

Living My Best Life

Week 8: The Best Story of Jesus

"My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you. ¹⁰ All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory. ¹¹ Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. ¹² During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me."

John 17:9–12a (NLT)

1. Best life _____.

A. _____.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10 (NIV)

* **Full is not a measuring line but a state of overflow!**

B. _____.

"For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Luke 19:10 (NLT)

Lost: away from the overflow.

C. _____.

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

Matthew 9:36 (NLT)

2. Mission _____.

"Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ 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 (NLT)

A. _____.

B. **Goal:** _____.

C. **By** _____: hold discourse with others in order to instruct them.

D. **Through your** _____.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

3. Effects of _____.

A. **Life becomes increasingly** _____ **me.**

B. **The Best Life is** _____ **from "outsiders".**

C. **The Best life** _____ **me.**

Action Steps

Jesus-followers:

- I will take time to recapture my Jesus story.
- I will ask God to show me where my life doesn't agree with my story.
- I will ask God to provide opportunities to tell my story.

Not-followers:

- I want to find my own story by following Jesus
- I want to find out more about Jesus