

▼ **The First Sign**

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▼ **Opening Material**

▼ **Welcome!**

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

▼ **Transition**

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- The QR code (also available on our song sheets) links to our Visitor Landing Page.
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- Questions? If you took the time to visit us, you deserve to get answers!
- Email: Questions@LifeChurchBoston.ORG
- We are beginning John 2.
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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
- **Cultural Rivers**

▼ **Overview**

▼ **In today's message we will do the following:**

▼ Why are we here?

- Acts 2:36-39
- Acts 17:29-31
- Review passage - John 2:1-12
- Explore what Jesus is teaching us.
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▼ Opening Material

▶ Moralistic Therapeutic Deism

▼ Why are we here?

- Acts 2:29-39 - Spoken to Jews

“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. **Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah**, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. **God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.** Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand
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“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: **God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.**”

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Peter replied, “**Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off —for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

- Acts 17:29-31 - Spoken to Gentiles

“Therefore, since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. **For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.**”

▼ Welcome to John!

▼ Video

- [Bible Project: John 1-12](#) - (00:08:46)

- John 20:30-31

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- Eat his flesh; Drink his blood - John 6:53-59; 2 Samuel 23:13-17
- Does the Word of Christ dwell in you richly (Colossians 3:16 - KJV)?

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▼ **Jesus explained his teaching to his disciples:**

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▼ **Video:**

- [Discipleship.ORG: Key Disciple Making Definitions for Church Leaders - YouTube \(00:05:26\)](#)

▼ **John 2:1-12**

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After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

- **Parallel Passages**

▼ **Narrative**

- Jesus has formed his team of disciples.

- On the third day after John's announcement in chapter 1, Jesus' mother is at a wedding in Cana in Galilee to which Jesus and his team have also been invited.
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- Jesus has not yet done any public teaching, but he has formed a team.
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► **Discussions, Q&A**



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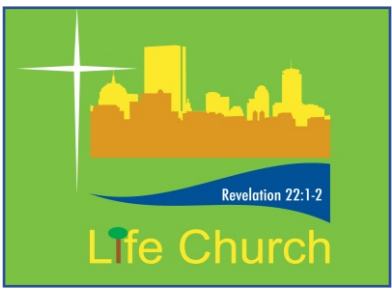
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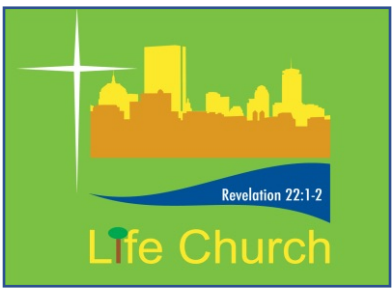
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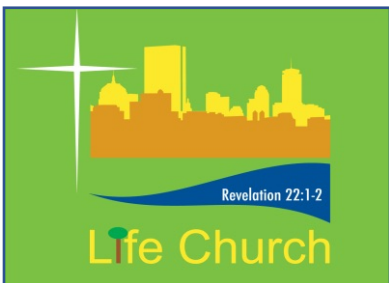
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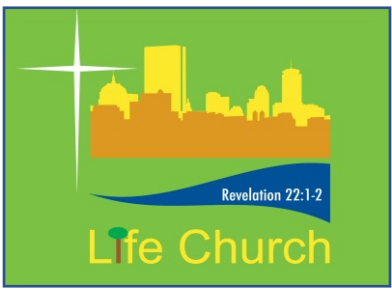


