

simplify : fourth

MATTHEW 28:18-20 (P. 698)

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Message 4

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.
Matthew 6:33

FAMILY SUNDAY // TALK BACK TO ME • PARENTS: AMEN, KIDS: QUESTIONS

The Great Commandment (not suggestion)

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37-40

The Great Commission (Assignment)

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."

Matthew 28:18-20

The Four Priorities

- FIRST PRIORITY: God Himself.
- SECOND PRIORITY: God's family.
- THIRD PRIORITY: My spiritual growth (becoming like Jesus).
- FOURTH PRIORITY: My **ministry**.

TELLING THOSE WHO'VE RECEIVED TO GIVE • WHAT JESUS DID FOR US WE DO FOR OTHERS

For the kids: What has Jesus done for us?

THE CARDS AND THE RIBBONS • THE WATER METAPHOR

the fourth priority

My ministry starts with what I've received.

- Jesus went out of his way to **love** us.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

ILL: WHERE ARE MIKE AND PAIGE? EXPRESSING THANKS TO TITUS

THIS KIND OF LOVE IS BY DEFINITION ~=: INCONVENIENT ~=: // HOW TO DO THIS FOR OTHERS?

- Jesus lived as a perfect **mentor** (example and teacher).

FOR THE KIDS: WHAT'S THE COOLEST THING YOUR DAD OR MOM CAN DO?

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Matthew 4:8-11

HOW CAN YOU? // A BLESSING IF PARENTS STAY TOGETHER, IF STUDENTS DO WHAT'S RIGHT

- Jesus **saved** us from our **sin**.

God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.
John 3:17 NLT

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6:23 NLT

ILL: WE USUALLY GOT 3 SPANKINGS, BUT ONCE, MY SISTER GOT 8 // I SHOULD HAVE ASKED FOR HER EXTRAS TO BE APPLIED TO ME! // NO SHE WAS PAYING FOR HER OWN SIN! • HOW TO SAVE OTHERS?

- Jesus gave us our **S.H.A.P.E.**.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS, HEART, ABILITIES, PERSONALITY, EXPERIENCES
WRITE ON YOUR PAPER "I AM _____" AND "I CAN _____"
HANG UP YOUR PAPERS

My Jesus deserves my ministry.

I AM JESUS' PLAN A AND THERE IS NO PLAN B

- Sometimes we serve from our **best** talents.
I CAN TEACH A ROOM
- Sometimes we serve from our **basic** ability.
I CAN CLEAN A TOILET OR FILL A CUP OF COFFEE
- Sometimes we serve with mission **intent**.
- Sometimes we serve with faithful **hope**.
MATRIX BLANKETS • COFFEE DAYS FOR BENJAMIN CROSSING • EASTER EGG HUNT
~=: CONSIDER THE WATERFALL OF AWESOME ~=:

preparing for commitment sunday

The Water Commitment

**I have the Living Water in me. Infinite refreshment is mine in Christ,
and I unlock it in me when I give it to others. I eagerly risk
embarrassment to offer others the Living Water of Jesus.
(Matt 28:19-20 :: Prov 11:25 :: John 4:1-41 :: Matt 10:42)**

Specifically, I employ everything I am and everything I have for the benefit of others beginning in this church and extending to the world around me. To help others find full life in Christ, I will work to serve them, befriend them, share my faith with them, invite them to join me in this church, and help them know the gospel so they too can experience the life I have been given. I will rely on God to refresh me as I strive to refresh others.

:: WHAT WE ARE ASKING OF YOU ::

SERVE ON A TEAM IN LCC / SERVE NEWCOMERS TO LCC (COACHING)

SERVE YOUR NEIGHBORS (MATTHEW PARTY) / SERVE STRANGERS ___ WITH ___ PEOPLE FROM LCC.