

Sunday 11th October 2020 CCH All Age Service

- Welcome
 - masks on (except exempt)
 - stay put in seats
 - no singing! (humming)
 - socialising only in 6's! (café)
- Welcome
 - great to see you
 - Verse: "In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge".
 - That means Jesus tiny bit like a box full of **treasure**!
- Song: Jesus is greater than the greatest heros.

Jesus like Treasure? Why

Here are some of things adults been learning this term from Colossians.

- **RUBY**, giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light Col 1:12. **WAY** to Heaven.
- **BAR OF GOLD**. The Son is the image of the invisible God Col 1:15. **TRUTH** about God.
- **DIAMOND**! For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. **Col 1:13,14 LIFE**
- **Way**, Truth Life.
- Jesus is wonderful treasure chest. All the treasure is in **HIM**! Do you see that?
- Why would you ever move away from him?!

NEED TO SAY SORRY.

- *Other things get in way? Did for me.*
- **Birthday & Anniversary week.**
- Tee up the response for the children **Leader:** *In your mercy, forgive us: **Together:** Lord hear us and help us.*
- **Leader:** Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.
- **Together: Lord, hear us and help us.**
- We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us.
- **Together: Lord, hear us and help us.**
- We have lived for this world alone, and ignored you. In your mercy, forgive us.
- **Together: Lord, hear us and help us.**
- **Assurance** For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Col 1:13-14 NIV

Reading from Mary (Col 2:6-8). (STEP)

Talk Part 1- MAKE JESUS KING

Thanks Mary for that **reading**. It's a wonderful book, and it's great to learn from Colossians together from these verses. They tell us 2 really important things. They tell us how to **start** in the Christian life, and they tell us how to **continue** in the Christian life. v6,7.

Let's look at how to start: **MAKE CHRIST KING!** //

Lord- Messiah. King. You start with Jesus as King.

Not church. Not be nice. Do religious things.

King! Ask him to be in charge & do what he says!

Different HEAD OF STATE on the screen **x3**.

Which Country? Jesus is King of the Universe.

King over all. The one who brings rescue. Creator of Everything.

I wonder if anyone has started following Jesus as King. Is he **KING OF YOU?**

But the big question is what next? How do you continue.. **KEEP JESUS KING**

We'll find that out in a minute, first a song... **SONG: I'M FOLLOWING THE KING**

Talk Part 2... KEEP JESUS KING- CONTINUE WITH JESUS

- Well we've thought about how you begin in the Christian life. You make Jesus King. How do you continue? Very simple- you **Keep Jesus King!**
- That means 2 things. **1** **2** **blank**. //
- Oh Hi Linda, **how are you?**
- **I'm fine thanks Charlie.**
- And for those who haven't met him- **who is this?**
- **This is Sidney. He's an Orangutan.**
- What do you both think of our new place for **Church?**
- **(Sidney whispers) Sidney reckons it's great, and he wants to have a bounce on the bouncy castles.**
- Well maybe later on.
- Are you **peckish** Linda?
- **No- I just had my breakfast.**
- Well I fancy some toast. Here's what I do- I put my toast in the toaster. (waits around)
- **(Sidney whispers) Sidney says Keep going! you're supposed to eat it as well. You've got to continue!**
- Ah yes- that's right, I can't just stop there. *I've got to continue.* I've got to keep going and eat it. (Oh not very tasty- a bit plastic)
- **(Sidney whispers) Sidney says do you want to play a game?**
- Sure that would be great Sidney. What is it?
- **It's Top Trumps.**
- Cool I love top trumps. Which version? **Thomas the tank engine.** OK, great- I play this at home, so it should be OK.
- **(Sidney whispers). Speed 10 etc.**
- Ah. you got me. Speed 6. Here you go- here's my card. I'll just sanitise it for you! Your turn.
- **(Sidney doesn't do anything)**
- Erm Sidney your go. Keep going. You have to continue!
I don't think Sidney understands.
You have continue!
- **(Sidney) Adventure 9.**
- You beat me again- here you go. (Sanitise with a spray)
- **(Sidney waits then he suggests a game of snap).**
- Sidney do you know how to play this game? You don't just do the card thing once, you keep doing it. You've got to keep going. And you can't stop and do something different, *you have to continue!*
- Ahh. Linda, do you know that reminds me of this verse we are looking at in Colossians. **v6-7.**
- You don't just start out with Jesus as Lord, you *have to* **continue** with Jesus as Lord.
- A Christian is someone who puts their trust in Jesus. They receive him as the Lord. They make Jesus King.
- But they don't stop there. They keep Jesus King! They continue with Jesus.
- **(Sidney whispers). Sidney says he's got a question.**
- That's great Sidney- go for it.
- **(Sidney whispers). What do you need to keep going as a Christian?**
- Well actually Sidney, right back in week 1 we told the story of **Ollie the Oak Tree**. (put on screen) Does that ring a bell?
- **(Sidney whispers) He says he was on his Ipad.**
- Brilliant- you were on your ipad watching church?
- **(Sidney goes rather quiet, and then nods "no").**
- Ah- you were on your ipad but playing a game.
- **Yes he was playing Minecraft.**
- OK no problem, it's easy to get distracted.

Look why don't I show you that powerpoint now if you'd like that?

