

WHAT *does it mean*
to FOLLOW JESUS?

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Jesus commissions
EVERY DISCIPLE
to be a
DISCIPLE-MAKER.

Matthew 10

WHAT IS THE MESSAGE ABOUT THE KING?

1. The king was promised.
2. The king came.
3. The king was crucified.
4. The king rose from the dead.
5. The king now reigns.
6. The king will return.
7. The king offers pardon.

HOW DO WE SPREAD THE MESSAGE ABOUT THE KING?

| | At home | At church | In the community |
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| One-on-one | Share the truth of the Bible as you talk with one of your children. | Work through Foundations with a new member, read the Bible & pray with another member. | Invite a friend to an evangelistic event, give a book, or have a water-cooler conversation. |
| Small group | Engage in regular family Bible reading & prayer. | Engage in a Sunday School class or a prayer breakfast. | Lead a 4-week read-through of Mark's gospel with a few neighbors. |
| Large group | Insert gospel content in how you lead in prayer at a family birthday or graduation party. | Lead in prayer, Scripture reading, teaching, or share a testimony. | Share the gospel in a college speech or in a community forum on religions. |

from *The Trellis and the Vine*, p. 56

DISCIPLESHIP INVOLVES DISCIPLING

1. As you speak the message about the king,
expect opposition.

“Few things do so much harm in religion as exaggerated expectations; people come to Christ thinking their lives will be easier, and when they don’t find what they were expecting, they are tempted to give up religion in disgust.”

“Happy is he who thoroughly understands that though Christianity holds out a crown in the end, it brings also a cross on the way.”

J. C. Ryle

DISCIPLESHIP INVOLVES DISCIPLING

2. As you speak the message about the king,
do not fear.

JESUS EXPLAINS
WHY YOU MUST NOT FEAR:

1. You'll be helped by God's Spirit (19-20).
2. You'll be vindicated by God (26).
3. You must only fear God (28).
4. You're highly valued by God (29-31).
5. You'll be acknowledged by Jesus (32-33).
6. You'll be rewarded (40-42).

“If you don’t need to fear
in times of great trials,
you certainly don’t need
to be afraid in times
of smaller trials.”