

The Gospel | Week 2: April 13 & 14



Weekly Check In

2 minute share:

- What was that thing you committing to doing daily this past week to grow in your relationship with God? How did that go?
- Share something God highlighted to you as you spent time with Him.

This Week's Big Idea: The New Testament fulfillment of prophecy by Jesus in Passion Week

What do you remember most, or what stuck with you from the weekend's teaching?

Ice Breaker Question:

- If you knew you were going to die in a week, what would you do?

Scripture and Discussion Questions:

- **Matthew 21|12-15** “Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. ¹³ “It is written,” he said to them, “My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’”¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant.”
 1. What is Jesus doing?
 2. What does that teach us?

- **John 13|5-15** “After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷ Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” ⁸ “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” ⁹ “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!” ¹⁰ Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean. ¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”
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Scripture and Discussion Questions:

- **Matthew 26|26-35** “While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.” 27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” 30 When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. 31 Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ 32 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.” 33 Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.” 34 “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” 35 But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same.”

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- **Matthew 26|36-39** “Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” 39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

1. What is Jesus doing?

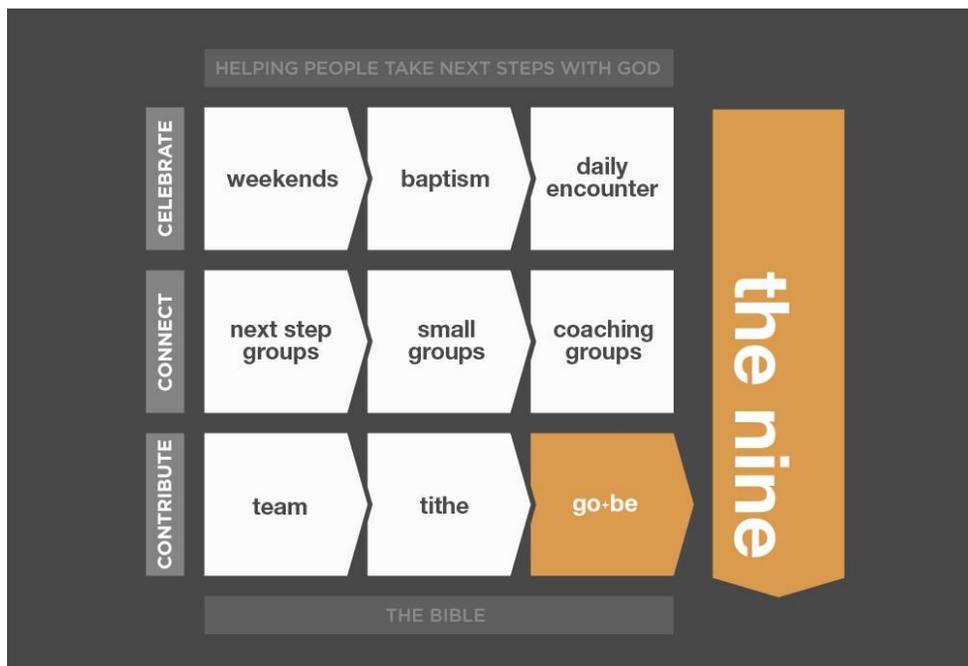
2. What does that teach us?

Follow-Up Questions

1. What would you do if you only had one week left to live and Jesus was with you every day?

2. What holds you back from living each day like that?

Next Steps: Every week we end our services with the phrase “Go+Be the Church where you Live, Work, and Play.” This week, challenge yourself to be aware of what Christ has done for you and to live for Him each day. *Who* has He put in your life to BLESS? *What* is God asking you to do for them this week?



The final part of BLESS acronym is to Share Your Story.

Next week at group we will have a time to share 2 minute versions of our stories of how we met Jesus and how He has impacted our lives.

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This weekend we went through Jesus' last week before His crucifixion. As we prepare physically for Easter, let us also prepare our hearts and minds spiritually to be reminded of all that Jesus has done for us.

Ice Breaker Question:

This question will promote cultural answers likely (go to disney world, travel, see my family, give away my money, etc) **The focus on this question is designed to be light not necessarily spiritual but may go that way depending on who answers.**

Scripture and Discussion Questions:

In this section you will see a **recurring theme** in the questions. As you read through the Scripture passages together, **practice studying Scripture by OBSERVING and APPLYING.**

- The first question reads: "*What is Jesus doing?*"
 - **OBSERVE: State the facts; What is actually happening in this passage?**
- The second question reads: "*What does that teach us?*"
 - **APPLY: What does that mean for me? How can I apply this in my life?**

Follow-Up Questions:

Make sure you have time during your group to answer these questions even if that means not discussing one of the Scripture passages.

1. How does each answer vary from the first response? What would be done differently if Jesus was there the whole time?
2. **Discuss some practical ways to be intentional about including Jesus in our day to day lives.** Examples: Daily reading the Bible, Listening to Christian music, Memorizing a Scripture Verse, Praying before making decisions, Sharing our faith, ect.

Next Steps:

Challenge your group to be intentional about BLESSing those who God is putting in their lives. Ask each person to share the name of someone they could start BLESSing.

B: Begin with Prayer **L:** Listen **E:** Eat
S: Serve **S:** Share your Story

Next week's lesson will include a time and section for those in your group to share a 2 minute version of their stories of how Christ has changed their life with each other. Encourage them to write this out and be prepared to share with the group.