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 1:18-32]

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

HIGHLANDS HAPPENINGS

EVENTS, CARE GROUPS, AND MORE

MEMBER MEETING - TODAY - after service CARE GROUP - TODAY 4PM in Loffice

MONDAY CARE GROUP: 7pm in the Sanctuary.

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 9am Tuesdays - Childcare WEDNESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 7am @ Sussex Sit n Chat

MIDWEEK STUDY: 6:30pm Wednesday in Loffice ABORTION RECOVERY: Hope@TodaysChoice.org

SPRING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays @ 7pm starting 3/21

NEXT STEPS CLASS: Sunday, April 16th @ 5pm

ELDER MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

 GENERAL OFFERING, Feb 2023
 \$21,081.35

 NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date
 \$374,602.74

 BENEVOLENCE, To Date
 \$16,873.82

 CEAF, To Date
 \$9,508.00

 YTD GENERAL OFFERING
 \$47,569.01

 2023 BUDGET
 \$350,670.00

Our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. You can also give anytime online at **www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org**

Questions? Email us at info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org!

WORSHIP GUIDE

March 12, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today we will be learning about the eighth commandment from Exodus 20: 15. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, in the Lord's Table, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 66:1-4 (Page 450)
- Old Testament Reading: Psalm 119:153-160 (Page 483)
- Sermon Passage Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 (Page 57)
- Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (Page 930)



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Do you have a childhood story of stealing something and getting caught? How did it make you feel?
- Why is stealing universally wrong? Have you had something stolen?
- How does our current culture cause you to struggle with "wants" becoming "needs?" Where are you tempted to get things in a way that is not Biblical?
- Review the following verses Psalm 89:11; Acts 17:24; Colossians
 1:16 what do we learn about ownership and stewardship?
- How does the conviction of this commandment drive you to the hope of the gospel?
- Next Week: Ninth Commandment Exodus 20:16



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10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) | The Mighty, Sovereign Hand of God | O Fount of Love | O Great God | His Mercy is More

SERMON NOTES Exodus 20:15 | Do Not Steal

1. Explanation: Commanding and Forbidding [20:15]

We are commanded to own our property legally.

2. Application: Violating and Obeying [20:15; Romans 13:8; Malachi 3:7-10; 1 Timothy 1:8-11; Ephesians 5:15-16; Colossians 4:5; Psalm 89:11; Acts 17:24; Colossians 1:16; Ephesians 4:28]

We violate this commandment by stealing things, people, or time.

Big Idea: We love others through stewardship, not stealing.