

RECAP

In last weeks sermon, Brian shared that we've been invited in to be pushed out (thrown out). Cast out into the beautiful and breathtaking work of God. Cast out but with community, instruction, and authority to live On Mission.

In what ways were you able to live On Mission this week? Were there any opportunities for you to use your gifts and/or passions to demonstrate and declare the gospel?

IDEA 1

Jennifer started by asking the question “why do we need a King?”. Here were some of her responses:

- Because our hearts are not free
- Because our world is broken
- Because the pain is unbearable on our own

How would you respond to the question “why do we need a King?”

She also shared that “we must allow the Word of God to intersect our actual lives, not our imaginary lives.”

Why do you think we can be tempted in our spiritual journey to pretend everything is okay? To not bring our real selves to church or the Christian community that we find ourselves in?

What can we do to help ourselves and others overcome this barrier and encourage a real faith that is honest about our actual lives?

IDEA 2

Read Matthew 23:12-17

- Why do you think Jesus responded the way he did in the temple?

Our unexpected king is zealous for all people, for all nations, to have free access to salvation and worship.

- What are some of the barriers that we have erected that keep all nations at a distance from our lives/at church?
- What does it look like for us to partner with King Jesus to create space for all people from different cultural backgrounds in our lives/at church?
- What accommodations can we make to make them feel welcomed and at home?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Take time to pause as a Life Group and allow yourself to see and feel the reality of your life, not the imaginary life.

Ask Jesus what have you been:

- ignoring?
- avoiding?
- denying?
- missing?
- numbing myself to?

Tell Jesus how you feel, whether in your heart or out loud:

- Jesus, I feel...

Bring the realities of your life to Jesus in prayer as a Life Group

NEXT STEPS

As you reflect on the sermon and your discussion today, what do you sense God's invitation to you is? What next step is He encouraging you to take this week?