations' (people groups) Jesus speaks of in The Great Commission (names have been changed for security sake)...

Women like Kamil

BACKGROUND:

Kamil grew up in a Muslim family in Syria. She diligently prayed, fasted, and read the Quran but constantly feared she would go to hell. She married and the family moved to the mountains of Lebanon where her husband met Christians who shared the gospel. Eventually Kamil's husband believed, but his conversion made Kamil furious. Soon their family moved to a major city, and Kamil's husband began attending church and urged her to go too.

PRAISE:

Kamil was shocked because the believers loved and welcomed her, even though she was Muslim. Intrigued, she was drawn to listen to sermons and was moved to tears by the worship songs. As she read Scripture, God began changing her heart. When her brother was shot in Syria, Kamil begged Jesus to save his life, and God answered her prayers. He also healed her daughter. Kamil decided it was time to proclaim her faith in Jesus and get baptized along with her husband. Now Kamil attends Christian worship meetings to grow in her faith.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR WOMEN

- 1 The gospel for women.** Pray for the hundreds of women like Kamil who have heard the gospel through Christians. Pray that the message will always be clear and accompanied by practical, genuine love flowing from Christians to Muslim women hungry for hope.
- 2 Home Bible studies.** Kamil and her husband open their home each week for a Bible study. Pray that many in their circle of family and friends will come to believe. Pray that many other Muslim-background believers will be bold enough to invite friends to study God's Word with them.
- 3 Women disciplers.** Kamil has been discipled by another Christian woman who faithfully shared truth with her and encouraged her as she took steps toward faith. Pray for this woman & others who teach and love the women who attend Christian gatherings. Some come looking for food or medicine or education for their children - but their biggest need is for Christ.
- 4 Training.** Kamil is excited about training offered, it has helped her grow in her faith. Pray that many other new believers will grow from spiritual newborns to mature believers through discipleship training.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING! You are doing significant ministry as you intercede.