

# leadership

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February 13, 2022

# 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!**
- **Sunday Afternoon Care Group - 4pm today in Loffice**
- Monday Night Care Group - 7pm in sanctuary
- Ladies Bible Study - Tuesdays at 9am in sanctuary
- Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Sussex Diner
- MidWeek Study - 7pm Wednesdays - Upstairs in Loffice
- Next Steps Class - Sunday, February 20th, 5pm - sign up at Welcome Table!
- Next Member Meeting - Sunday, March 20th, 5pm!
- Elder Meetings - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - prayers appreciated!

## finances



General Offering - Jan 2022	\$ 24,626.61
Nehemiah Fund	\$ 385,589.12
Designated Gifts - Jan 2022	\$ 1,210.69
YTD General Offering thru Jan 2022	\$ 24,626.61
2022 Budget	\$ 335,511.00

*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](http://www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give)*

*Have you considered giving to the Nehemiah Fund for the next chapter of Highlands? Please select the "Nehemiah Fund" option at online giving or write "Nehemiah Fund" in the check memo line. Questions? [info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org](mailto:info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org) or see Chris Deming.*

# worship guide

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Welcome to worship! Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 17:1-13. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

(2 Corinthians 2:9-10 ESV)

## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Consider faith? What is the definition?
- Have you known people of ‘great faith?’ What were they like?
- What are common objects in which people place faith?
- Look at the passage above, what resonates with you and why?
- Where do you need faith in Jesus to “move mountains?”
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 17:22-29

## SING

Come Praise and Glorify | Living Hope |  
Before the Throne of God Above | Christ is Mine Forevermore |  
O Great God

# sermon notes

February 13, 2022

## MATTHEW 17:14-20

*Faith to Move Mountains*

1. What’s all the Ruckus? [17:14-16; 10:1-8; Proverbs 3:5-6]

**A misplaced faith is an ineffective faith.**

2. Faithless and Twisted [17:17-18; 1John 5:19; Ephesians 1:21; Mark 9:21-24; 2 Corinthians 12:9]

**A weak faith is a dependent faith.**

3. Mustard Seeds. [17:19-20]

**A small faith is a powerful faith.**

**Big Idea: The object of our faith is more important than the level of our faith.**