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TIME TO GO!

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“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
Matthew 28:16-20

Last week we began exploring the Great Commission from Mathew 28:16-20. This article focused on two items: Jesus’ authority and His command to go and make disciples. Jesus had

been given authority. Not just authority over matters of the heavenly/spiritual realm, or over church-y related stuff. Jesus has ALL authority. We need to give him control over every part of our lives! Therefore, when Jesus says go, we go. So, what is disciple making?

According to The Great Commission, there are two actions with making disciples. Absent these two ministries, we actually are NOT making disciples of Jesus Christ. Disciple makers baptize and teach.

In Methodism, baptism is a holy sacrament of the the church. A sacrament is something that is considered to be specially set apart for God’s purpose. We have two

sacraments: baptism and Communion. In Methodism, baptism is considered initiation into the church.

Succinctly, baptism is an outward sign of inward grace. In other words, the cleansing of water on the outside represents the cleansing of the Holy Spirit on the inside. Baptism is a public declaration of what God is doing internally.

Romans 10:9 declares, “...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Do you see this public (external) and private (internal) connection? As Martin Luther, encouraged Christians, so I encourage you today: “Remember your baptism and be thankful.”

HIGHLIGHTS

WORSHIP PASSIONATELY

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:24

Last Sunday, I mentioned that I was reflecting on our Global Methodist mission statement. Specifically, it is our mission to "worship passionately." I think we all (including me) need some work on passionate worship. To begin this process, I asked everyone to e-mail (pastoreric@onehopekc.org) or text me regarding the aspect of worship that you have experience that most connects you with God. This is not necessarily what One Hope needs to improve on, because we will continue to work on improving each part! The question is, historically for you, which part of worship tends to draw you deeper into worship. I look forward to hearing from you!

May our worship be passionate!
Pastor Eric

HOPE BUILDERS GROUPS



Hope Builders Groups are where we share our joys and challenges in our faith walk. Learn more about the structure of these groups. Read [The Class Meeting](#) by Kevin Watson. **You can check out a copy from the One Hope Church Library on Sundays.**

Click the link below to sign up for a group.

[Link to interest form](#)

NEW SERMON SERIES

**Resurrection:
Lessons from John the Apostle**

For the next series, we continue through the Book of John. John's account of Jesus' resurrection gives us some great insight about Jesus' teaching during the forty days before he ascended into heaven. Join us as we explore this unique connection of heaven and earth.



SERMON LINK

4/7

[Life After Death](#)

4/14

[Revealed](#)

4/21

[The Net](#)

4/28

[The Power of Grace](#)

WE MAY NEVER KNOW THE GOOD WE DO

Have you ever ventured into an unfamiliar place and felt uncomfortable and unsure what was going to happen? During the past two weeks members of the outreach team, Pastor Eric, and other church members, executed a plan to invite law enforcement officers throughout Johnson County to attend a special service on May 12, which is the first day of Police Week. This required many in the group to venture into places they have never been and meet people who were strangers. It can be very uncomfortable to do this. When doing outreach like this we need to keep God's word close to our heart. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you" (Deu: 31:6, NIV). We prayed the Holy Spirit was already at work in the officers we would invite.

Chaplain Ward Jenkins of the Overland Park Police Department met us at the first police station. He shared some of his experience and wisdom with us during this journey. The chaplain is a retired officer and spent his career with the Los Angeles Police Department. A story he shared is something we should take to heart. According to Chaplain Ward, while working as an officer with the LAPD, there was a gang war going on. One gang was the clear aggressor, and the other gang was mostly victims of the violence. To try to mitigate the violence the police took an approach of telling the "victim" gang members to go home for their own safety when they came across them.

The then, Officer Ward saw one of these gang members when on patrol and stopped to give him the message. The gang member told the officer about an incident that happened the previous day. He said he was standing in the same location, when one of the aggressor gang members saw him, and pointed a gun, point blank, right at his chest. He thought he was going to be killed, but at the same time a police car was down the street, and it turned in the opposite direction. The gunman saw the police car, lowered his gun, and left without shooting the victim.

Chaplain Ward pointed out that the police officer in the car was not him, and it was unknown who it was.

The officer driving that car had no idea what was going on, or what happened, but it was only because he was there that the murder was prevented.

The point he was making was that the people of One Hope Church should not worry or focus on how many, if any, officers accept this invitation. Rather, we may never know the "good" we have done just by being present. Chaplain Ward went on to say that whatever the outcome of this outreach our church is doing, the officers will know that we are recognizing their worth, expressing our love, and showing appreciation for their sacrifice. We have no idea what the outcome of this outreach effort will be. Only God knows, and we may never be made aware of the entire positive effect of visiting these departments.

Deacon Dana



Shawnee PD



Prairie Village PD



Fairway PD

WORSHIP SONGS

Opening Song

[I Will Follow](#)

Worship Song

[O Lord, You're Beautiful](#)

Song of Response

[Go, Make of All Disciples](#)

Hymnal #452

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone for continuing to share your time and talent for our activities on Sunday. Your participation is greatly appreciated by all who attended One Hope Church.

Volunteer Opportunities include Fellowship Time - Coffee or Treats, Hospitality, Tech Team, Prayers & The Lord's Prayer, Prayer Group, Music, Children's Church, and Clean Up.

Access the signup form:

[Sunday Volunteers](#)

May 5

Clean Up

Earl S.

Fellowship - Coffee & Treats

Laurie K.

Hospitality

Laurie K.

Music

Abie R.

Prayer Group

Earl & Sue S., Randall S., Bill F.

Tech - Audio

Lisa S.

PRAYER CONCERNS

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
~ *Philippians 4:6*

Prayers for:

Heartland Provisional Annual Conference area (Ardmore, Sulphur, & Marietta, OK) affected by tornados

Beth L., broken shoulder, Lisa S. sister

Carolyn E., broken femur and fingers

Texas Panhandle wildfires recovery

Jenna R., breast cancer, friend of Michelle G.

Lisa W., diagnosed with ALS, Bill F.'s niece

Global Methodist Church Heartland Conference

Heartland Global Methodist Church Annual Conference, May 30 - June 1

Global Methodist Church Convening General Conference 9/20-9/26/24 San Jose, Costa Rica

Israel & Ukraine

MAY BIRTHDAY

It's a joy to have reasons to celebrate and we'd like to add a new "twist". Instead of just celebrating the person we hope everyone will use this list as a reminder to pray for others in the church.

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Collin R.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Prayer | 8:30am

Worship | 9:00am

Children | 9:15am

Fellowship | 9:50am

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