

# Sunday Gathering

The Greatest of All Time,  
Luke 22:24-34 - Tanner  
Williams

February 25, 2024

Luke: Upside Down (2024)

## Call to Worship - Ezekiel 34:15-16

Over and over again in Scripture, God's word keeps calling us sheep. There are so many implications bundled up with that word: we're followers, for better or for worse; relatively defenseless; wholly dependent on someone else to meet our needs.

Praise God that He is our shepherd - unfailing, always faithful. Hear what God says about himself in Ezekiel:

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

Ezekiel 34:15-16

He is near to us, his people. This morning, will you join me in worship of our God?

## His Mercy Is More

### Confession - Matthew 26:31

Jesus, the good shepherd, knew that all of the disciples would turn away from him as he laid down his life for them - as he and the disciples retreat to the Mount of Olives, Jesus tells them: "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'" Matthew 26:31

He knows Simon Peter will curse his name and that all of his closest friends will deny they ever knew him. How often is this you and I? We become so enamored with the frills and sparkle of worldly affections that we are quick to turn from Jesus. We sheep run full force out of the corral and straight into bushes full of thorns.

Will you pray this with me?

Lord Jesus, forgive us. We deny you and run from you. You, who are the best portion, who loves us most deeply, even to your death on the cross. Help us to run to you instead of running away when we are scared and guilty. Restore us, oh Lord!

When Jesus told Peter he'd deny Him, that is not where Jesus left the conversation. Jesus told Peter, "I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers." (Luke 22:32), NLT. Not if, when. He waits for us to turn back. He prays for us.

Thank you, Jesus.

## Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

### Praise To The Lord (Joyful, Joyful)

### Sermon - Luke 22:24-34

### In Feast Or Fallow

### O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

### Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

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## **Benediction**

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) Ladies, please see the sign-up sheet on the table for our upcoming women's Bible study on Habakkuk beginning in March. We will be meeting in small groups throughout the week to enjoy fellowship and God's Word. Contact Katie Harrod if you have any questions.
- 2) The Soccer Clinic starts the first Saturday in April. More information to come as we get closer.
- 3) Good Friday service will be March 29th.

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

Church, Jesus Christ has come and fulfilled Scripture and has redeemed us with His blood. May you feel the weight and glory of His death and resurrection. May you draw closer to Him daily. May you strengthen one another in compassion. May you go today calling others to know the love of God, which surpasses all others.

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

You are sent.

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