

Living Water Fellowship

Worship with Holy Communion
4th Sunday in Lent – 27th March 2022

COME TO JESUS

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION BREAKTHROUGH (RED ROCKS WORSHIP)

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

SONG: Holy Spirit

BIBLE READING: Luke 9:18-26

¹⁸ One day Jesus left the crowds to pray alone. Only his disciples were with him, & he asked them, “Who do people say I am?” ¹⁹ “Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah. Others say you are one of the other ancient prophets risen from the dead.” ²⁰ Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?”

Peter replied, “You are the Messiah sent from God!”

²¹ Jesus warned his disciples not to tell anyone who he was. ²² “The Son of Man must suffer many terrible things,” he said. “He will be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, & the teachers of religious law. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead.”

²³ Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must deny yourself, take up your cross daily, & follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. ²⁵ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed? ²⁶ If anyone is ashamed of me & my message, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in his glory & in the glory of the Father & the holy angels.”

CHILDREN’S TIME:

FAITH CHAT:

1. In what area of your life does following Jesus most challenge you?
2. When is it most difficult for you to talk about your relationship with Jesus?

THE MESSAGE: RSVP: INVITATION TO SURRENDER

OFFERING SONG: Night Song

PRAYERS:

THE COMMUNION:

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: DEATH WAS ARRESTED (NORTH POINT INSIDEOUT)

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God, Christ surrendered himself for you!
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: Grace

SHOW HIS LOVE

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Luke 9:18-26. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you hear God say as you read it a few times to yourself? What do you find most challenging? Why?
2. As this scene opens, what was Jesus doing? Why do you think he was doing that? While the disciples were there, what do you think they were doing?
3. “Who do people say I am?” In their setting, the various answers made some sense among those who were still unsure about Jesus’ identity. How would people you know who are not-yet-Christians answer the question? How might they have reached their conclusion? How does the world view Jesus? Is that partially true? How does “partial” truth in reality lead us away from truth?
4. What does it mean that Jesus is “the Messiah sent from God!”? What does it mean for someone to make this confession of faith? What does it mean for you?
5. Why does Jesus refer to himself as “the Son of Man?” (see Dan 7:13-14) How does he further explain the work & life of the “Son of Man”? What is the ultimate goal of the Son of Man as Jesus describes it? How does that give you hope?
6. Read Matthew 7:21-23 & Acts 4:10-12. Go back & look at your discussion around Q#3 above. Why is vs 20 **THE QUESTION** for our lives?
7. Jesus predicts his crucifixion again a few verses later (Lk 9:44-45). How do the disciples react? Why is that?
8. How does Jesus spell out the implications for the answer to vs 20 both for himself **AND** for all who seek to be his disciple?
9. What three things does Jesus say essential for being his disciple? How are you carrying out each of those? Where are you struggling to do what Jesus calls you to?
10. Is the gospel only about the “afterlife,” or about “all of life”? How are you living that reality? What help do you need to do that more fully?