

Growing Together – Cultivating a Life with Jesus

Growing Through Global Ministries

Genesis 12:1-3, Luke 24:44-47 | Matt Whitacre | 8/23/26



Series Goal: That as a congregation we would grow together, cultivating our lives with Jesus, through the same practices that have carried and sustained the church, from its conception.

This Week's Anchor Question:

How does joining God on mission affect our everyday lives?

We gain a kingdom perspective

We become radically generous

We practice counter-cultural hospitality

We live on mission every day

**Scriptures to
Read, Reflect
on, and Study
this Week:**

Genesis 1:28
Genesis 11:8-9
Genesis 12:1-3
Joshua 4:23-24
1 Kings 8:41-43
Psalm 46:10
Daniel 6:25-26
Malachi 1:11
Luke 24:44-47
Rev. 7:9-10

Holding Tension: *This space is left empty for unresolved questions, convictions, or prompts for further study/reading...*

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Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide

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Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!

Start with Prayer: Ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.

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Read the text (or portions) from 2 different versions – **Genesis 12:1-3, Luke 24:44-47**

Pauses for Reflection and Discussion –

1. Missional Basis of the Bible:
“There's never been a time when God hasn't been a missionary God. It's part of his character, it's part of his nature. God is on a mission.” (Dr. Ed Stetzer)
– *How does this aspect of God's character encourage or challenge you?*
2. Kingdom Perspective:
“As long as we have blood, they said, we have something to give for the gospel” (Joshua Bogunjoko)
– *What do you have to “give for the gospel”? What holds you back from giving those things (money, time, talent, etc.)?*
3. Radical Generosity:
“We do not merely tolerate one another but truly grow in friendship, until our diversity is no longer a difficulty to manage but a gift we celebrate: many peoples, many tongues, yet one body in Christ.” (Dr. Joseph Chang)
– *What would it take for this vision to become a reality at CMBC?*
– *How might God be leading you to move in that direction?*
4. Counter-cultural Hospitality:
In what ways can you “invite Jesus in” by cultivating the habit of welcoming the nations? What are the barriers that prevent you from showing hospitality?
5. Mission Every Day:
“The most tangible expression of your love for God is talking about him. ... When you are sitting at home, taking your kids to the park, eating at a restaurant, or commuting to work, talk about God.” (Kevin King, *Living Out Loud*)
– *How can you integrate spiritual language into your everyday interactions?*
What opportunities do you have to pray for people and with people?

Practical Living – This Week's Application (choose one or more)

- Write or journal a prayer to pray daily:
- What posture is this text inviting me to practice? (i.e. waiting, listening, courage, generosity, humility, surrender):
- Write or journal a person or place to intentionally engage:

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Hebrews 12

2 Cor. 8:1-5
Matt. 5:43-45

Matt. 25:31-46

Deut. 6
John 13:33-35

Prayer Requests

Family
Church
Community
Career &
Friends
Other