

What Lies Ahead

Part 1: The Church's Problem
Episode 59 || May 16, 2021



Main Points

Our personal preferences have blinded us to our shared purpose.

People who place a shared purpose above their personal preferences can change the world.

Because Jesus has authority over everything he has a purpose for everyone.

The purpose of Jesus Followers is to reproduce followers of Jesus on purpose.

We've made Following Jesus about a preferred weekly event not a life of shared purpose

The new future desperately needs Jf's who choose to make their life about God's revolution.

Weekly Challenge

Read Acts 1-12 this week.

Ask: *Have I been committed to the mission or to preference?*

"Show Notes" Resources & Links:

Let us know you're here!
Transcript || Kids Stuff || Podcast

Social Media Giveaways:
This week: [Shaka Brah](#)
Last week: [Ankeny Vineyard](#)

Donate to Crosscreek & keep a good thing goin'

Music we listened to:
[Heart Songs](#)- Weezer
[Mack the Knife](#)- Bobby Darin
[Wait for It](#)- Hamilton Soundtrack

Recommended Resources:
[Future Church](#)- Mancini & Hartman
[Irresistible](#)- Stanley
[Evangelism in the Early Church](#)- Green

Outdoor Party RSVP
Sunday, May 23rd, 4:30pm

May FOR Salem Opportunity
[Meals FOR Teachers](#)

Suggested Bible Reading:
Acts 1-12

Message Passages

Saul was one of the witnesses, and he agreed completely with the killing of Stephen. A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria. (Some devout men came and buried Stephen with great mourning.) But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison. But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.

Acts 8:1-4

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Discussion Questions

1. How have you seen God working this week?
2. What stood out to you most in this week's message? Were there any portions that were confusing or bothersome? Discuss reactions and highlights together.
3. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What is your first reaction to the "Great Commission?" What might it practically look like for this to be a guide for both your personal life and the overall life of the Church?
4. As you consider Jesus' command to his followers, how can your group pray for you this week?