

## ENCOUNTER JESUS #23: John 14:1-14 THE POWER OF HIS PROMISE

Walt Disney died before Disney World in Florida was finally completed and open to the public. On opening day, Walt's wife, was invited to say a few words at the opening ceremony. On the big day, the MC said, "I wish that Walt could have seen this." In response Mrs. Disney simply said, "**He did see it. That's why it's here.**" Perfect illustration: To see a goal which doesn't yet exist and to have the conviction, drive and commitment to make it a reality.

- **No One does that better than God: not anim, cinema, theme park**

Thought think/breath/meal w/friends family laughter/stages growth old age – living R  
God's vision is so powerful that he writes it as a living story and expresses it as a promise. His eternal purposes are as good as done and they are all centered around Jesus His Son. **JOHN 14**

**MP:** God's vision has a mission, to rescue and renew a lost humanity and a fallen creation. A goal that He faithfully brings to pass through Christ, and His people, the church.

- **2 powerful truths – connected PROMISES HE MADE**

### **WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, WE ARE JESUS PEOPLE**

BELIEVE GOD – BELIEVE ALSO ME - Jesus (equal w/God – emphasized later) - CENTRAL

- **JEW:** GOD central to all life perm – fam/wrk/lei/desires/speak/think The meaning of life is bound up God. **MEANS TO BE CHRISTIAN – have ur life JC**

PRODUCES PEACE – DON'T HAVE A TROUBLED HEART – MORE THAN CHILL

State of peace in ur being as your life is now bound up the person of Christ. **HIS STORY**

- **HIS STORY IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THAN THE WORLD'S STORY**

You are a clump of cells that has developed into an organized system over centuries of evolution barreling towards an end of oblivion and nothingness. **Mis origin story and goal / not ur story**

You are living to be satisfied by the things of this world, or good moral living, or interpersonal relationships. As you constantly hungering for more, what the world offers will satisfy the deep-seated need in your heart. **Story doesn't deliver / NOT UR STORY**

- **U WERE:** Wound up, bound up, tied up in the cultures story – **UR: SET FREE**
  - o **We Are JESUS PEOPLE – we are his**

We are made by God and rescued by God to enjoy Him and the eternal renewal of all things while bringing as many people with us as possible.

### **WE CONTINUE CHRIST'S MISSION TO SEE FALLEN PEOPLE REDEEMED**

PICT: IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY MANSIONS – I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE

- **PIC OF HOUSE HE IS FILLING POPULATE PPL LIVE HIS ETERNAL PRESENCE**
- **ME ASPECT:** for me, my place **OTHERS ASPECT:** Big, Broad, Growing
  - o **That's what we are after as Jesus People.**

We are worshipers. Servants. Loving. Missional. WE LIVE CHRIST AND HIS MISSION

Missional Living: Ordinary people doing ordinary things with a deliberate desire to be a gospel influence.

SHARED VOCATION: carpenter and car salesperson, missionary and mom works from home, pastor and police officer, business owner bartender, **XIAN 1 MISSION GOD'S MIS**

## **REQUIRES A STRONG CHURCH – WE NEED TO BE A STRONG CHURCH**

We aren't strong just for us. We are strong to fulfill our purpose, to glorify God and continue the mission of Christ in rescuing people.

A godly vision is right for the time. It's right for the local church and the community that it's in. A godly vision promotes faith rather than fear, it motivates people to action, it requires taking risks. It is a vision that glorifies God, not people.

THE AUGUST WORD – Season of Strength - Key Team Working – Staff (what makes)

### **10 Keys to Strong Church**

1. Experiencing God's Presence
2. Grounded in Biblical Truth
3. Purpose-filled Missional Living
4. Being Spiritually Formed
5. Rooted in Prayer
6. Fearlessly Using our Spiritual Gifts
7. Following Spirit-led Leadership
8. Giving with Generosity
9. Having Hearts of Extreme Unity
10. Never Forsaking Transparency

### **PRAYER: Everything this year – teaching, events, missions, ministries ALL CONNECTED**

John 14:12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.