

# Living the Abundant Life

## By Changing the World

*When you're a child, you think you can do anything. When you're a young adult, you think you can change the world. But it seems that by the time most people get to their end of life, the most common and the biggest regret is that they never got it done. Jesus promised a full and abundant life. Jeremiah promised that God has a plan for each one of us. And the Gospels remind us that we're expected to change the world ... and that the church has been given the tools, the gifts, and the power to do so. In this week's conversation, we'll shatter the myths that are keeping us from reaching our destinies. Living the Abundant Life by Changing the World.*

John 17:20-26

1. Jesus' purpose was to \_\_\_\_\_ the world to God.
2. Unity with God isn't a warm, fuzzy – unity means \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Your \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_ are the tools given to accomplish your purpose.
4. Your work is your most \_\_\_\_\_ and most \_\_\_\_\_ testimony to your Christianity.
5. Unity with \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ is the abundant life.

### ***My Count Me In! Commitments***

- I'll be here next Sunday
- I'll invite a friend
- I commit to unity with God through study, prayer, and connection
- I will align my work with the work of God
- I will participate in the Raytown Day of Prayer

### **Additional Notes**

# Digging Deeper, Going Further

## Monday

**Read:** Exodus 17

1. What did God tell Moses to do in order to relieve the Israelite's thirst?
2. Why did Moses call the altar he built "The Lord is my Banner"?

**Reflect:** How are you able to maintain your faith journey when times get tough?

## Tuesday

**Read:** Exodus 18

1. Why did Jethro declare that LORD was greater than all other gods?
2. What did Jethro recommend as the qualifications for a faithful judge?

**Reflect:** What qualifications do you think are reasonable to require for a leader of the church?

## Wednesday

**Read:** Exodus 19

1. What were the requirements God put on Israel if it was to remain God's "treasured possession"? (4-6)
2. Who all did God allow to approach him on the mountain?

**Reflect:** The Israelites were told to prepare themselves to be in the Lord's presence. How do you prepare yourself when you appear before the Lord in worship?

## Thursday

**Read:** Exodus 20

1. What did God promise to do for those who love him and keep his commands?
2. Why were the people afraid to see the power of God?

**Reflect:** Which of the command do you have the most difficulty living up to?

## Friday

**Read:** Exodus 21

1. Why do you think the penalty for cursing your parents is so harsh? (17)
2. How much was the life of a servant worth? (32)

**Reflect:** What is common throughout these laws is to compensate victims for their loss whenever possible. How is this different than the way we practice justice in the US?

***Saturday: Who will you invite to worship with you tomorrow?***