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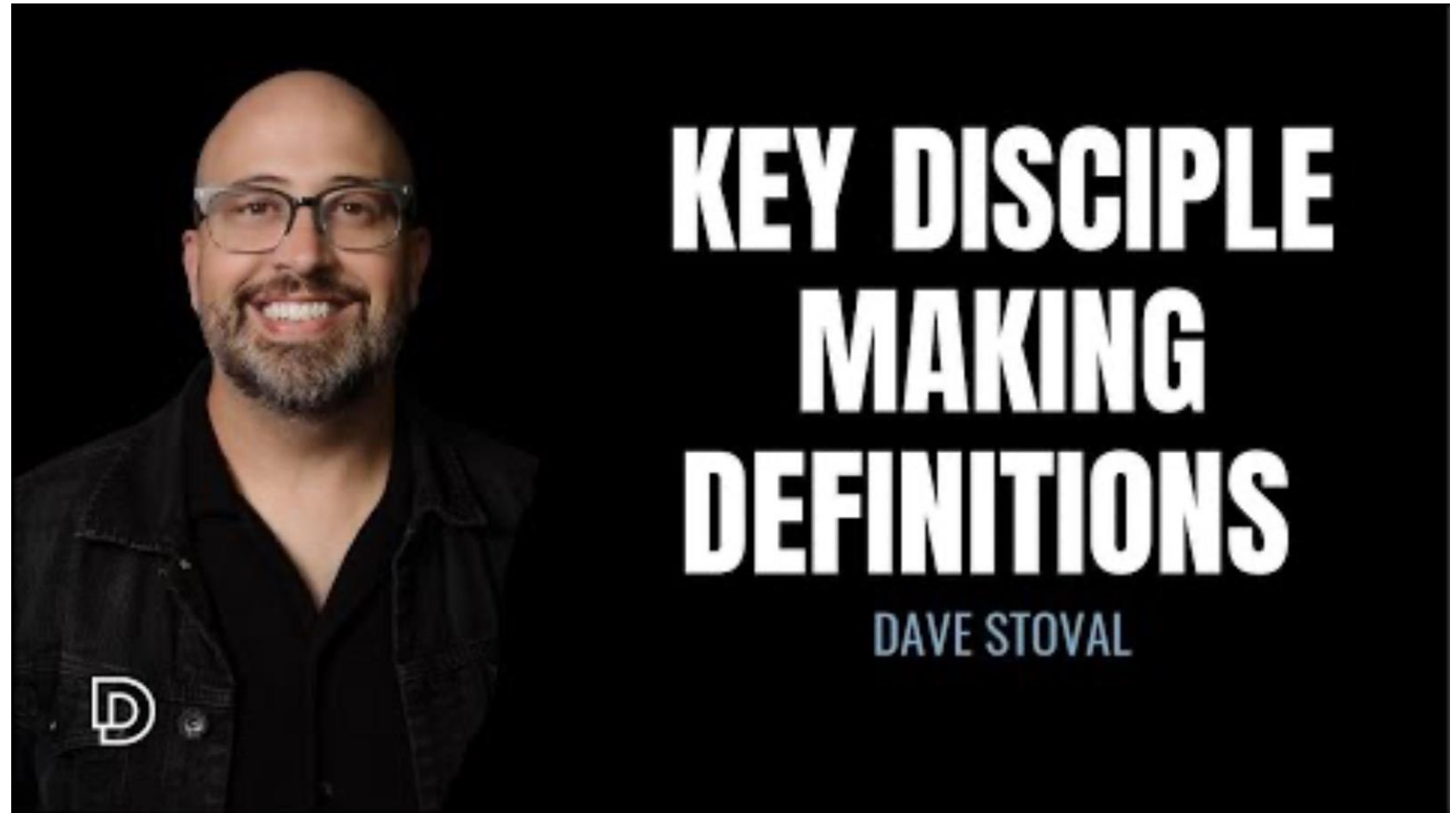
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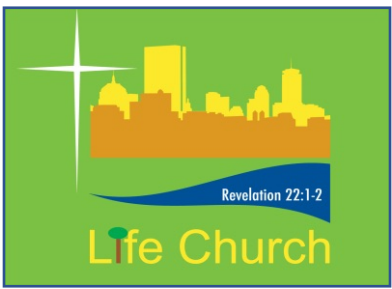
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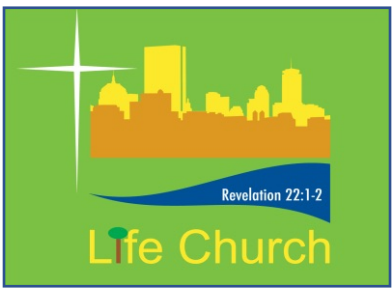
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Announcements



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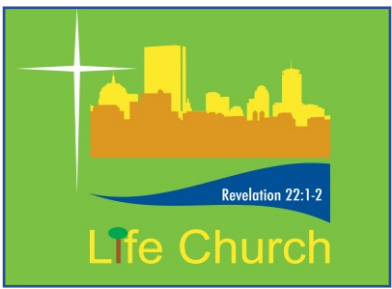
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