

Living Water Fellowship

17th Sunday in Pentecost – 2nd October 2022

COME TO JESUS

INTRO VIDEO: *WorshipInspiration*

WELCOME & PRAYER:

SONG: *How Great is our God*

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Psalm 147:1-12

¹ Praise the Lord! How good to sing praises to our God! How delightful & how fitting!

² The Lord is rebuilding Jerusalem & bringing the exiles back to Israel.

³ He heals the broken-hearted & bandages their wounds.

⁴ He counts the stars & calls them all by name.

⁵ How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!

⁶ The Lord supports the humble, but he brings the wicked down into the dust.

⁷ Sing out your thanks to the Lord; sing praises to our God with a harp.

⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds, provides rain for the earth,
& makes the grass grow in mountain pastures.

⁹ He gives food to the wild animals & feeds the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰ He takes no pleasure in the strength of a horse or in human might.

¹¹ No, the Lord's delight is in those who fear him,
those who put their hope in his unfailing love.

¹² Glorify the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

CHILDREN'S TIME:

BIBLE READING: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

¹ I solemnly urge you in the presence of God & Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living & the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: ² Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favourable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, & encourage your people with good teaching.

³ For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound & wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires & will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will reject the truth & chase after myths.

⁵ But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, & fully carry out the ministry God has given you.

FAITH CHAT:

1. When I want to be entertained, I _____?
2. How does consistent worship make a difference in your life?

THE MESSAGE: *SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENCE: WORSHIP IN A WORLD OF ENTERTAINMENT*

OFFERING SONG: *The 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.

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GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God,
The Father claims your life for his worship. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: *Glorious Day*

SHOW HIS LOVE

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5 & Psalm 147:1-12. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you find most challenging? What really strikes you in these verses?
2. How do you find Paul's words here to Timothy appropriate in today's world? What "truth" is rejected in favour of "myths"?
3. How does a distaste for the truth lead to a downward spiral toward embracing "myths/falsehoods"? What are some of key biblical teachings people have begun to discard in favour of falsehoods?
4. Paul gives Timothy the "antidote" before he describes the "illness." What is it? How is that "antidote" supposed to function in our lives?
5. In a world where most people preach tolerance, but practice it intolerantly, what is the basis for us to correct or rebuke others? How should we do this? How can this be an encouragement to some?
6. Why would someone not want to listen to sound teaching grounded in Biblical truth? What are itching ears? What might be some signs that we are suffering this same problem of finding teachers or counselors that "go easy on us"?
7. If someone were to ask, "How do you know God's word (the Bible) is true?" How would you answer? What is the central message of the Bible? If that central message is true, it calls for a different living response to the entirety of God's word. Can someone see that "living response" in you as a first witness to the truth?
8. What four-fold exhortation is given to Timothy in view of such things to come? How does that apply to you as well? How well are you carrying out that exhortation? What help do you need to be more proficient at it?
9. How is verse 5 a fitting encouragement to each of us given the chaos & disdain for truth Paul says permeates the culture?
10. Now read 2 Tim 4:6-8. Do you share Paul's hope for the future? How does Paul's challenge to Timothy help you ground your hope more deeply in the truth you expect to see fulfilled in Jesus Christ's return, rather than the falsehoods on which many today stake their lives?
11. What would it take for you to be more bold & confident in confronting error and sharing the good news among your circles of influence this week? Ask someone to pray for you in that regard...then be obedient to Paul's challenge.