- Yes please.
- Charlie reviews Olly the Oak tree powerpoint.
- There was once a little oak tree who had recently grown from a tiny acorn. His name was Olly. He was now a small chap just a few centimetres high, and longed to grow as big as his dad- the mighty Oak at the foot of the garden.
- So he asked his friends the badger the squirrel and the owl what he needed to do to grow.
- "Aha", said the badger, "you need this new potion I saw down at the garden centre- **"Grow for it"**. It's full of chemicals and additives and apparently you'll be a giant in no time".
- "What like Olive the olive tree?" the little oak replied, "we know what happened to her" and he glanced mournfully over to the compost heap where Olive was graciously decomposing.
- "No no" butted in the squirrel, "you need to ask the gardener to fix a few pine cones on you, then you'll grow as big as a pine tree". There was a pause... "I'm not sure that's going to work" said the little oak.
- But the owl who was very wise, paused and looked into his laptop, simply asked him a question. "What did you need to sprout from an acorn at the start?" The little oak scratched his treetop and didn't know, so he asked the Owl to look it up on google. "The answer is, water, air, nutrients and sunshine".
- So what are you going to need to grow more? "Erm, more water, air, nutrients and sunshine?"
- "Exactly" said the owl. **"Stick with what you started with"**.
- [What he needed at the beginning is what he still needs now].
- You start by making Jesus King, you continue by Keeping Jesus King. That's how you grow!

- Actually Linda, Sidney's had most of the limelight up til now. Can I ask you a question. How did you become a Christian?
- [change as you need: Well about 30 TESTIMONY].
- That's brilliant Linda- now you know from this verse what you have to do. You need to keep going with Jesus as your King.
- In fact there are 3 pictures in the verse that help us do that- I'll put them on the screen.
 - Rooted- like a tree. A tree doesn't move around, it just continues to grow.
 - Built up- As Christians we get built up with the teaching from the Bible. (building site)
 - Overflowing- like a waterfall. Overflowing with thankfulness, because of what Jesus has done. (waterfall)
- Do you see- you don't need to do something totally new, you just need to continue with Jesus as Lord. CONTINUE TO LIVE IN HIM!
- Continue with Jesus
- Reading the Bible and coming to Church is going to really help, because those things point you back to the teaching about Jesus so that you can continue to grow.
 - It's not so easy coming to church these days with Coronavirus.
 - But we still have the Great Sunday Morning Adventure Online, and maybe parents can read a children's bible with their kids to remind them how great Jesus is.
 - There's something else we'll see in a minute. Don't get kidnapped
 - But for now I'll hand over to Gilbert the Guitarist (you may have seen him on the GSMA).

TALK PART 3. KEEP JESUS KING- DON'T GET KIDNAPPED

RECAP the first points- as a Christian you've got to keep going as you started- with Jesus as your King. Continue with Jesus- KEEP CHRIST KING. That's the positive. What we should do. But in the next verse there's a negative. What would ever stop us from being a Christian. The answer is in v8.

v8

Well there's something important there that we shouldn't do. We musn't get taken captive. +ve and -ve We musn't get kidnapped. blank

[Linda and Sidney arrive looking terribly upset]

- Linda what's the problem? You look worried.
- It's Poppy.
- Who's Poppy?
- He's Sidney's little cousin. she's missing.
- What? Where did you last see her?

- It was at the start of the service.
- Oh don't worry, he's probably just helping Jonathan with the tech desk. Is he there? (no!) Maybe he's helping Dan with the video camera at the back (is he there? No).
- (Sidney whispers) Sidney thinks it's more serious than that.
- What?
- He thinks she's been kidnapped.
- Yikes- kidnapped in a church service. Well we have the track and trace list- so it must be someone here. Has anyone kidnapped Poppy?
- (found under Martha's chair) Ah. Poppy wasn't kidnapped- she was just playing with her brother, little Sidney under Martha's chair!
- Phew Poppy I'm glad you are safe!

- Do you know Linda, that reminds me about this verse.

It says see to it that no-one takes you captive- that's like being kidnapped. We need to Continue with Jesus, and watch out for people who might say that we don't need Jesus any more.

Getting kidnapped in real life is a serious business. And getting kidnapped in our faith is even more serious.

Paul says, make sure you don't get taken captive

Hollow and deceptive philosophy that depends on human tradition

I wonder what that might look like.

1. Maybe you've got a friend at school who says that Jesus is just make believe, and that. Well don't get kidnapped! Continue with Jesus.
2. Maybe you've started playing Rugby on Sunday, but that takes you away from church. Well how are you going to make sure you continue with Jesus?

3. Maybe you've heard that if you really believe in Jesus, you'll never get sick. That's not true- Don't get kidnapped- Continue with Jesus.

- Maybe when it comes to Family bible time, you just want to play on your Xbox. An Xbox is great. But Jesus is even better- the way the truth the life. Don't get kidnapped! Linda and Sidney and Poppy- it's been great to see you. Thanks for your help.
- That's OK Charlie.... (Sidney is whispering). He says would you like another game of top trumps?
- Oh maybe later Sidney that would be great. We can play it with Little Sidney and Poppy too.

Continue with Jesus, Don't get kidnapped! **Ronnie & Chits prayers.**