

Living Water Fellowship

Reformation Sunday – 30th October 2022

COME TO JESUS

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION BREAKTHROUGH (REDROCKS WORSHIP) CCLI 384660

SONG: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty (LH 140)

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: John 8:31-36

³¹ Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

³³ “But we are descendants of Abraham,” they said. “We have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean, ‘You will be set free’?”

³⁴ Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin. ³⁵ A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.

CHILDREN’S TIME:

BIBLE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. ² It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place.

³ I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. ⁵ He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him. ⁹ For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I’m not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God’s church.

¹⁰ But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favour on me—and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace. ¹¹ So it makes no difference whether I preach or they preach, for we all preach the same message you have already believed.

SONG: Nothing But the Blood of Jesus (AT 345)

FAITH CHAT:

1. If you had to explain the Reformation to someone, what would you say?
2. What image of the cross resonates with you most?

THE MESSAGE: *TABLE TALK: THE CROSS*

OFFERING SONG: Lord of Creation (TIS 626)

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: ANCIENT OF DAYS (CITYALIGHT) CCLI 384660

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God,
Christ makes you new by the cross that sets you free.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: How shall I call you? (LHS 880)

SHOW HIS LOVE

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read John 8:31-36 & 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you find most challenging? What really strikes you in these verses?
2. What is Paul's point in saying that the gospel, which he preached, is the gospel that had "been passed on to" him? What's the danger we face in trying to share the gospel or even a story we've been told with someone else? How is that particularly dangerous with the good news of Jesus Christ? How does Paul reassure us in this way?
3. In your life as a follower of Jesus, do you tend to focus more on the cross or the resurrection? Why do you think that is so? How does Paul link those here in a helpful way for you?
4. Verses 3-8 are an early Christian creed that outline the key components of the Gospel message. If you were asked to find which Scriptures Paul has in mind where would you turn? (see Ps 16:10, Ps 22 [especially vss 22-31], Is 53:10-11, Dan 12:2-3)
5. Is the gospel "just the facts" as outlined here, or is there more to the good news than just facts? What would that be? Where in the Scriptures would you turn to add to what Paul has written here? Do you know of other similar "summaries" of the gospel?
6. If Jesus did not physically rise from the dead, what would change about the Christian faith? Would you still be part of a church? Why/not? After appearing to 500 people, why do so many still doubt the truth of Jesus' message & identity as the Messiah?
7. What is significant about Paul's self-perception (1 Cor 15:8-9; 1 Tim 1:15; Acts 9:3-5)? What do you make of Paul's self-understanding? What was the relationship between God's grace & Paul's identity? What can we learn from Paul's simultaneous inadequacy & confidence in Christ?
8. In John 8, Jesus speaks to people who are beginning to follow him. What is he trying to emphasize to these fledgling disciples? What does he want for them? What do they appear in danger of trusting instead of "Christ alone"?
9. How are truth & freedom similar in effect as gifts from Christ to you? What does knowing the truth accomplish in your life? What does freedom in Christ allow you to become?
10. Both Jesus & Paul emphasize "being faithful" or "continuing in" the word of grace alone in Christ alone. How is that challenged in your life? What do you do to overcome those challenges?
11. For more on the resurrection of Christ & his return to raise with him those who believe; take some time this week to read 1 Thess 4:13-5:28 & the remainder of 1 Cor 15. What strikes you as you read these verses?