

# Living Water Fellowship

10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020

COME TO JESUS

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** VIDEO – REVIVAL ANTHEM (Rend Collective) CCL Licence 384660

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mheM17ZRWM>

**WELCOME:**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** PSALM 63 (NLT)

*O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer. You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy...through Jesus Christ, our Lord... Amen.*

**SONG:** VIDEO – GREAT ARE YOU LORD (All Sons & Daughters)-CCL Licence 384660

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCH1e3JgBjk>

## GROW IN HIS GRACE

**BIBLE READING:** Matthew 20:25-28 and 1 Peter 4:8-11

### FAITH CHAT:

1. Where/when do you find serving others most rewarding/most difficult? Why do you think that is?
2. What is one thing you would do *personally* to serve someone else if money wasn't an issue & time wasn't a constraint?
3. Have you said "Thank you" lately to someone who has served you greatly? How?

**THE MESSAGE:** FAITH FORMED SERVICE

**PRAYERS:**

(Individuals are encouraged to pray for one another in their households & to include prayers for the wider Living Water family, the Wagga Wagga community, our nation and the world's leaders in this time of isolation due to virus containment)

(Individual households may also choose to celebrate Holy Communion after the online service concludes.

Please feel free to do so. If you know the Words of Institution you simply say them as you would hear them in worship. If you aren't sure, then read aloud together Paul's recount of the celebration in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. Then share the forgiveness, life and salvation Christ offers in his body and blood. The words "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you" and appropriate elements are to be used as you celebrate together.)

*The Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now & forever. Amen.**

## GO IN HIS POWER

**BLESSING:**

**† \_\_\_\_\_, child of God,  
May Jesus' servant heart be your heart. Amen.**

**SONG:** VIDEO – DEATH WAS ARRESTED (Seth Condrey/Northpoint Community Church)-CCL Licence 384660

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMsMiluCUUI>

## SHOW HIS LOVE

## **MATTHEW 20:25-28**

Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

## **1 PETER 4:8-11**

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay.

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

## **Group Bible Study/Discussion:**

1. Read 1 Peter 4 & Matthew 20:20-28. What questions immediately come to mind for you?
2. How does Jesus’ suffering serve us? How does your serving others imitate that suffering love of the Father for you? How does a follower of Jesus’ attitude to serving in difficult circumstances offer a striking & unique witness to the not-yet-believing world?
3. How does 1 Peter 4:7 act as a wake-up call to the church? How would that have sounded to a 1<sup>st</sup> century believer? How does that strike you in our current climate? What is implied here?
4. How do Peter’s follow-up instructions challenge you? How does a heart of loving service provide a strong witness in the face of persecution or being marginalized by the world? Note 1 Pt 1:22. Why do you think Peter repeats that command here in vs 8?
5. “Hospitality” literally means “an active love for others/strangers.” In what ways have you seen Christians show hospitality? In what ways can hospitality become a great form of witness to not-yet-Christians?
6. Peter lists only 2 spiritual gifts here. (other NT passages list about a dozen) Why do you think he focusses on only those 2?
7. Can you describe from your experience the divide Jesus sets up between the Kingdom of the world & the Kingdom of God? How does that divide reflect the differing values of the 2 Kingdoms? Could living that difference become for you a powerful witness to your friends who do not yet follow Christ? Would it be hard for you to imitate Jesus in this regard?
8. In the context of Matthew 20, why were the other disciples so upset with James & John? How does Jesus’ reply end any grappling for position among them? How does that attitude of serving in the kingdom the way Jesus the King served, challenge you?
9. Note Jesus’ summary of his own life in vs 28. Note Paul’s summary in Acts 20:24. How would you like your life to be summarized? What are you living for?
10. How would you like to see these verses brought to life in the life & ministry of Living Water? How can you help that happen?