

## Israel Sunday with Todd Morehead

(Below is outline and flow of tomorrow's service)

PC says a few words about **Charlie Kirk incident** (amazing man and ministry)

- **He boldly proclaimed truth**, defended life, & inspired a generation to stand firm in their convictions... Charlie's work was rooted in the Gospel's call to justice, freedom, and moral clarity, and though his voice has been silenced on earth, his legacy endures through the lives he influenced, including yours. His mission hasn't ended. Even more, it's **been ignited**.
- **God is not distant in our pain**; He weeps with us, as He did at Lazarus's tomb. Let this sorrow draw you closer together as a church family, recommitting to the values Charlie championed: protecting the unborn, upholding family, and engaging the culture with courage and clarity.
- Trust that even in this darkness, God is sovereign, **turning what was meant for evil into good**.
- **Pray for his family**, for justice, and for **revival in our nation (world is getting darker)**. And hold fast to the hope that one day, all will be made right in Christ's kingdom. In times like these, we're reminded that our citizenship is ultimately in heaven, and that God's kingdom will prevail.
- Matthew 5:10-11 - "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."
- **Pray** (prayer up front after service...)

Powerful message last weekend from Jordan while I was out.

- Next week starting the book of Colossians. I pray in between books about any special services.
- PC announces Israel Sunday (image of "Israel flag" from Zach on screen)
  - **PC shares** about the team getting back from Israel (great trip!) Planning again...
- PC invites Todd to stage after giving a personal welcome: ("nice image" of Todd) (**no missions**)
  - **PC shares** about Todd: theologian, friend (15 yrs), surfer, etc (image: Todd w baby)
- Who is Todd & what is Grafted Ministries? ("Grafted Ministries" image and "family" image)
  - **Todd shares** about himself, the Grafted Ministry mission, & the three films.
    - (show image of each of three films as Todd talks about each of them)
- **Why** an Israel Service? (place image of "Israel flag" back on screen)
  - **PC shares** about this (Jewish: land, people, bible, blessings, Messiah!)
  - Romans 9:3-5 - "For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen."
  - Genesis 12:-1-3 - "The Lord had said to Abram: 'Get out of your country, from your family, and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. **I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**' **Todd to nuance...**
  - Psalms 122:6-9 - "**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem**: 'May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, prosperity within your palaces.' For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, 'Peace be within you.' Because of the house of the Lord our God, **I will seek your good.**" **Todd to nuance...**
- What is the goal of today's conversation?
  - (image on the screen: "Israel, The Jewish People, & Your place in God's Story")
    - (Note: this will be the main slide to stay up all service in between other slides)
  - **PC and Todd both to answer** this question...

- (Note: acknowledge sensitives, disagreements, battle of narratives, false images (Qatar), clarity in the church; some answers now; more answers at film tonight.)
- Give a brief history of Israel
  - Show clip from Promised Land Film (2:35 - 4:00)
  - Todd to share any comments and fill in any gaps... and PC to nuance...
  - (note: will fill in more gaps with video clip in lower section on Israel vs Palestine conflict)
  - (note: Israel becoming a nation again is a fulfillment of prophecy and a massive miracle)
- Who is TRUE Israel? (image of "circles of Israel" as a whole vs Israel of God)
  - Todd to share about this and how to describe Israel today. PC to nuance... Rom 9:6
    - (Note: distinguish: land, people, secular, orthodox, Messianic, Govt, military, etc | not all "Modern Israelites" are Jews (Muslim, christian, Druze, secular jews, etc))
  - PC to ask Todd - why don't the majority of Jews today believe Jesus is the Messiah?
- How do we distinguish between the church and Israel? (image of Olive tree illustration)
  - Todd to share about from Romans 11 (Jer 31:35-37 & Psalm 105)
    - (Note: the church has **NOT** replaced Israel. Talk about "replacement theology")
- God's future plan for Israel
  - PC to share about eschatology and Todd to nuance...
    - (Note: Time of Jacob's trouble, eternal/unconditional covenant, second gathering (Is. 11, Jer 30-33), dry bones (Ez. 37), gifts/callings irrevocable; all Israel will be saved (Rom 11), times of gentiles fulfilled (Luke 21), future witnesses (Rev 7,12))
- Address the modern state of Israel and Palestinian conflict.
  - Show clip from Hope in the Holy Land Film (12:36 - 16:40)
  - (note: discuss antisemitism (crusades/inquisitions), WW1 (Britain), WW2 (Holocaust), United Nations, Palestinians, Zionism, Modern day Free Palestine movement, etc.)
  - PC to ask TODD about this and his interviews and time spent w/ people in the land.
  - PC to nuance and share from my recent Israel trip
    - All living together. Christians, Muslims, Jews, Druze (working & recreating)
    - Jews used to be referred to as the "Palestinians" by the local Arabs at the time (Jews were the "original free Palestine movement" from British control)
    - Jews have experienced much antisemitism and persecution (from the church)
    - Oct. 7th changed the landscape from defensive survival to offensive/pre-emptive
    - Battle for Abraham's land (Jews, Muslims, and Christians). Promised to Isaac
      - Different from colonialism - this is about inheritance/right to existence.
      - Sadly, none of the Arab countries wanted their Arab Palestinian brethren.
  - (Note: Hamas vs civilians. Hamas charter to wipe the Jews off the face of the planet. A very difficult enemy to deal with hiding behind civilians. Recognize all people (including Palestinians & Hamas) made in image of God (Damascus road prayers!))
  - PC shares event 12 years ago. Rachel and Elias' image - **Jesus is the answer!**
- Address Q & A from church survey:
  - (Note: if running out of time, save for tonight...). Todd to address most of these:
    - Does supporting Israel mean blanket support for the Israeli government and all its actions? Is Israel perfect? What parts do we support vs not support?
    - What was it like to interview people who have hate for Jews and Christians?
    - Do you believe that Israeli politicians have supported and benefited from Hamas at the expense of the civilian population?
    - **Huh?** In Jay Sekulow's book he talks about lawfare, wagging war in the courtroom can you speak on updating us. And what is happening with the Palestinian campaign for the Academic and cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) and the Palestinian BDS National committee?
- What's our role in all of this? (Note: this is final item in our title slide "Your place in God's story")

- What does success look like for this ministry? What specific actions are you seeking to encourage? Todd to answer this Q's that came in from the survey.
  - PC to ask Todd about befriending Jewish community and reliable news sources
  - PC to share testimony of lady in airport - brought to tears that we still love Israel.

**Todd to close in prayer.**

- PC invites everyone to come back tonight at **6:00pm SHARP**
  - *(warnings about film content (no kids))*