

## I GIVE YOU REST

Matthew 11.25-30

### GOD'S DESIRES AND GOD'S WISDOM

Matthew 11.25, 26

Jesus moves from a place of declaring woes to unrepentant cities into now a declaration of praise. Even when His heart is overwhelmed, He moves into focusing on the goodness of His Father. We see Jesus' praise and approval of God's justice, but also a glorying in His mercy. Despite His approval of God's justice and judgment, it also doesn't mean that He is not mournful over the unrepentant. He laments for Jerusalem's unrepentance, and Scripture tells us that God wishes that no man would perish (**1 Timothy 2.3, 4**), and that He does not take pleasure in the death of the wicked (**Ezekiel 33.11**).

### OUR INABILITY, GOD'S INITIATION

Matthew 11.27 // John 6.63-65

Because of our sin, we are separated from God and unable to be in His presence. Here, Jesus tells the people that only He truly knows the Father, and vice versa. But in an incredible act of mercy, God, through Jesus, shows mercy to some and allows them to come into relationship with Him. But though this is a gift that is "free" for us, it is not "free" for Jesus.

### THE BURDEN AND THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11.28-30

At this time, the Pharisees were subjecting the Jews to laws and legalism, adding so many unbiblical requirements that they needed to do in order to be saved. The promoted a works-based salvation. Jesus here clears the path for those who know they don't have what it takes.

#### **How do We Find Rest for Our Souls?**

- Focus on the holiness of God. Reflect on the Law and the revealed picture of God we have been seeing so far in our **Two Year Bible Reading Plan**.
- Recognize the smallness, weakness, and sinfulness of yourself.
  
- Recognize your total inability to do what is necessary. Remind yourself that Jesus even said that our righteousness must actually *exceed* that of the Pharisees if we want to try to earn our salvation.
  
- Recognize that Jesus did it *all*, and offers it freely.
  
- Believe that it's enough, and believe that it saves you and keeps you saved.

**Because Jesus is strong,  
You are able to admit your weakness.**

Romans 8.18

Though the life of a disciple is difficult, challenging, and is a life of dying to self, the message of the cross of Christ causes our persecutions and afflictions and sufferings to seem "light and momentary," because we know that Christ took on the ultimate burden of our sin and condemnation, and we have a future glory awaiting us.

## NOTES:

#### Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We're so glad you joined us today! We'd LOVE for you to **fill out the green Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our **teammates in a Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to **grab some food or coffee** out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a **faithful servant** behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll **build friendships**, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

### GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** should never be fueled by obligation or guilt; it should be motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call Life Mission your Home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. **Thank you so much for your love & support!**

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our Kids are incredibly important to us! The Kids on Mission ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6<sup>th</sup> grade** & is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please Visit [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids) to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our Junior High students (**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders**) worship with the adults, and then head to their class for the rest of service. We challenge them to **dig deeper into what they learned on Sunday** throughout the week.

Our **High School students** stay in the adult service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at [hbarnes5@yahoo.com](mailto:hbarnes5@yahoo.com) or **John Hawthorne** at [hawthorne-john@hotmail.com](mailto:hawthorne-john@hotmail.com)

## SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

## EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

## SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 11:25-30**. What stuck out to you in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

What does "for my yoke is easy, and my burden light" mean? What is Jesus communicating here? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Ephesians 2:13**. What allows us to draw near and come to Jesus in the first place? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Isaiah 40:28-31**. What should we do when we are exhausted or "need rest for our soul" when our head knowledge of the Gospel is not lining up with our heart? \_\_\_\_\_

What will happen in God's timing after we wait on the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Luke 10:38-42**. Can you relate to Martha, who was so distracted with busyness that she missed the main point of simply worshipping, abiding and spending time at the feet of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

What distractions or busyness in life are taking you away from coming to Jesus in awe, wonder and amazement? What is a great antidote to busyness and distractions? Read **John 15:4** and **Psalms 95:2-3**. \_\_\_\_\_

In speaking of **verse 28**, Pastor Matt Chandler says Jesus is saying, "Hey, if you're exhausted, if you're bitter, if you're lonely, if you're angry, if you struggle, if you are socially inept, if you have no people skills, if you can't figure it out, come here. If you are tired, weary, come here. Are you a train wreck? Come here. Are you broken? Are you stuck in lust? Angry? Fearful? Get over here. What an invitation!" And then there is in exchange. Jesus says, "come to me, even with your (fill in the blank) and I'll give you rest." What or who do you "go to" for rest for your weary soul? Does it give you life? Does it refresh you? \_\_\_\_\_

For the last few months most of us have been going through **Psalms** in our **Two Year Bible Reading Plan**. What are some of the names and characteristics of God that have stuck out to you in **Psalms**? List them. Create a list with these titles and **P.R.A.Y.** to your God, worshipping His Name and who He is. Also, read **Exodus 15** and **Ephesians 1:7**.

Now pray, remembering this truth. You are redeemed by the blood of Christ. What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. God didn't just redeem His people from slavery but from the slavery of sin! Spend quiet time praising Him for your redemption.



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Equipping a Gospel-Centered Community in the Word of God,  
To Live Out a Gospel-Centered Life Mission to the Glory of God.



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## 9AM & 11AM SERVICES

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