

All of Jesus, in All of You, for All the World

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LUKE 22:7-20

PROPS:

- Picture of me, Danny, and Sonny in climbing magazine, and other pics.
- Truitt & Brave's big Lego creations with Box & instructions.
- "Paddle with ball on a string"

KIDS SERMON:

Who likes Legos? What was your best Lego Creation? This is Brave's most recent Lego set creation, and this is Truitt's most recent Lego Creation.

- Brave, where did you get all these Lego pieces to build this? Truitt, how did you know how to put it together?
- What do you need to build something like this? (Boxed set with Legos, instructions, a clean space...)

Do you have to prepare all those things yourself? Or are they prepared for you?

Just like Lego prepares everything you need to put together a Lego Set, your parents are going to learn that Jesus has prepared everything they need, to do what God called them to do. God doesn't just tell you to build a Millennium Falcon or a _____ He gives you everything you need to do what He's told you.

So make sure to ask your parents about their Sunday school lesson at lunch today. Let's pray.

Open your Bibles with me to Luke 22. We'll be here together for most of our message today.

Let's Pray

INTRO: Care "Be ready to fulfill your mission":

After four years of waiting, I was there. I was 23 years old, just graduated college, and I arrived in the bouldering capital of the world: Hampi, India. In college, my roommate Danny introduced me to rock climbing, and he and I spent our days climbing rocks all over the Midwest. So after college, we planned an epic trip to go to Hampi.

—> [India Picture](#)

Here's a picture of us. I'm the tall one, with big muscles, and a really big mattress looking thing on my back. That mattress looking thing is endearingly named, Big Mike. I brought Big Mike with me today. Big Mike is a crash pad, to fall on when you're trying to climb up those boulders. And you fall more than you don't, and the ground is really hard, so any seasoned climber knows how important it is to have a good crash pad.

So there I was, my first day in Hampi. Beautiful granite boulders, Rice paddies, monkeys that steal your backpack, and I got there a few days before my buddy, Danny, would fly out. And when I was getting ready for my trip, packing everything up, I looked at Big Mike and decided there was no way I was going to travel 13,000 miles to a developing nation with this guy in tow. I mean, would you!? So I brought Big Mike's baby brother instead... a small, little crash pad, and only an inch thick.

I get to Hampi, the first day, had breakfast, and met up with a group of Austrian's going out for a morning climb, & I put my little crash pad on my back and start up with them, and the leader of this group, notices my crash pad, and in the best English he has says in a disgusted voice "You flew all the way to Hampi, India and

only brought a towel to fall on!?” And instantly, I knew, I wasn’t ready for the type of climbing I was getting myself into!

So later that day, I picked up the phone, paid \$1 a minute to call Danny who was flying out the next day, and said “hey man, sorry about this but... you need to bring Big Mike for me...” I had gone to India, and I wasn’t ready. I prepared the wrong way.

Getting ready is important. Being prepared is necessary. Do we have any boy scouts here? ... what’s your motto? _____ (Be prepared).

Before you can do pretty much anything, especially anything important, you have to get ready for it, and prepare correctly. Which brings us to the first truth we’ll see in our passage today.

—> Before you go make disciples, you gotta be prepared.

Our Scripture reading today was the Great Commission. It’s your mission, and it’s mine. Over the next few weeks we’ll see how each of our passages are preparing us to Go Make disciples, who make disciples. Because that’s what we do. As a church

Every Sunday, a team of 25 of you disciple nearly 100 kids in Sunday school

—> Picture of Sunday school classes

Every Wednesday, 50 of you disciple over 100 kids at AWANA

—> Picture of AWANA

Every Tuesday and Thursday 6 of you disciple over 50 youth.

—> Picture of Youth Group

Every Sunday, over 30 visitors join us for church and we are all disciplined through the preaching of God’s Word.

Our Good News Club team is sharing the gospel and discipling 26 elementary students every Tuesday at Kainalu Elementary...

