

Living Water Fellowship

REFORMATION SUNDAY

25TH OCTOBER 2020

COME TO JESUS

WELCOME:

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty & always-gracious God, our salvation depends upon you & you alone. So set us free from worldly things and worldly worries so we can truly hear & obey your Word. Release us from our anxious moments and fear-bound living so that by your Spirit we discern and obey your will for us. Let our lives be lived to offer witness to your saving power and redeeming love; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SONG: *The Power of Your Love*

(On-Line worship – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N425kFh3xSI>)

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING:

Matthew 8:23-27 & John 20:30-31

FAITH CHAT:

1. When were you last afraid? Why? What'd you do? How'd it turn out?
2. How is your faith in Jesus a weapon against fear? Have you ever shared that with someone who does not yet trust in Christ?

THE MESSAGE:

HIS STORY – YOUR LIFE: HIS PROTECTION

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 Communion: *(on-site)*

Words of Institution & 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 and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion:

GO IN HIS POWER

BLESSING:

***(Name), † child of God,
Christ is your protection from every threat!
Amen***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: *Behold Our God*

(On-Line worship – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GqrlI3Lkf58>)

SHOW HIS LOVE

MATTHEW 8:23-27

Then Jesus got into the boat and started across the lake with his disciples. Suddenly, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

Jesus responded, "Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!" Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm. The disciples were amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked. "Even the winds and waves obey him!"

JOHN 20:30-31

The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Matthew 8:23-27 & John 20:30-31. What questions immediately come to mind? Does your familiarity with this part of Jesus' life hinder your seeing it with fresh eyes?
2. What are some things of which you are afraid? What causes your faith to get "seasick" from the storms of life? In these times, how do you "call out" to Jesus?
3. While Jesus is sleeping, what do the disciples believe in more, his power or the storm's threat? How do circumstances in life disrupt our trust in Jesus?
4. It is one thing to believe in something & quite another to trust & even more to obey. To follow Christ requires all three. Why? How does this play out in your life?
5. Do you think the disciples showed *some* faith? How so or why not? Why did Jesus speak sternly to them? The disciples are left wondering about who Jesus is. Are there things about Jesus you still do not understand or fully comprehend? How will you seek greater understanding?
6. Note the contrast between the "fierce storm" & the "great calm." Why do you think Matthew remembers this event in such "large scale" terms? How does Jesus demonstrate throughout the gospels that his provision in any circumstance is "greater" than the need presented? (e.g. Water to wine, feeding the multitudes, etc...)
7. John says he wrote his account of Jesus' life so that we might "continue" to believe. But it is clear John intended for us to share the story of Jesus with those who were not yet acquainted with it. How can you do that more boldly & consistently given what you have learned here, and knowing how Jesus has acted in your life? Pray for opportunities to do so.