

MONDAY 3.21.22 – LUKE 22:14-20

This was Jesus' last meal before His suffering—before the betrayal, arrest, abandonment, trials, and crucifixion. Jesus used this time to prepare His disciples for all that was to come. In addition, He anticipated sharing in another meal with His disciples at the fulfillment of the Kingdom. He gave them a sense of hope to hold onto, even in the midst of the worst of circumstances. And this became a priority for them. For those of us who live on this side of Jesus' death and resurrection, and who also celebrate the Lord's Supper, Jesus gave us the basis of our three-fold understanding of the Supper for us:

- 1. We recognize our Savior's agony in offering His body and blood to save us.
- 2. We celebrate His victory over death and the hope of resurrection.
- 3. We anticipate the glory of His return and our sharing in a victory supper with Him.

We remember the Lord's death, but not in despair. We remember it as the beginning of His victory for us, and we prioritize the sharing in this meal until He returns.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 3.22.22 – 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

Paul's The Priority Of Prayer: The command could not be any clearer. God has called us to pray, to intercede and thank God for ALL people! The author specifies kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may live a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified. This is good. Praying like this is good. Living like this is good. It pleases God our Savior because God "desires ALL people to be saved..." (v. 4).

This passage exhorts us to pray for everyone. May we as followers of Christ be faithful to pray for leaders and those in high places and also pray for those in low places all over the world.

So, let me just ask the question: is this command reflected in your prayer life? Are you praying? Am I praying continually for

all kinds of people, including and especially for kings and for those who are in high positions? Are we praying for these people, for these purposes? Are we praying in light of God's desire for all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth?

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 3.23.22 – ACTS 3:1-26

"Then Peter said, 'Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you'" (Acts 3:6).

The Apostles Peter and John entered the temple area in Jerusalem to pray. While there, they encountered a crippled man that asked them for money. Peter did not have any funds to give the man, but he did offer what he possessed.

You might not have the riches of this world, but the Lord has given you a spiritual gift—an ability to serve Him in some capacity. Have you discovered your giftedness? Are you using it to build up your brothers and sisters in Christ and to direct others to God? What talent or treasure do you possess that can be used in the service of the Lord?

It's not what you'd do with a million, If a million were your lot. It's what you're doing at present, With the dollar and quarter you've got!

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THURSDAY 3.24.22 – 2 SAMUEL 9:1-9

In Colossians 3:23 we are told "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ". So often the world is looking for power, fame, and

fortune to fill a deep seeded need created by our sinful nature. As we come to realize that all our needs are met in Christ, we are freed from the things of this world. God does not need us, so why should we serve? The answer is easy, you were created to serve. God has given you special gifts as part of the church body. If you use your gives selflessly for His service, no matter what the service might be, it will be a sweet aroma rising to God and a vital part of your completeness in Christ.

It is not about what the service is, but who the master is.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

FRIDAY 3.25.22 – PSALM 37:1-3

This world provides each of us with plenty of "grass is greener" moments. New house, new car, new job, new computer, new phone. Upgraded! New and improved! Version 2.0! Bigger! Faster! Better! Where does it end? How long does the newness last before it is just the latest in a long line of rubbish we store in our basement / attic / junk drawer?

Might I offer the Holy Trinity... God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Still in its original packaging. Includes a garden, snakes, floods, arks, a burning bush, miracles, plagues, lions, armor, a virgin birth, good Samaritans, a prodigal son, a crucifixion, a resurrection, forgiveness of sins, and everlasting life... and so much more! Sounds too good to be true, right? What is this going to cost me? That is the best news of all... it has already been paid for! Stand strong in your faith today and trust in the Lord!

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS – 9:40AM*

- Kids** CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
available during 9:40 **AND 11:00 services*
- NURSERY (through Age 3)
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
available during the 9:40 service
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** EXPLORE THE BIBLE – Room B8-10 (Lower Level)
1 and 2 Thessalonians with Jim Kline
- MASTERWORK – Room B11 (Lower Level)
"All Of Grace" with Lane Kemler (3.6–4.10)
"Absolute Surrender" with Jack Devlin (4.17–5.29)
- PERSON OF INTEREST – Room B1-2 (Lower Level)
with Steven Miller
- *MEMBERSHIP CLASS – Room B11 (Lower Level)
with Executive Pastor - Bob Lehman (11:00am)

SUNDAY EVENINGS – 6:00PM

- Kids** KID'S CLUB (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
CURRENT SERIES: The Beatitudes
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
5th–8th Grade meet downstairs
9th–12th Grade meet upstairs
- Adults** DIVE DEEP WITH DOUG
LOCATION: Worship Center
CURRENT SERIES: Israel Tour
- BIG IDEA – SMALL GROUP(S)
LOCATION: Room B8-10 (Lower Level)
Group discussion following the scriptures and themes of Sunday morning's message. Jump in any time as we go through the Book of ACTS together.

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY GROUPS OR CLASSES,
PLEASE USE THE CONNECT CARD IN YOUR BULLETIN. THANK YOU!

SERMON NOTES

Acts 2:42-47

After you repent (by placing your faith in Christ for eternal life) and be baptized (as an outward demonstration of your trust in Jesus), God wants you to be devoted to ...

1. Teaching—_____ Together (v 42a)

The Spirit of God takes the Word of God and transforms the Child of God into the Image of God.

2. Fellowship—_____ Together (v 42b)

God created us for community. God wants us to live life together as a body of believers. This is often accomplished in the context of small groups.

3. Breaking Bread—_____ Together (v 42c)

This is a reference to Communion—the Lord's Table. The bread that we eat is a reminder of the body of Jesus that bore our sins on the cross. The juice that we drink is a reminder of His blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

4. Prayer—_____ Together (v 42d)

God wants us to be a church devoted to prayer. Join us at Shiloh on the third Tuesday evening of each month at 6:30 pm in the Family Activity Center for prayer.

5. Generosity—_____ Together (vv 44-45)

Believers gave voluntarily to those in need. What you do with your money and possessions reveals what you value.

6. Each Other—_____ Together (v 46)

God desires that we be devoted to one another. This requires a high level of commitment to fellow believers.

 **Edifying and Equipping Every Day**
TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



March 20 – March 25

INTRODUCTION: Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and groups. This guide is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion in the Word.

OVERVIEW: This week's daily readings and reflections will help us take our next step in our teaching series on the book of Acts. Monday's and Tuesday's readings will build on today's message from Acts 2:42-47. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for next Sunday's message on Acts 3.

KEY VERSE: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

—ACTS 1:8