

**Global Impact: His Story (Week 1)****RECAP:**

“His Story: Redemption, Power, and Glory to Come,” traced God’s plan of redemption from the cross to the promise of glory. Beginning with Revelation 5 and 21 and 1 Corinthians 15:58, he described the heavenly vision of worship to the Lamb who was slain and the assurance that death has been swallowed up in victory.

The story was told of Jyoti, once captive to sin and darkness, separated from God and unable to meet His holy standard. Jyoti’s transformation reflects the story of every redeemed person who, through repentance and faith, has moved from captivity to life in Christ. Out of love, God sent Jesus to take humanity’s sin upon Himself, offering His life in exchange so that all who believe might receive His righteousness and be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:21). This “Great Exchange” ended separation and brought new life and freedom.

God not only frees captives but makes them ambassadors of His kingdom, as seen in 2 Corinthians 5:18. Jyoti now serves as a messenger of the grace that rescued her. Her courage in the face of persecution rests on the certainty of future glory, knowing that even death cannot defeat those who belong to Christ.

Then we heard the story of Pastor Shinda in India, who continues to shepherd new believers despite severe persecution, loss, and hardship. His unwavering joy and peace flow from the reality of Christ’s sacrifice, resurrection, and promised return.

This same story belongs to all who have been redeemed. Colossians 3:1-4 calls believers to set their minds on things above, where Christ reigns, confident that when He appears they too will share in His glory.

1. **Icebreaker:** Have you ever experienced a short-term mission trip outside of the country? If you have not, where would you like to go? If you have, what was that experience like?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. How does the “Great Exchange” summarize the gospel message?
3. Verse 18 says we are given the “ministry of reconciliation”. Describe both God’s role and our role in that ministry. What is the job of an ambassador for Christ?
4. Why do you think Paul emphasizes, “We implore you on Christ’s behalf” (v.20)? What emotion or urgency do you sense in his words? What do you think prevents the church today from maintaining Christ’s passionate mission to reach the world?

5. Stories like Jyoti's and Pastor Shinda's show the cost of following Jesus in the face of real persecution. How do their stories challenge or encourage your understanding on what it means to "give your all for Jesus"?

6. Pastor Shinda faced persecution, loss, and hardship, yet remained fully committed to shepherding new believers. How have you seen spiritual opposition at work in our world? What practices, disciplines, or truths help you remain faithful to Jesus when you encounter opposition?

7. The sermon concluded with the call that "Jesus gets all of us, every day, in every possible way". What does that phrase mean to you personally? How would you like to see the power of the gospel at work in your world?

8. Every story tells "His story". Who is one person with whom you can share your story of faith with this week?

Take some time to pray for one another. Ask God to help you see opportunities this week to share your story of faith with another person. For example, you might find yourself in a conversation with somebody at a restaurant and God may give you the opportunity to bring up a spiritual question or comment – it is amazing what God will do when we pray for opportunities to share His grace with others and have the courage to go for it.