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February 20, 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!**
- **Next Steps Class - TODAY @ 5pm - sign up at Welcome Table!**
- 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
- Sunday Afternoon Care Group - February 27th @ 4pm in Loffice
- Next Member Meeting - Sunday, March 20th, 5pm!
- Spring Ladies Bible Study - Tuesdays, starting March 22nd
- 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

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 or see Chris Deming.

worship guide

February 20, 2022

Welcome to worship! Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 17:22-27. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean.”

(Mark 9:9-10)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Why does Jesus predict the events of the cross again? How does that help us today in following him?
- What part of following Jesus is the hardest for you currently and why? How can you grow in strength?
- Review Ephesians 1:3-14 again, which of the spiritual blessings are most encouraging for you? Which do you need to lay hold of?
- Where has God provided for you in helping you following him?
- What things do you need to cast aside, or demote, in order to keep the gospel mission primary in your life?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 17:22-29

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sermon notes

February 20, 2022

MATTHEW 17:22-27

The Mission of Jesus

1. Why Are We Talking About This Again? [17:22-23; Mark 9:9-10]

Following Jesus means embracing his plan.

2. Tax Exempt Status. [17:24-26; Exodus 30:13-16; Ephesians 1:3-14]

Following Jesus means sharing in the blessings of the King.

3. Go Fish. [17:27; Philippians 4:19]

Following Jesus means relying on Jesus to provide.

Big Idea: Following Jesus means keeping the mission primary.