—> Picture of Good News Club

And as a church we’re making disciples in Uganda with the 215 kids you sponsor to receive a Christian education and a meal in Jesus’ name.

—> Picture of Uganda

And the list goes on...

We are a church on the GO... and we are GOING and making disciples everywhere... amen!? ... Have you joined us? Are you on mission with us? ...

Perhaps you’re here and that sounds great, you want to do something for God, you want your life to echo into eternity, and you find yourself asking the question ...

< “How do you go and make disciples? What do you need to prepare?” ... & this is the question our passage is answering today... “How do you prepare to fulfill the Great Commission?” What do you need to Go Make Disciples? >

Review:

I've been preaching a series called, Meals with Jesus, and we've looked at 7 meals that Jesus shares with others in the Gospel of Luke. And those 7 meals were in preparation for today's meal... and in each of these meals, Jesus is getting rid of the DISTRACTIONS, that keep you and I from rightly seeing Jesus...

He's been removing the distraction of Good things that get in the way of God things in your life... He will even remove God's Work if its distracting you from God's Word... and He's getting rid of these distractions so that His people, so that You, can receive from Jesus what you actually need to be prepared for the Great Commission...

Prepare

Luke 22. A little context of our meal today... Jesus and His disciples have journeyed to Jerusalem, Jesus is moments away from His crucifixion, but before He goes to the cross, He wants to celebrate the Passover, the highest Jewish feast of the year, but the disciples don't have a home in Jerusalem to celebrate, so Jesus sends Peter & John to prepare the meal, but notice how little Peter and John actually prepare, themselves.

—> Luke 22:7-10 Then came the first day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. And Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it. They said to Him, “Where do You want us to prepare it?”” And He (Jesus) said to them, “When you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house that he enters.

Peter & John didn't prepare the location. Peter and John didn't prepare the heart of the host to be hospitable. Jesus prepared those things. All the disciples did, was ... GO... and meet him. But the disciples can at least pick the room to have Passover in, right?

—> Luke 22:11-12 And you shall say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?”’ And he will show you a large, furnished upper room; prepare it there.”

The disciples don't even pick the room... Jesus did that, and Jesus made sure He picked a room that had furniture. The Parallel passage in the Gospel of Mark (Mark 14:15) says this room was not only furnished, but it was also READY! So what did Peter and John actually prepare?

—> Luke 22:13 And they left and found everything just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

I guess they put the food together, great job guys, *light clap* they really did a lot there ... No, Jesus did all the hard preparations... Peter & John just had to follow through on what Jesus already set up.

In these 7 verses leading up to our meal, the word “Prepare” is used 4x, And the repetition of the word “prepare” clues you in that this is a passage about being prepared.

And the Greek word that's used is

—> **ἐτοιμάζω** hetoimazō “make ready”

Like Truitt & Brave's lego sets in the kids sermon. They put the Lego set together, they really did the work. But it was the Lego company that prepared everything for them in succeed. All the pieces were in the box, the instructions were step by step, and there's even a picture of the final product... all my boys had to do was put it together, hetoimazo.

In the same way, Jesus has already prepared everything you need to go and make disciples. You don't have to figure it out, He's given you the lego box!

Apostle Paul explains it this way in

—> Ephesians 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God PREPARED beforehand so that we would walk in them.

That word “Prepared” comes from the same Greek word in our passage today. God has provided, He has prepared, everything you need to do His Work. You just gotta do it.

But not only has He prepared everything for you, He has also given you the desire and the energy, to follow His instructions to do it!

—> Phil. 2:13 for it is God who is at work in you both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

😊 Its God who gives you the desire, and the energy to do His Work. It's all His doing. He is so kind and generous! I'm so grateful He is.

Which brings us to our 2nd truth today.

—> Jesus has given you all you need: _____
< Everything you need, Jesus has already prepared for you. >

< While you may be convinced that Jesus has given you all you need to make disciples, you may find yourself wondering, What is it that He gave you? >

Let's move forward in our passage to the actual meal that Jesus shared with His disciples...

