

REDEEM CHURCH LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Wk Of October 21st 2018 - The Great Transition

This week we will be discussing the transition from Jesus ministry while he was on earth to Jesus ministry being entrusted to his followers without his physical presence with them.

* Open your group by discussing how this season of prayer and fasting has been. **Q?** Have you seen anything in you, around you or against you?....

* If you are comfortable, share 1 or 2 of your personal prayer targets...

Read the following passages and pay attention to these 3 ideas while reading: NOTICE:

- **WHY** JESUS CAME

- **WHO** HE CAME FOR

- **HOW** HE WAS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH HIS MISSION & MINISTRY

Read Aloud The Following Scriptures Back To Back:

Luke 4:18 *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*

Acts 10:38 *God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.*

Q? From these passages WHY did Jesus come to the earth? _____

Q? From these passages WHO did he come for? _____

Q? From these passages HOW was he able to accomplish his mission/ministry? _____

John 20:21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”

Q? What is Jesus communicating when he tells us that he is sending us “AS” the Father sent him? How does it impact the Purpose, Priority & Posture of our daily lives? _____

** Scripture reveals that Jesus didn't start his 3 year long public ministry until he was 30yrs old & he didn't begin until he was given the Holy Spirit at his baptism in Matthew 3:16.*

** Scripture does not specifically state why Jesus waited 30yrs to begin all that God sent him to accomplish.*

Q? What do you imagine some of the reasons would be for waiting this long? Are there any personal applications from the possibilities? _____

Q? If Jesus was “God” why did Jesus need the Holy Spirit to carry out his ministry & mission? _____

** In Matthew 28:19 & Mark 16:15 Jesus tells his disciples to “GO” ... Preach & make disciples... Yet we see in Acts 1 Jesus tells them to “WAITE” before they go.*

Acts 1:4 *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”*

Q? What does life, faith and ministry look like when we are neglecting our relationship & reliance on the Holy Spirit? _____

Acts 1:13-14 Says: When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Q? Why is it significant that their “waiting for the holy spirit” involved constant prayer? What can we learn or apply from this? _____

Close by praying for some Redeem & Personal Prayer Targets