LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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CARE GROUPS

WHERE: Highlands Bible Church WHERE: Highlands Bible Church WHEN: Mondays at 7PM

HOSTED BY: Ken Menzel

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

CALL: 973-948-5909

WHERE: Highlands Bible Church

WHEN: Varies

HOSTED BY: Brad & Taylor Wilson

CALL: 973-600-0826 [Brad]

Family Friendly Group!

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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 1:18-321

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-Kindergarten) and Navigators (1st-3rd grade).

HIGHLANDS HAPPENINGS

EVENTS, CARE GROUPS, AND MORE

GREETER TEAM MEETING - Today after service in Loffice

MONDAY CARE GROUP: 7pm in the Sanctuary.

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 9am Tuesdays - Childcare available

WEDNESDAY MENS BIBLE STUDY: 7am @ Sussex Sit n Chat

MIDWEEK STUDY: Resumes Wednesday @ 6:30pm

JANUARY MEMBER MEETING & DINNER: Sunday, January 22nd 5pm

LADIES WINTER GATHERING: Saturday, January 28th. Register

online!

NEXT STEPS CLASS: Sunday, February 19th @ 5pm

ELDER MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

GENERAL OFFERING, Dec 2022 \$48,525.47 \$372,046.17 **NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date BENEVOLENCE**. To Date \$16,514.22 **CEAF**, To Date \$5,895.50 YTD GENERAL OFFERING \$328,432.91 **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 making a year end gift to our new Christian Education Assistance (CEAF) fund? Questions? Email us at info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org!

WORSHIP GUIDE

January 15, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today we start our new series in the Ten Commandments. We will begin with an introduction to God's Law and Exodus 20:1-2. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished...(Matthew 5:17–20 ESV)

Old Testament reading for today: Psalm 119:33-48 (Page 480)



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- When you think of the Law of God what comes to mind? Is it positive or negative?
- Why is the fact that God's Law is from God significant? (See 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- Which one of the three uses of the Law resonate most with you and why? (Map, Muzzle, Mirror)
- Scan Psalm 119 and see what jumps out at you about God's Law
- How can you apply the truth of God's Law bringing LIFE to you as one already liberated from sin?
- Next Week: First Commandment Exodus 20:3



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Everlasting God | All I Have is Christ |
O Fount of Love | The Mighty, Sovereign Hand of God

SERMON NOTES

Exodus 20:1-2 | Life for the Liberated

1. And God Spoke... [20:1; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 10:1-10; Matthew 5:17-20; 22:37-40; Romans 10:4]

God's Law is from God.

2. Mirrors, Muzzles, and Maps [20:2; Leviticus 18:4-5; 1 Timothy 1:8; Galatians 3:24; Psalm 119:32; Romans 3:20]

God's Law is for our good.

Big Idea: God's Law brings life to those already liberated.