Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Be Careful What You Do With Jesus, Luke 11:33-54 - Matt Reynolds

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Luke: Upside Down 3

Length in mins

0:00 Call to Worship - Psalm 33:8-15, 18-22

One of the things we want to be abundantly clear in these gatherings is that everything is centered not on our words, but the words of God. In the face of a world at war, and in the midst of our crazy lives, the Scriptures provide for us exactly what we need—not by pumping us up with hype as if everything's ok, but by pointing us to an Anchor that will hold, no matter how bad the storm gets. He sees the world as it is, and he sees us as we are. For the rest of our Call to Worship this morning, let's simply allow him to speak for himself:

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! 9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

In the face of a world at war, listen to this about your Creator:

- 10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- 11 The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

In the midst of a crazy life, listen to this about your Anchor:

13 The Lord looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;
14 from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,
15 he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,19 that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

Church, God sees us as we are; so let's speak the words that Scripture provides:

20 Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. 21 For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. 22 Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Psalm 33:8-15, 18-22

0:00 Promises [Default Arrangement in A]

0:00 Confession - Romans 2:17-24; Luke 18:11-14

Hear the word of the Lord from Romans 2:

17 But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God 18 and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; 19 and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, 20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— 21 you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? 22 You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. 24 For, as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you." Romans 2:17–24

Even when it hurts, the Scriptures continue to provide exactly what we need. Because God sees us as we are, he doesn't hold back the truth. We can put on a good show, but the reality is, when we judge and measure others, we are condemning ourselves, because we practice the same things. How many of us get furious at other drivers for something they do to us, but then we do the same thing to others? How many of us tell our children to stop whining, but then we grumble over things not going our way? How many times has someone distrusted God because of what they've seen or haven't seen in our lives?

In response, the confession of the self-righteous Pharisee goes like this:

'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' Luke 18:11-12

But instead, I invite you this morning to offer the confession of the tax collector:

'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'
Luke 18:13

Truly, truly, everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

- 0:00 Lead Us Back [Default Arrangement in D]
- 0:00 Speak O Lord [Default Arrangement in D]
- 0:00 Sermon Luke 11:33-54
- 0:00 Communion 1 Corinthians 11:23-28
- **0:00** Before The Throne Of God [Sovereign Grace Arrangement (Getty) in C]

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0:00 All I Have Is Christ [Default Arrangement in D]

0:00 Benediction - Matthew 5:14, 16, 20

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 - This gathering is only a secondary part of the life of Antioch. We would love to have you in one of our Family Groups, where we seek 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 prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp. Antioch members, we encourage you to give joyfully. If you are a visitor with us this morning please grab a visitor card from the basket so that we can get to know you more. You can give it to someone with a lanyard or leave it in your seat, and the pen is yours to keep.

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the next steps (which first and always includes specific ways you can serve—see the servants wall in the hallway and take something off the plate of current leaders):

- 1) 9 AM Classes The study through the book of Ruth finished today, and next week March 20th will begin study of through the book of Micah. Coffee and childcare are available.
- 2) Mantioch A Mantioch breakfast is happening on Saturday, March 26th, 7:30-9:00 AM. This will a time for men to eat together and build relationships. Please RSVP by responding to an email that went out or by signing up at the side table. Please let our deacon of men (Josh Flint) know if you have questions or any food allergies.
- 3) Food Pantry Food pantry is this coming Saturday. This is a tangible opportunity to serve our neighborhood, develop relationships, and communicate the gospel. Please come and serve (we ask you to arrive at 9:30 AM. See Bill Stayton for more information.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and we end with a benediction which simply is a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing. I invite you to hold out your hands as a posture of receiving this blessing:

Church, solely because of what Jesus has done, your righteousness forever exceeds that of the Pharisees. Therefore may you go as the light of the world, shining before others, that they may see the One who made you righteous and glorify your Father in heaven. Based on Matthew 5:14, 16, 20

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.

Let's say this together: We are sent.

0:00

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