

Living Water Fellowship

14TH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

6TH SEPTEMBER 2020

COME TO JESUS

WELCOME:

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of mercy and love, thank you for calling us into your presence. We praise you that you challenge us to show our faith in real ways in real life to the real people all around us. Open our hearts and minds today to hear your words of encouragement and challenge, and to hold tightly to your word of life, forgiveness and salvation...Jesus Christ our Lord...Amen.

SONG: Cornerstone

(On-Line worship – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3HH_-1Zbs)

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING:

Mark 10:28-30

FAITH CHAT:

1. What is/was the best part of your “work”?
2. If you could encourage a young “worker,” what would you tell them?
3. What is one thing that would revolutionize most workplaces?

BIBLE READING:

Colossians 3:17-24

THE MESSAGE:

NEW TERRAIN: THRIVING IN LIFE'S CHANGES – THRIVING WHEN WORK IS DIFFERENT

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 Christ in you
make your vocation His mission. Amen.**

SONG: 10,000 Reasons

(On-Line worship – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSxocnlaN0A>)

SHOW HIS LOVE

MARK 10:28-30

Then Peter began to speak up. "We've given up everything to follow you," he said. "Yes," Jesus replied, "and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for my sake and for the Good News, will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property—along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life.

COLOSSIANS 3:17-24

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged. Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord. Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. For God has no favourites.

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Mark 10:13-31 & Colossians 3:12-24. (The larger sections of both texts provides some context for today's study) What questions immediately come to mind for you?
2. What was the disciples' attitude to the little children? What was Jesus'? How do you account for the difference? These children were not brought to Jesus for healing; nor were they old enough to be taught. What the parents sought for them, and what Jesus gave

to them, was blessing. How is that simple desire reflective of God's intention (see Is 55:6-7, Mt 11:28, Ez 18:31-32)

3. How is the rich young man different from the children? What is the result of that difference? How does Jesus feel about that outcome? Why did the young man refuse Jesus' invitation?
4. How would this story be different if the first half of verse 21 were removed from this story ("And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said...")?
5. Why were the disciples "amazed?" What do you think Jesus means when He says, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."?
6. What did Jesus promise Peter and all believers? How does his promise strengthen us?
7. How does the first part of Colossians 3:12, encourage you to follow through on the second part? Read vs 16 in that same light. How is it a strengthening verse for you?
8. Giving thanks is mentioned three times in verses 15-17. How does thankful-ness connect to the exhortations around it?
9. In 3:1-4, Paul highlights our heavenly citizenship and identity in Christ. In the rest of the chapter (3:5-25) he talks about how this new identity and heavenly citizenship should direct our lives and behavior on earth. How does what we see in 3:1-4 help us think, act, and look more like Jesus?
10. How many times does Paul mention "the Lord" in Col. 3:18-25? Why do you think he would emphasize Christ's lordship so much in a section about roles and relationships? What are some of the roles (single, husband, wife, parent, child, roommate, friend, employee, boss, etc.) you have in life right now? What does it look like for you to live out your specific roles under the lordship of Jesus (3:17)?