—> Luke 22:19 And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me”

The bread - Jesus' Body, given for you. What more does a man have to give than His very own body? He didn't just give His efforts, His affections, His time, His miracles... Jesus gave His actual body, and He only has one of those!

But His body isn't the only thing that Jesus gives in this passage.

—> Luke 22:20 And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.”

Not only His body, but His blood too! Poured out for you. Jesus gave you All of Himself. And He's asking you to do something with it... Jesus says “DO THIS in remembrance of Me.” DO THIS. Do what? What do you have to do when someone gives you something? **If I gave you a Christmas present, you'd have to receive it otherwise the gift would go to waste.**

😊 Same thing with Jesus. He's giving you the gift of All of Himself. It's that simple and that beautiful

—> Jesus has given you all you need: Himself.
He's given you everything, how much of Jesus have you received?

One way Christians throughout church history have understood what it means to receive Jesus... is by replicating a portion of this meal we are discussing today, and we call that communion. You eat the bread. You drink the cup. You remember Jesus... But throughout Church History, Christians have made it really complicated, any Amens in the room?

We've complicated it with big words like Transubstantiation, and consubstantiation, the real presence view... is the bread and the cup the actual body and blood of Christ, or does it represent Him, or is it a mystery? ... but instead of all that, what if its something simpler...

Anyone ever eaten a spicy burrito before? Or drank a cup of coffee? Morning Brew has the best black coffee in Kailua... public service announcement... But when you drink coffee, the coffee goes in you, and your body starts absorbing that coffee, and in some ways your body becomes what you consume, and you can't tell where in your body that coffee is, unless someone smells your breath.

Listen, if you drink coffee, you'll have coffee breath. If you eat Jesus... maybe you'll get Jesus breath. *chuckle* Quote of the sermon... have more Jesus breath!!

JESUS WANTS TO BE ONE WITH YOU! And He gave All of Himself, not to be in part of you, but to be in All of You! Which is why we He gave us communion,

Which reveals the next truth from our passage today.

—> Jesus wants all of Him to be in all of you.

All of Jesus in All of you. And the more you let Jesus into all of your life, the more you and Jesus become one... and you start having better Jesus breath :)

You know communion is a really holy moment. There's something special that we experience. But sometimes we come to the communion moment, and we get it wrong...

Up until honestly a few years ago, I got bummed when it was Communion Sunday. It meant church was going to go "late"... and its not like communion is a fun experience either. The pastor would tell me to confess my sins, and to think about people in the church I need to apologize to... or worse yet, I got bored waiting for everyone received the bread and the cup. And now that I'm a dad, with 4 wiggly kids holding those little cups, I just try to keep them from spilling that juice on my pants before I preach! ... :) Any other dads have juice stains? The White Grape Juice stains a lot less... pro tip 😊

But to my own shame, growing up I thought of communion as a "waste of time" that I was just checking the box because thats what Jesus said to do.... What a tragic way to "do this in remembrance of me."

There's a scary warning in Scripture for coming to the Communion Table with the wrong motivation.

—> 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep (which also means die).

This verse is a hard verse. I'm not going to go into the depths of it today, but I share it only to make a point that I needed to hear years ago, and perhaps you need to hear it today... When you come to the communion table, Jesus desires you to come with a repentant heart, striving to be One with Jesus and united with others.

And if you don't, you're in a pickle. Because as a follower of Jesus, you're commanded to celebrate communion. "DO THIS" Jesus says... but if your holding sin in your heart, watch out! ... Communion Sunday

gives you a choice to make... Are you going to avoid holy communion? Or will you turn away from darkness, from that sin.

- Maybe you sense God convicting you to give up a pointless pastime... spending hours playing video games, or maybe you have a screen time report on your phone that you're embarrassed of... what will you do?
- Maybe God is calling you to tithe and give a financial offering faithfully. Even when its sacrificial. What will you do?
- Perhaps God is inviting you to apologize to a loved one who's hurt you, but you've hurt them as well... What will you do?

