

Sunday Gathering

The Christian Call to Prayer,
Part Two, Luke 18:9-14 -
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Luke: Upside Down (Spring
2023)

Call to Worship - Psalm 118:24

Brothers and sisters,

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Would you pray with me?

All-knowing and all-caring God, we gather this day drained by another week. We are like a parched desert, empty and in need of replenishment. Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit, and bathe us in your streams of living water, that our lives might acknowledge and worship you to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ.

****Amen!****

Journey with us, O holy God, as we continue our way to Easter. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves. Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts, that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond to your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray.

****Amen.****

Grace Alone

Confession - Psalm 139:23-24

Church, often we don't like to face ourselves in the mirror. We are prone to be deceived and led astray by our own sinful hearts, not being aware of how our flesh and our story can be working against us.

Left to our own, we cannot grasp our need for mercy. As one pastor has said, "One of the great truths in life is this: we cannot change what we are unaware of." Rather than searching our hearts, we compare ourselves to others in an attempt to prove our innocence.

In the place of this, hear these words from Psalm 139. David prays,

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! Psalm 139:23-24

Take a moment now and make that your prayer.

[Brief silence is kept.]

Now let's offer our prayer for mercy together:

Father, we confess that we do so much damage when we pay attention to the sins of others in order to ignore our own.

****Jesus, give us the boldness to look into the mirror and let you search our hearts. We are sinners saved by grace. We are innocent and justified, not by our own works, but because of your life, death, and resurrection. Amen.****

Lord I Need You

Lord Have Mercy

Sermon - Luke 18:9-14

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Jesus Strong And Kind

I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)

Benediction - Luke 18:14; Hebrews 2:17

You may be seated. Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus.

Family Groups - We invite you to visit one of our Family Groups, which meet in homes throughout the week. We describe them as "intentional environments to be transformed by the gospel through relationships. If you would like to join one of them, there is info in the hallway, or talk with one of us, and we'll make a direct connection for you.

Giving & Visitors - Also, now is our time for giving—ushers, please come forward. If you are a visitor with us this morning, please grab a visitor card from the basket so we can get to know you more. You can give it to someone with a lanyard or leave it in your seat.

Antioch members, remember that giving is part of how we participate in God's mission. If you prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp.

Announcements

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the following steps:

1) Mantiach Bible Study - Next Sunday at 9:00 AM in the Training Room will begin a four-week Men's Bible study titled "Man Enough". Here is a brief description: From the moment we begin to leave boyhood behind, the question that hounds us is "Are you man enough?" The only way we can answer yes is not in our own strength, but through the God-man Jesus Christ. Drawing from 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and its vision of the complete man, we will learn about rightly ordered priorities and the power to live them out. If any men need an alternative time to meet because of other responsibilities on Sunday mornings, please sign up on the side table.

2) Livestream - As of today we are no longer livestreaming our Sunday gatherings. Instead, we will record them and post them to our Youtube channel by 3:00 PM on Sunday afternoons. This is due to the poor quality of our internet service, and also because we want to encourage people to worship with us in person. Thanks to everyone who worked hard over the past five years to provide the livestream! And speaking of our audio-visual team, we desperately need more people to run sound and slides (we currently have only four servants total).

3) Prayer and fasting - Our call to church-wide prayer and fasting during the season of Lent continues this week. There are print copies of this week's devotional on the side table if you need them, and we will also post them daily on our Facebook page.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship, and we end with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing.

Church, Jesus Christ has atoned for your sins and pronounced you innocent forever. Therefore may you go down to your house justified, reflecting the humility that comes from the assurance of God's mercy. Based on Luke 18:14; Hebrews 2:17

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

WE ARE SENT

Audio/Visual

Audio

Jason Cox

Slides


Jodie Sigrest 

Band

Acoustic Guitar

Aaron Kiefer

Bass Guitar

Jacob Anderson 

Drums

Brian Sigrest 