

THE WORLD WILL HATE YOU

John 15.18-20 // June 27, 2021

PUT YOUR LEFT HAND OUT

It is becoming increasingly difficult to be a follower of Christ in this world. The pressures to conform and compromise come from both the left as well as the right. There is a pressure to conform to allegiances beyond Scripture.

2 Timothy 4.3-5

On the “left,” there is a deeper draw into relativism, where in a post-truth world, we are now the ones who define truth and reality. But this is smoke and mirrors. God alone is the One who determines what His creation is. Neither our feelings, desires, nor our interpretation of our experiences has authority over God’s Word.

**You either believe, “if it works, it must be truth,”
or, “if it is truth, it must work.”**

PUT YOUR RIGHT FOOT OUT

The pressures from the right can be more difficult to discern. Whereas the pressures from the left are largely from the outside of the church, the pressures to conform to worldly patterns largely come from inside the church. Christians are expected to be Christian PLUS.

1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 3.1-4 // Isaiah 40.8 // 2 Timothy 2.14, 23-26 // Titus 3.0-11

**For I decided to know nothing among you
except Jesus Christ and him crucified.**

1 Corinthians 2:2

AND SHAKE IT ALL ABOUT

We should not be surprised that there will be pressure from all sides. Jesus faced this, as did Paul. We aren’t to pander to either side, but speak gently yet boldly to both in love. When we make Christ alone our highest aim, we will disappoint those who want us to “take sides” with them and take up their cause, but we can know that we are not greater than our Master, and that we can expect to be hated by those whose agenda is more than simply Christ and Him crucified.

**We should aim not to win arguments,
but to win hearts.**

Matthew 11.16-19 // 1 Corinthians 9.19-23

**When we are free from all loyalties other than Christ,
we are free to serve all just as Christ did.**

NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

1 Thessalonians 1:3

Remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 15.18-20**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Knowing that our Master was hated first, how does this give you hope when you are maligned or mocked by unbelievers or other Christians who may have a more worldly outlook on life and faith?

Your Life Mission

You will be hated for the message of the cross, even by other believers who have a "Jesus PLUS" agenda. These are not easy to navigate. What conversations do you need prayer for, that you might bring the kindness of the Lord that leads to repentance?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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