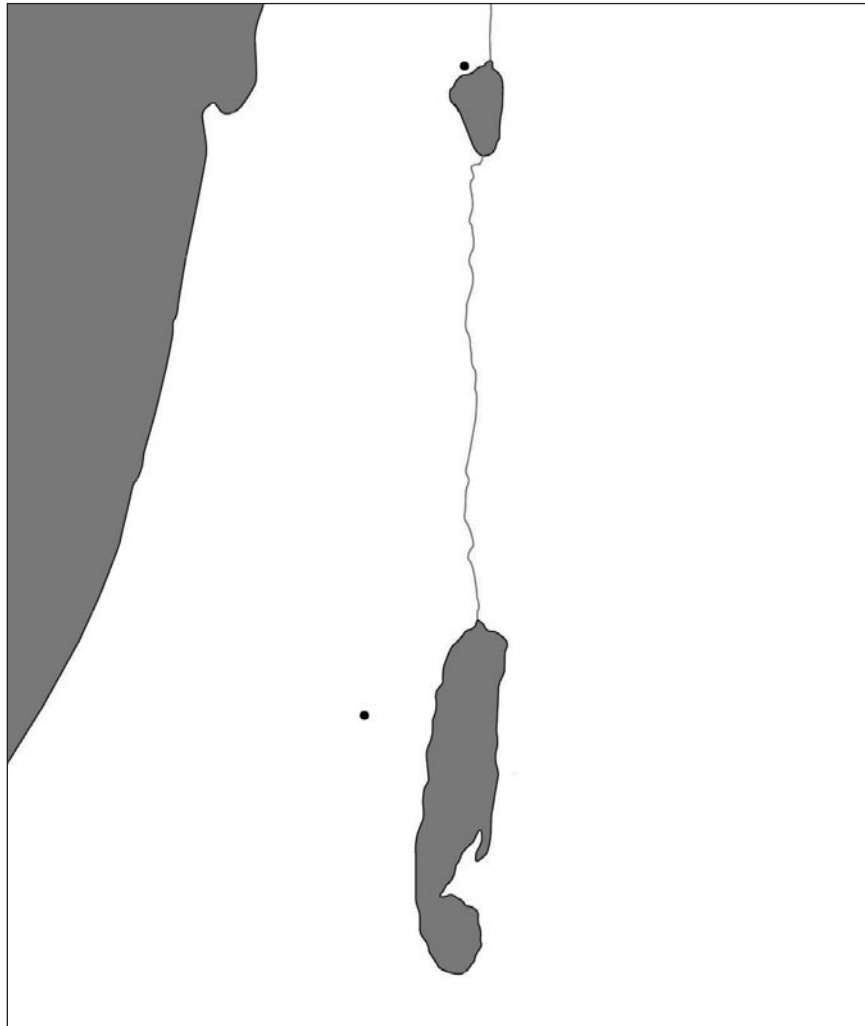


# SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

**A Long Walk**  
Roger Ellis, Lead Pastor  
Matthew 26:32 & 28:6-10, p. 698



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**THE ONE THING:** [My mission reveals the one I follow.](#)  
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*Miss something? Completed sermon notes are available online. Binders to organize your sermon notes are available at the upstairs Welcome Desk.*

## NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Matthew 28:18-20 & Acts 1:8.
- Go public for Jesus through Believer's Baptism (August 12).
- Make a list of the ones you follow.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTES FOR PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP STUDY

### 1 KEEPING IT REAL

Why do you think some people call themselves Christians but rarely connect with a church, enjoy talking about Jesus or desire to read and study their Bible?

### 2 LOOK AT THE BOOK

Read: Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 6:12-16; Luke 18:18-23.

What do you think it means to be a disciple? Is it just being a learner or a follower? Or is it perhaps just someone who said the sinner's prayer?

### 3 DIGGING DEEPER

John MacArthur in his New Testament commentary has this to say:

"The true convert is a disciple, a person who has accepted and submitted himself to Jesus Christ, whatever that may mean or demand. The truly converted person is filled with the Holy Spirit and given a new nature that yearns to obey and worship the Lord who has saved him. Even when he is disobedient, he knows he is living against the grain of his new nature, which is to honor and please the Lord. He loves righteousness and hates sin, including his own."

Do you agree or disagree with his comments? Why or why not?

### 4 TAKING IT FURTHER

Is there something in your life that is keeping you from fully following Jesus? The rich young ruler did and turned away from what Jesus was prepared to give him. What is Jesus asking you to do or what is keeping you from fully following Jesus?

## WORSHIP LYRICS

If you'd like to spend more time with the lyrics from any of the songs this morning, the following is a list of song titles you may search. (Due to technical issues, we are unable to create hyperlinks.)

- I Am Free
- What a Beautiful Name
- Build My Life
- Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)
- Living Hope