

# leadership

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March 6, 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!**
- **Prayer Meeting - TODAY 6:00pm - Upstairs 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
- Member Meeting - Sunday, March 20th, 5pm
- Spring Ladies Bible Study - Tuesdays, starting March 22nd
- Men's Breakfast - Saturday, April 9th
- Elder Meetings - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - prayers appreciated!

## finances



General Offering - Feb 2022	\$ 22,495.58
Nehemiah Fund	\$ 386,718.17
Designated Gifts - Feb 2022	\$ 1,435.25
YTD General Offering thru Feb 2022	\$ 47,122.19
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

**March 6, 2022**

Welcome to worship! Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 18:15-20. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father’s wife. And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.”

(1 Corinthians 5:1-5 ESV)

## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Why is sin such a big deal - to God and to us in the church?
- Look at Galatians 6:1 - what other things do we need to keep in mind when going to someone privately about sin?
- Why are relationships so critical in the church? How can we keep them authentic?
- Why is church discipline so misunderstood?
- Can anyone share a time when a relationship has been restored?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 18:21-35.

## SING

All Creatures of Our God and King | Because He Lives (Amen) | He Who is Mighty | Jesus, Thank You | Death Was Arrested

# sermon notes

**March 6, 2022**

## MATTHEW 18:15-20

*The Kingdom of God, Part 2*

1. Step 1: A Private Chat [18:15; 7:5; Galatians 6:1]

**The Kingdom of God is a place of reconciliation.**

2. Step 2: Go with Others [18:16; Deuteronomy 19:15]

**The Kingdom of God is a place of relationships.**

3. Step 3: Involve the Church Leaders [18:17-20; 1 Corinthians 5:4; 1-5]

**The Kingdom of God is a place where God is present.**

**Big Idea: The Kingdom of God is a place of purity.**