

MISSION REFRESH '25 | WORSHIP, DISCIPLESHIP, EVANGELISM

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A. TEXT

(Mark 12:29, NLT)

29 “The ***most important commandment*** is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and ***only Lord***. 30 And you ***must love the Lord your God*** with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’

B. INTRO

What are we as disciples of Jesus and members of CLC, what are we doing day in and day out in response to the gospel?

C. WORSHIP

CI. WORSHIP IS TRUST IN THE MIDST OF DELAY

God’s word, God’s gospel, God’s promise has gone out, and God expects us to trust Him to fulfill that promise until it actually comes about and “faith becomes sight.”

(Ge 12:1, CSB)

The LORD said to Abram: ***Go*** from your land, your relatives, and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.

(Ge 12:4., CSB)

4 So ***Abram went***, as the LORD had told him

(Ge 15:6, CSB)

6 Abram ***believed*** (GNT, “***put His trust in***”) the LORD, and he ***credited it to him as righteousness***.

(Gen. 15:6, NET)

Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD considered ***HIS RESPONSE OF FAITH*** as proof of ***genuine LOYALTY***.

(Heb. 11:8-39, BHT, CSB)

8 It was **BY FAITH** that Abraham, when summoned to go to a place he would **later receive as an inheritance, OBEYED AND WENT**, even though he didn't know where he was going....10 He was **WAITING** for that city with her permanent "foundation stones," whose architect and builder is God...(CSB) 13 These (the list of people who were promised things from God but died before receiving them) all **DIED IN FAITH** (they died trusting that God would be faithful to His word) although they had not received the **THINGS THAT WERE PROMISED**. But they saw them from a distance, greeted them, and confessed that they were foreigners and temporary residents on the earth....(BHT) 39 And yet not one of these people, **although they received divine approval BECAUSE OF THEIR FAITH received what had been promised**, 40 because God, with us in mind, had made preparations for something superior...

(Rom. 4:22-24 BHT)

Now, the statement "[righteousness] was credited to him [Abraham]" was not written only for him, but also for us to whom it **IT IS GOING TO BE** credited, to those who **KEEP ON PUTTING THEIR FAITH** in the One who raised Jesus our Lord out from among the dead.

(Is 25:8-9, ESV)

8 **He will swallow up death forever...wipe away the tears...remove his people's disgrace from the whole earth...9 On that day** it will be said, "Look, this is our God; **WE HAVE WAITED for [NIV, "TRUSTED"] him, and he has SAVED US...Let's rejoice and be glad in his SALVATION**

C2. WORSHIP IS ALLEGIANCE IN THE MIDST OF DELAY

(Deuteronomy 6:4-15)

4 "**Listen**, Israel....5 **Love the LORD.....13 Fear** the LORD your God, **worship him (only, NASB)]4 Do not follow other gods**, the gods of the peoples around you, 15 for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God.

(Mt. 10:37, BHT)

37 If someone's LOYALTY to father or mother is greater than his LOYALTY he is not worthy of me.

(1 Cor. 16:22, BHT)

22 If someone is not LOYAL TO THE LORD, let him be cursed and set apart for utter destruction. Maranatha—our Lord, come!

(1 Thess. 1:9-10, NIV)

.....you turned TO GOD FROM IDOLS to SERVE the living and true God, 10 and to WAIT FOR HIS SON from heaven..... who RESCUES from the coming wrath.

D. DISCIPLESHIP

(Matthew 7:13-14, 24-27, CSB)

13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction...14 How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life....

D1. REPENTANCE

(Mark 1:14, ESV)

Jesus came....., proclaiming THE GOSPEL of God...saying, "...the kingdom of God is at hand REPENT and believe in THE GOSPEL"

(Acts 10:43, CSB)

.....through his name everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins.

D2. CONFORMING OUR LIVES TO OUR DESTINY

So the narrow path of discipleship starts with repentance, and the rest of discipleship, the rest of the actions we take on the narrow path; baptism, obedience, embracing martyrdom, etc, can sort of all fall under the umbrella of conforming our life to our destiny.

(Rom. 13:11–14, ESV)

...you know **the time**, that **the hour has come for you to wake from sleep**. For

salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. 12 The night is far gone; **the**

day is at hand. So then let us **cast off the works of darkness** and put on the armor **of**

light. 13 **Let us walk properly** (how?) **as in the daytime, not in** orgies and drunkenness,

not in sexual immorality and sensuality, **not in** quarreling and jealousy;

So live now according to what you meant to be in the beginning and what you most certainly will be in the end.

14 But **put on** the Lord Jesus [Messiah], and **make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires**.

E. EVANGELISM

E.1 WORDS

(Luke 14:23)

"And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and **compel**

people to come in, that my house may be filled."

E2. DEEDS

(Matthew 5:14-16, ESV)

...let your light shine before others, **so that they may see your good works and give**

glory to your Father who is in heaven.

F. CLOSE & RECAP