ALDERWOOD

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Sunday, November 29, 2026

Guest Speaker: Damian Thompson
Local GO Sunday
Title: What mattered to Jesus?

1. **<u>Fulfilling the will of the Father</u>**
    - Being in daily relationship with him
        - Time with his dad was non-negotiable
        - Establishing the value of the relationship
    - Being the image and fullness of him
        - Fulfilling prophecy
            - Luke 4:18-19
            - Col 1:15-20
        - Imitating the Father (I do nothing I have not seen my father do)
            - John 5:19
            - John 8:26
    - Being in full submission to him
        - Phil 2:5-8
        - Luke 22:42
2. **<u>Restoring mankind</u>**
    - Seeing the marginalized
        - Women (Luke 10:38-42)
        - Children (Mark 10:13-16)
        - Societal outcasts
            - Samaritans (John 4)
            - Tax collectors (Luke 19:1-10)

- Restoring dignity to the broken
    - Caught in adultery (John 8:1-11)
    - Leper healed (Luke 5:12-16)
- Setting the pace through love and action
    - He fed (Matt 14:13-21)
        - He had compassion
        - He healed the sick
        - He fed them
    - He ate with (Matt 9:10-13)
        - Most think Zaccheus
        - We miss Matthew
        - This moment of love in action drew others
    - He forgave and He healed (Mark 2:1-12)
        - But after this amazing moment…
        - He sent him home
        - Can you imagine…
            - The conversation walking home with the guys who brought him
            - The reaction of his village…his family when he got home

3. **<u>Making sure we don't miss the call (Matt 25)</u>**
    - He doesn't want us to miss what matters:
        - When I was…, you…
        - When you did it to the least, you did it to me
    - What we do, or don't do, matters in eyes of Jesus

LIFEGROUPS

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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LOOK BACK (5-10 MINUTES)

Open your group with a moment to **connect** and look back.

1. How is everyone doing? Did anything notable happen this week?
2. Did anything in the reading for this week impact you?

DISCUSS THE MESSAGE (30-45 MINUTES)

This Sunday is ***Go Local Sunday,*** and our guest speaker is Damian Thompson, Director of Community Partnerships at Everett Gospel Mission. His message title is ***What Mattered to Jesus?***

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. Jesus treated time with his Father as something he wouldn't skip, and he said he only did what he saw the Father doing **(John 5:19**). What does your time with God look like right now? What tends to push it aside?

2. In **Philippians 2:5-8** and **Luke 22:42** ("not my will, but yours"), Jesus fully submitted to the Father, even when it cost him everything. Where in your life is it hardest to pray "not my will, but yours," and why?

3. Jesus kept noticing the people others overlooked: women, children, Samaritans, tax collectors. He gave dignity back to people like the woman caught in adultery and the leper. Who are the overlooked or marginalized people in your world, and what would it look like to really *see* them the way Jesus did?

4. Jesus set the pace through love *and* action. He had compassion, He healed, he fed, and he ate with people like Matthew. Which part of how Jesus loved people do you most need to **grow** in? What's one step that would help you **grow** in it this week?

5. **Matthew 25** reminds us that what we do, or don't do, for "the least of these" matters to Jesus. Where is God asking you to go and serve our community? What's keeping you from saying yes?

CLOSE AND PRAY (5-10 MINUTES)

As the discussion comes to a close, transition to a time of prayer. Praying together is one of the best ways for your group to **connect.** Often, splitting into smaller groups for prayer can be beneficial. This can look many different ways, but the goal is for your group to be comfortable praying together, sharing what is really going on in your lives, and asking God to work as you follow Jesus together.