

Sunday Gathering

Who Do You Think You Are?
Luke 19:45-20:8 - Bradly Bell

March 26, 2023

Luke: Upside Down (Spring
2023)

Call to Worship - Isaiah 56:6-7

Good morning Antioch family. Happy first week of Spring!

Every week we start our gathering with a call to worship. Let's take a moment to remember **why**. Why are we here? Why do we sing? Serve? Teach? Preach? Pray? Receive communion? Why are we sent?

Our answer isn't found in reason, our answer is found in a person. Jesus Christ. And who is Jesus?

He is the Author of Salvation. The Bread of Life. The Chief Shepherd. Wonderful Counselor. The Great High Priest. The Holy One. Immanuel. Lamb of God. Lord of All. Man of sorrows. Prince of Peace. The Resurrection and the Life. The True Vine. Son of God. And the Word of God.

This is who we encounter. He is why we respond.

Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah and say the underlined portion with me.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant, these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Isaiah 56:6-7

Great Are You Lord

Confession - Jeremiah 7:9-11

We've taken time to remember who we encounter when we gather. Now let's take a moment to consider how we encounter him. We read earlier that God's house shall be called "a house of prayer". And yet it fell short of that in the days of the Old Testament temple. The prophet Jeremiah wrote,

Do you really think you can steal, murder, commit adultery, lie, and burn incense to Baal and all those other new gods of yours, and then come here and stand before me in my Temple and chant, "We are safe!"—only to go right back to all those evils again? Don't you yourselves admit that this Temple, which bears my name, has become a den of thieves? Surely I see all the evil going on there. Jeremiah 7:9-11, NLT

When we read such living words, it calls us to confession as well. We may not gather at a temple, but our lives are meant to be a temple for the Lord. So the question becomes, where are you surrendering your temple to God, and where are you acting like you own the place?

Join me in offering up this raw prayer from a honest heart, and say the underlined portion with me:

God, sometimes I pretend I am the architect of my life—
designing each room according to my own liking
seeing profit instead of people
painting the walls with my own agenda
filling the space with my lofty expectations.

Then I lock the door
clenching the sovereignty I think I've earned.

***Would you come and turn my house upside down?
Empty it of pride and unbelief
And fill it again with prayers that reflect your will.
Amen.***

Abide With Me

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Congregational Prayer - Acts 2:42

Sermon - Luke 19:45-20:8

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Jesus Paid It All

Benediction - Psalm 23:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Isaiah 56:7

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) Mantiach breakfast - The Men's Bible Study concluded today. If you weren't able to attend and would like an alternative time to meet, please sign up on the side table. In celebration of what we learned together we will be having a Mantiach breakfast next Sunday at 9:00 AM in the training. You are welcome to attend whether or not you were able to participate in the Bible study.

2) Good Friday and Easter - We are now less than two weeks away from our Good Friday and Easter Sunday gatherings. Good Friday will be at 6:30 PM on April 7th and Easter will be at our normal time on April 9th. Please come and invite others. There are invitations on the side table.

3) Prayer and fasting - Our call to church-wide prayer and fasting during the season of Lent continues this week. There are print copies of this week's devotional on the side table if you need them, and we will also post them daily on our Facebook page.

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. I invite you to hold out your hands in a posture of reception:

Church, because of the goodness and mercy of Jesus Christ, you shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Therefore may you go rejoicing always, praying continually, giving thanks in all circumstances, that your life may be full of prayer for all nations. Based on Psalm 23:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Isaiah 56:7

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

We are sent.
