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September 19, 2021

MATTHEW

Truly I Say To You



welcome

our purpose

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our purpose is to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry vision is to love God with all that we are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

As you worship with us today, you'll notice how often we reference the gospel of Jesus Christ. We don't have it all figured out, but we know that God saves sinners through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please join us as we exalt God by singing about his greatness and as we seek to know more about him from the Bible.

the gospel

You will hear us talk about the gospel a lot. Actually it is the center of everything we do here at Highlands.

1. **God** - the only all-knowing, all-powerful King and Creator of all things. He created us to enjoy and glorify him forever. [Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-32]
2. **Sin** - Yet, we rejected God, and established ourselves as gods of our lives, separating ourselves from Him, and becoming objects of His wrath. In so doing we also unleashed sin, sickness, death and evil. [Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12-14]
3. **Christ** - In God's unparalleled mercy and grace, He already had a plan to reconcile us to Himself. The entire Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah - revealed in the New Testament as Jesus Christ. [John 1; Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 3:21-26]
4. **Response** - None of this is effective for us unless we respond in two ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], and believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, adopted into God's family, and we persevere in the faith. [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 24:13; Ephesians 4:1]

kingdom kids

We love kids at Highlands!

Kids will be dismissed to downstairs before the sermon. Please see one of our security team at the check-in desk for more info.

Current Classes: Explorers (0-2)
Discoverers (2-3) and Adventurers (4-Grade 2)

coming up

- **See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!**
- Monday Night Care Group - tomorrow, 7pm upstairs
- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Sussex Diner
- **Fall Picnic BYO lunch - TODAY after service!**
- Ladies Bible Study - starts Tuesday, September 21st
- My Brother's Place Golf Outing - Friday, October 1st
- MidWeek Study returns - Wednesday, October 13th @ 6pm
- Today's Choice Walk for Life - Saturday, October 9th
- Fall Workday - Saturday, October 16th - 8am-12pm
- Men's Breakfast - Saturday, October 30th - 8am-11am - sign up today!
- Elder Meetings - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - prayers appreciated!

finances

General Offering - Aug 2021	\$ 25,108.53
Designated Gifts - Aug 2021	\$ 425.25
YTD General Offering thru Aug 2021	\$ 181,104.80
2021 Budget	\$ 314,511.00

Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands, our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. Additionally, you can give anytime online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give

Or you can mail a check to Highlands Bible Church, 307 Route 94, Vernon, NJ 07462.

Questions? info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org or see Chris Deming.

worship guide

September 19, 2021

Welcome to worship! Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 12:15-21. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.”

(Isaiah 42:1-4 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Imagine being in a situation where a group of powerful people were plotting to kill you - how would you feel/react?
- How does our culture define justice? Where does our culture cry out for justice?
- How does culturally-defined justice differ from biblically-defined justice? What examples can you think of?
- Note the parallels between Matthew 11:28-30 and 12:19-21 - what resonates with you and why?
- How is the justice of Jesus the certainty of your hope today? What areas need to be refocused?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 12:22-32.

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How Firm a Foundation | Man of Sorrows |
O Fount of Love | He Will Hold Me Fast | His Mercy is More

sermon notes

September 19, 2021

MATTHEW 12:15-21

Justice and Hope

1. Justice Defined. [12:15-18; Isaiah 42:1-4; Matthew 3:13-17]

The mission of the Messiah is justice for the world.

2. Justice Applied. [12:19-21]

The mission of the Messiah is justice for the weak.

Big Idea: The justice of Jesus is the certainty of hope.