

Outline for the six messages for Created to Live SENT

One is done

Three is done

The Journey

Week 2

Created to Live SENT, Message Series

Invitation to join the six week spiritual growth initiative

You are here—great, commit to all six weeks

Participate in a small group, they are tracking along with the messages

Read the book backwards

Sign up for the devos

Tell one local story that is unfolding from week 1

Your spiritual life is a journey. Enjoy the journey. The goal is not just to draw a straight line from here to heaven and then to bow your neck and try as hard as you can to get there. God wants you to discover the joy of His presence and to delight in a relationship with him.

Illustration:

My dad drawing a straight line and driving as far and fast as he could go. He tried to set new land speed records for pit stops. We would have fun when we got there.

How many had a dad like that? I thought when I grow up I'm going to enjoy the journey.

Wreck outside of Dawson Creek, I put on my seatbelt for God, "I have a plan for your life."

Have you ever had a near death experience?

God has a plan for your life.

Jeremiah 29:11 I know the plans I have for you, plans for good and not for evil. God is for you.

Ps 139:17, 18 How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!

You are on a journey. Where is it headed? Are you cooperating with God's plan?

There is a spiritual tug of war going on between living for self and living SENT

Who wins?

You and God are a majority but you've got to pull with Him

The Spiritual formation napkin

Exploring (there is a decision point here to accept Christ)

Beginning

Growing (there is a decision here to make Jesus LORD)

SENT define it : "living the Jesus' life"

Where are you? Where do you want to be? What decisions are you making?

Let's say you chose to begin. Commit to the journey to be like Christ.

Jesus said "Follow me." The goal is to be "like Christ"

Illustration of Rick Keaton, I'm committed to grow to be like Christ

You can do it.

Intro the 3Ls and use the SENT circle

Love God, Love People, Live Out these blend together to produce a life that is living SENT

Do you want to try to remember the directions or do you want to walk with the Guide?

Landing Place: You grow to be like Christ by inviting Him to live in you and live through you. Enjoy the journey. Take the next step

Prayer

Next Steps Participate in a small group, they are tracking along with the messages

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3. Love God

My experience in “Love Park” What does the future hold for these boys?

They have no chance unless they experience the radical love and grace of Jesus

Isn't that true for all of us? Some of us are just more aware of our need.

Eph 2:8, 9 For by grace you are saved through faith

They need to find “amazing grace”. They need to find true love

There is only one person who can change their destiny Jesus

There is only one person who can change your destiny Jesus

Some of us here need to commit to be that person of live, who is living SENT, for others.

Some of you are finding amazing grace: Progress report-share some bright spots in the spiritual growth initiative

- People getting into groups

- Decisions for Christ, people signing up for baptisms

- People passing around the daily devotions on fb

- Eph 3:20 – greater than you can ask or imagine

Intro SENT circle—commit to grow to be like Christ, to live SENT

Review the 3Ls. Usually people feel like they are stronger in one and weaker in another

Use the SENT circle

Today's focus: Love God

First Great Commandment – Matthew 22:36-38

Learning to love God is much like beginning a human relationship

Illustration: Rebecca's story

Love = time examples: prayer (talking), Bible study (listening), spiritual disciplines (effort to draw close), journaling (love notes).

This kind of love relationship is what the Bible calls worship.

We worship One on one in the ways we've just mentioned

Worship with others, in Sunday gatherings or in groups

Worship as a lifestyle, Rom 12: Present your body to God which is your reasonable act of worship

Closing illustration: Jesus didn't die so you could know about Him. He wants you to know Him, to experience Him, to love Him with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength.

He gave all of Himself, He wants all of you—nothing less.

He wants a "first love" experience Rev 2:4

Heat up the beaker of your life until you reach the boiling point, the point of transformation

Landing Place: Invite God to breathe a fresh breath of His Spirit on the flame of your life

4. Love People

5. Live Out

6. SENT