

▼ **Jesus at the Temple**

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▼ **Opening Material**

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- Praise the Lord!
- Welcome to another Life Church sermon!

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▼ **Thoughts**

▼ **Video**

- [Chase: We Talkin' Bout Cashbacking | Chase Freedom Unlimited](#) - YouTube (00:00:30)
- [Talking About Making Disciples](#) - YouTube (00:00:25)

▼ **Acts 2:42-43 - The 4 Devotions:**

- The apostles' teaching
- fellowship
- the breaking of bread
- prayer

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 - Acts 2:36-39

- Acts 17:29-31
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▼ Luke 4:14-21 (NIV) - The Lord’s Spirit Is Upon Me

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▶ Setting the Stage

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▼ Parallel / Related Passages

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- **Jeremiah 7:1-15**

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▼ Narrative - Luke 19:45-48

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and do what is right,

for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.
Blessed is the one who does this—
the person who holds it fast,
who keeps the Sabbath without desecrating it,
and keeps their hands from doing any evil.”
Let no foreigner who is bound to the LORD say,
“The LORD will surely exclude me from his people.”
And let no eunuch complain,
“I am only a dry tree.”

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“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,
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- **Jeremiah 7:1-15 declares the folly of disregarding the Lord’s requirements and attempting to rely on the safety of the Temple.**

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:

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▼ Lessons

- Our traditions and structures can be a barrier to the people that God wants to reach through us.
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▼ Life Group

▼ Welcome (5 - 10 minutes)

- [Icebreaker](#)

• Worship (optional for life group meetings during Sunday service)

▼ Word - Discussion Questions

For each question, spend 1 – 2 minutes in silence before you begin to respond.

- **What did this passage mean to the people who first received it?**
- **What does this passage mean to you?**
- **How will you apply this passage this coming week?**

▼ Witness

How will we work together as a team to be "good news" to the people around us?

▼ Explore the Harvest Skills in the Training Page “Big Blueprint” diagram.

▼ What level are you at with these?

- Are you a “wanderer”, “follower”, “achiever”, or a “leader”?
- What's your plan for developing these skills?

- **Pray for the unchurched people you've been identifying.**



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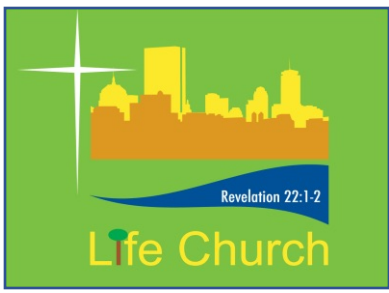
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- Video: Bible Project: Luke 1-9
- Video: Bible Project: Luke 10-24
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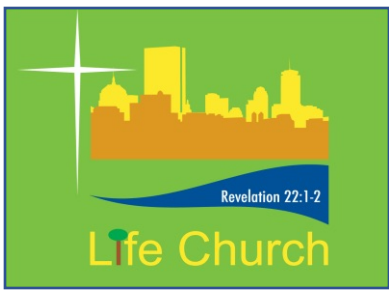
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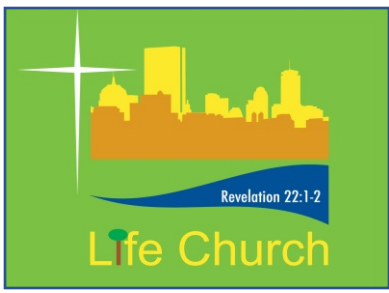
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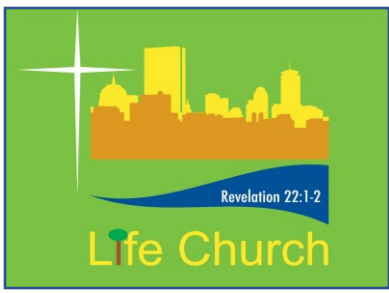
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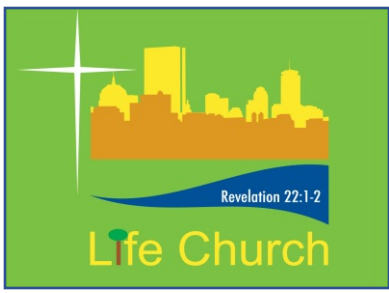
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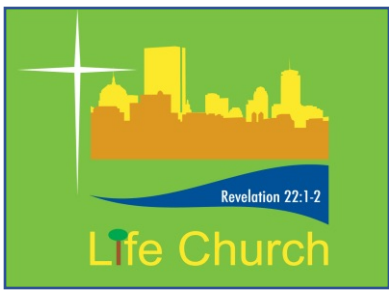


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- Sunday Service September 21, 2025
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- Men's Bible Study Wed (10/1) 7pm - 8:30pm - via Zoom
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