

# Sunday Gathering

A Multiplying Church, Exodus  
18:13-27 - Bradley Bell

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Membership: #ThrivetheFive

## Call to Worship- 1 Chronicles 16:8-13

For many of us, January may seem bleak and busy. After the holidays, it can be a struggle to get back on our feet, while at the same time feel like we're on a never-ending treadmill. Maybe that's your story today, or maybe you've come to our gathering in deep grief, or with great celebration. For all of those and even more, you are in good company here. No matter what the past few days have held, today God's mercies for you are new. Right now, let's press pause, still ourselves from our busyness and chaos, and worship the Lord for who he is.

Hear the word of the Lord from 1 Chronicles 16 and read the underlined portions with me:

8 Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

\*\*9 Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!

10 Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!\*\*

11 Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!

\*\*12 Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles and the judgments he uttered,

13 O offspring of Israel his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!\*\*

1 Chronicles 16:8-13

## *Jesus Is Better*

### *There Is None Like You (Spontaneous)*

#### **Confession- Luke 10:41-42**

Let's put ourselves in the story of Mary and Martha in Luke 10 for a moment. These women are preparing for Jesus's arrival to their home. There's a crowd coming. There are errands after errands, an obligation for hospitality, and next to no time to get all the work done. How often does this feel like our lives? And how often do we, like Martha, protest to Jesus,

"Lord, don't you care that [I'm] left to do the work by myself?" Luke 10:40

We are a people distracted by many things, and we overextend and overcommit ourselves regularly. But our real need is not to get all the things done. Our deepest need, like Mary found, is a heart that can be still before Jesus.

Take a moment of quiet to consider this question,

What's keeping me from being still before Jesus?

Brothers and sisters, as Luke writes, Jesus is the good portion, and he will not be taken away from you. Now I invite you to pray this with me:

\*\*Lord, help us choose you, now and each day, over all of the well-intended distractions we face. Help us choose the better part. You are the only good portion.\*\*

## *Rock Of Ages*

## *Nothing But The Blood*

## **Evidence of Grace - 1 Peter 2:4-5**

## **Sermon - Exodus 18:13-27**

## *Lead Us Back*

## *Endless Praise*

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## Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

### Benediction - John 14:12

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, today is the final day to sign membership covenants. After this the pastors will be following up with anyone who didn't sign in order to clarify if you are withdrawing from membership.
- 2) Antioch Academy - The first Antioch Academy workshop kicked off this morning at 9:00 AM in the training room. According to our emphasis on the Antioch identity of eyewitnesses, our current workshop is called "The Empty Chair: Hospitality that Points Others to Jesus". Next week's topic is "hospitable lives". As a reminder to parents, there are also classes for children at that time from first grade through high school. Infants and younger children are welcome but will need to remain with you rather than being dropped off with Young Disciples.
- 3) Mona has 2022 contribution reports available to hand out today. Please see her for yours.

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, Jesus allowed himself to be crushed so we could be sent out to display his glory among the nations. Therefore, may you go wisely and humbly, remembering that you were made for more. Based John 14:12

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

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## Audio/Visual

### Audio

Jason Cox

### Slides

Jodie Sigrest

## Band

### Acoustic Guitar

Jeffery Smith,

### Bass Guitar

Mark Mihalyov 

### Drums

Brian Sigrest 

### Electric Guitar

Aaron Kiefer

### Vocals

Katie Harrod

Winona Miller