

Sunday Gathering

An Edifying Church, 2
Timothy 2:14-19 - Bradley
Bell

January 22, 2023

Membership: #ThrivetheFive

Length
in mins

Audio/
Visual Band Person Vocals

0:00 Call to Worship - Genesis 1:31

Consider how many times you hear the word "good" in a day. You may hear it coming out of a friend's mouth or out of your own mouth. Yet, it's often used as a throwaway word.

How was school today? "Good."
How was your food? "Good."
How's life? "Good."

Why do we do that? Maybe it's because we're always in search of something better than good, always looking for what comes next. A better word, a better meal, a better relationship, a better life, a better truth?

Instead, let us come today remembering the first use of the word "good". A word that the Creator himself used to describe the unimaginable beauty, profound intricacy, and perfect design of the world he had made. Each day he creates and then comes the refrain, "It was GOOD." It was good because God's word is good. And then at the end we read these words:

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, ****it was very good.****
Genesis 1:31

Before we sing this morning, make this prayer your own, as I pray it over us:

God, steer our hearts away from longing for what may look better or what may seem more fulfilling. Instead, guide our hearts toward your word, which is wholly and truly good. Amen.

0:00 *Rejoice* [Default Arrangement in A]

0:00 Confession - John 5:39-40; 14:5-6

We live in the peak age of too much information. A culture where everything is trying to be good but nothing is good enough. With a click of a button we can find the answer to every question we've ever thought about. However, we don't always go to these places because we're searching for answers we've been missing. We often go because we don't like the answers we know to be true.

In John 5:39-40 Jesus says,

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. John 5:39-40

It's easy for us to go to Scriptures in the same way. Take a moment to evaluate your own heart and confess anything that God reveals.

Are there ways you are searching for loopholes in God's word? [pause]

God, please forgive us and give us the courage to run toward what we know to be true. Help us to not only take your word, but to take Christ himself.

Later in the book of John, Jesus gives us a beautiful reminder that is at the heart of the good news we know to be true. Read the underlined portion together:

Thomas said to him, "How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, ****I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**** John 14:5-6

0:00 *Christ Is Mine Forevermore* [Default Arrangement in A]

0:00 *Glorious Day* [Default Arrangement in C]

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0:00 Evidence of Grace - Ephesians 4:11-16

0:00 Sermon - 2 Timothy 2:14-19

0:00 Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

0:00 *O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer* [Default Arrangement in D]

0:00 *Man Of Sorrows* [Default Arrangement in C]

0:00 **Benediction - John 1:1; 2 Timothy 2:19**

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 in order for us to grow in the context of deep 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; the pen is yours to keep.

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) Membership covenants - Existing members please review and sign them by next Sunday, January 29th.

2) Antioch Academy - The first workshop of Antioch Academy will start next Sunday morning at 9 AM in the training room. The focus will be on what we call "the empty chair"—that is, hospitality that points others to Jesus. We'll begin with the topic "hospitable worship". As we've been encouraged today, let's be eager to build each other up by coming to learn in community. Remember, there are also classes for children at that time from first grade through high school. Younger children are welcome but will need to remain with you rather than being dropped off with Young Disciples.

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, let us leave here today rejoicing in the goodness of God's word—the living Word who came for us, and the written word that proclaims him. This is the foundation that stands firm! May you go therefore, handling it rightly to build one another up before a watching world. Based on John 1:1; 2 Timothy 2:19

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

0:00

Audio/Visual

Audio

Andrew Oliveras 

Slides

Dan Gilliss 

Band

Acoustic Guitar

Rachael Hurt

Bass Guitar

Mark Mihalyov

Drums

Brian Sigrest 

Electric Guitar

Aaron Kiefer