😊 Do you want Jesus breath or not? ... Every time you celebrate communion, you have a definitive moment that Jesus is inviting you to receive All of Him, in all of you. < PAUSE > What will you do?

Pastor Perry shared it with me this way. You got a paddle with a ball on a string. Jesus is the paddle. You're the ball. Communion is the string. You're prone to getting distracted, so am I...

Things get busy at work *Boing* The kids get busy with sports *boing* The waves are firing on the Westside *Boing* The waves are firing on the Eastside *Boing Boing* ... and you get distracted

But just like this little string pulls the ball back to the paddle, so the Body of Christ pulls you back to Christ... Does that make sense? Communion gives you a physical, visible, tangible, edible, social reminder that you and Christ are to be one. All of Jesus in All of you.

I've heard that for some of you, communion Sunday is the one Sunday that you make sure you're here. There's a regala, a sporting event, a beach day... but if its the first Sunday of the month, Communion Sunday, you make sure to be a part of the Body of Christ as you eat the Body of Christ.

Still others of you celebrate communion in your home with friends and loved ones, and that's beautiful.

Communion is where you come to receive Christ. How much of Him have you said received?

< Having seen that Jesus wants all of Him in all of you, what does it look like to be one with Jesus? What happens when you have Jesus breath? >

Church

As you receive all of Jesus, as you receive the Body of Christ... you become... the Body... of... Christ. And in some mysterious way, you being the body of Christ is intricately tied to you eating the bread of communion. Paul teaches in

—> 1 Corinthians 10:17 "Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread."

Which gives us our last truth from our passage today.

—> As you receive the body of Christ, You become the Body of Christ.

And Paul goes on to describe how we, the Body of Christ, operate as a single body, made up of many different members.

—> 1 Corinthians 12:14-20 For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot says, 'Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body,' it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. And if the ear says, 'Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body,' it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. If

the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. If they were all one member, where would the body be? But now there are many members, but one body.

Just like in your body, every member of this body, KCC, has a crucial role to play.

My buddy Sam Kaylor became part of this body during Covid, and one of His first weeks here, he came up to me and said Pastor Pete, I want to contribute to this body but I don't want to teach Sunday school and I don't play an instrument... so I responded..."Phhh... Get out of here!" :) No, I asked him how he wanted to contribute, and he said he has a heart for helping the church, in a practical way, outside this campus. And I actually responded "Get out of here!? We need that!" Because we had so many needs as a church outside this campus that we hadn't been able to care for until Sam started contributing to this body.

So Sam started the "Helping Hands" Servant team, which 20 of you are on, and you've helped widows mow their grass & fix their fences. You've helped church members move from one home to another, you've cut down overgrown trees... You've brought hospital beds to elderly homes. When the Body of Christ operates in this way, people get blessed and lives get changed.

Sam just deployed last week, he's gone for 6 months. *We're praying for you brother!* And there's no one who has stepped up to lead this team. Perhaps God's calling you to step in. Lemme know. We need you!

But Sam is just one body part. Recently, I was curious how many of us it takes to operate this church as well as we do. So I counted. And I could only count how many of you serve this body in an official capacity through volunteering in an organized KCC ministry that we track... so my count doesn't include those of you who love your neighbors well, or faithfully work at your job, or those of you who care for your family... it's just a count of volunteer positions in this church that have been filled with a name. And I counted that there are **264** volunteer positions filled, that operate this church. 264! Wow...

but hold your applause... Because if that doesn't make a difference in eternity, then we're all just wasting our time, and ain't nobody got time for that.

So what does 264 volunteer positions do for eternity? When we are the body of Christ, what lasting impact do we have on our community!? You ready!? Last year, 2022... when this church operated as it did, 33 eternal destinies were transferred from death, into life. 33 salvations... and 29 people declared publicly their salvation and were baptized!

When you are the Body of Christ, Disciples get made. Lives are changed. Kailua is transformed.

Will you receive, all of Jesus, in all of you?

Let's pray.