

LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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CARE GROUPS

WHERE: Highlands Bible Church
WHEN: Mondays at 7PM
HOSTED BY: Ken Menzel

WHERE: Highlands Bible Church
WHEN: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4pm
HOSTED BY: Pastor Mike Ruel

WHERE: Vernon/565
WHEN: First Friday, Monthly
HOSTED BY: The Baxters
CALL: 201-230-7372

WHERE: Branchville/Newton
WHEN: Twice Monthly
HOSTED BY: Paul Fehrenbacher
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MATTHEW

Truly I Say To You

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022



OUR PURPOSE

MAKING AND MATURING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

We are delighted that you joined us today! 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

THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING WE DO AT HIGHLANDS

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]

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]

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]

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)

HIGHLANDS HAPPENINGS

EVENTS, CARE GROUPS, AND MORE

MONDAY CARE GROUP: 7pm in Sanctuary

LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays at 9AM and 7PM in Sanctuary

MENS BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 7AM- Sussex Diner

MIDWEEK STUDY: Wednesdays at 6:30PM - Upstairs in Loffice

YG BONFIRE: Friday, May 20th at 6:30pm - See Emily Seely!

FAMILY CARE GROUP: May 22 after service - BYO lunch

MEMBER MEETING: May 22 5pm - bring dish to share

NOAH COLABELLA PREACHING and Q&A: Sun, June 12th

ELDER MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

GENERAL OFFERING, April 2022	\$23,797.09
NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date	\$389,425.37
BENEVOLENCE, April 2022	\$571.23
YTD GENERAL OFFERING Thru April 2022	\$95,496.11
2022 BUDGET	\$335,511.00

Our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. You can also give anytime online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org Have you considered giving to the Nehemiah Fund for the next chapter of Highlands? Please select the "Nehemiah Fund" option online or write "Nehemiah Fund" in the check memo line. Questions? Email us at info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org

WORSHIP GUIDE

MAY 15, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 22:15-22. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.”
(Romans 13:5–7 ESV)



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What is spiritual compromise and how is it seen today?
- What is hypocrisy? Why does the world see Christians as hypocrites?
- How does taking our eyes off of Jesus as supreme and onto other things affect our spiritual identity?
- What concepts are we tempted to reduce the gospel to?
- Look at Romans 13:5-7 above - what things resonate with you?
- Next Week's Passage: Matthew 22:23-33



SING

Come Praise and Glorify | Grace Unmeasured | He Will Hold Me Fast |
Prepared a Place for Me | Yet Not I, But Christ Through Me

SERMON NOTES

MATTHEW 22:15-22 | The Trap of Reductionism

1. Rock and a Hard Place [22:15-17]

Reducing Christianity often leads to spiritual compromise.

2. Show Me the Money [22:18-19]

Reducing Christianity often leads to hypocrisy.

3. A Question of Ownership [22:20-22; Romans 13:5-7]

Reducing Christianity leads often leads to a spiritual identity crisis.

Big Idea: Christianity is a supreme allegiance, not a single issue.