## LEADERSHIP LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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# **CARE GROUPS**

WHEN: Mondays at 7PM HOSTED BY: Ken Menzel

WHERE: Highlands Bible Church 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 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

PRAYER MEETING - 6pm today in Loffice MONDAY CARE GROUP: 7pm in the Sanctuary. TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 9am Tuesdays - Childcare SPRING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays @ 7pm WEDNESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 7am @ Sussex Sit n Chat MIDWEEK STUDY: 6:30pm Wednesday in Loffice GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: April 7th @ 6:30pm HBC MOMS' EASTER EGG HUNT: April 8th @ 3PM MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, April 15th @ 8am NEXT STEPS CLASS: Sunday, April 16th @ 5pm - sign up today! 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 April 2, 2023

#### WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today our sermon passage is Romans 1:1-15. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, in the fellowship of the saints, and in the Lord's Table, please consider:

# SCRIPTURF READINGS

- Call to Worship: Philippians 2:5-11 (Page 921)
- Palm Sunday Reading: Matthew 21:1-11 (Page 775)
- Sermon Passage Reading: Romans 1:1-15 (Page 883)
- Benediction: Ephesians 3:20-21 (Page 918)

# **CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY**

- How would you define the gospel using only a few words? What verses can inform that definition?
- What is the danger if our gospel is based on an unbiblical view of Jesus?
- How do you balance the assurance of faith with the need to do good works? How can that get out of balance?
- Tell about a time when you were encouraged by someone else. Make a note of who you can encourage today!
- How can you increase your knowledge of and joy in the gospel?
- Next Week: Romans 1:16-17 Easter Sunday!

## SING

All I Have is Christ | And Can It Be | O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer Death Was Arrested

# SERMON NOTES Romans 1:1-15 | Gospel Greeting

1. Gospel Identity [1:1; 3:23; 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-5]

The gospel calls us to complete devotion.

2. It's All About Jesus [1:2-6; John 14:15; James 2:17]

The gospel calls us to Jesus.

3. Called to each other [1:7-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:11]

The gospel calls us to encouragement.