

The Jerusalem Times

RESCUED BECOME RESCUERS IN NEW FAITH MOVEMENT

PART 5 IN THE SERIES, HEADLINES: THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

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A New Mission

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” – *Matthew 28:18-20* (See also: *Mark 16:15-16 and Luke 24:44-49*)

The core of the new mission is rescue and relationships.

A New Movement (*Acts 1:6-16, 2:1-40*)

The core of the new movement is love and power.

Acts 2:42-47 (English Standard Version)

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A mission without a clear movement is just a good idea.

A movement without a clear mission is just flash mob.

The CTK Mission and Movement

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. – *1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

God gives churches and ministries a unique mission along with a unique movement to carry it out.

The CTK Mission

To create an authentic Christian community that effectively reaches out to unchurched people in love, acceptance and forgiveness so that they may experience the joy of salvation and a purposeful life of discipleship.

The CTK Movement

Loving God
Loving one another
Loving those in need of rescue

A Story of Rescue and Relationships – April 19, 1943

An uprising
A conference
A rescue

Next Steps

A lesson from the rescue of April 19, 1943 is that when everyday people come together around a common passion, lives can be changed. Perhaps this story has planted a seed in your heart or mind regarding a person or persons who need rescue from a life without Jesus. Over the next days and weeks, ask God what course of action he would have you take, and who you might take action with.

Also ask God to show you where your gifts can be used in the CTK Movement.

Personal & Small Group Questions



1. Have you ever been part of a movement, a protest, or a flash mob? Tell us about it. What was the result?
2. How did you first hear about CTK and make connection here?
3. What part of the CTK Movement gets you most excited?
4. Are you actively praying for a person or subculture that doesn't know Christ? Who is it?
5. Have you identified others who share your concern for that person or subculture? If not, how do you think you could connect with others who share the same passion?
6. How can we pray for you?