

# *Living Water Fellowship*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024*

## *COME TO JESUS*

**OPENING SONGS:** *Shout to the North*  
*Canticle of Daniel (AT 422) CCL Licence 384660*

**WELCOME & PRAYER:**

## *GROW IN HIS GRACE*

**BIBLE READING:** Psalm 25:1-7

<sup>1</sup>To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. <sup>2</sup>I trust in you, my God!

Do not let me be disgraced, or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat.

<sup>3</sup>No one who trusts in you will ever be disgraced,  
but disgrace comes to those who try to deceive others.

<sup>4</sup>Make your ways known to me, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me.  
All day long I put my hope in you.

<sup>6</sup>Remember, O Lord, your compassion and unfailing love,  
which you have shown from long ages past.

<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the rebellious sins of my youth.

Remember me in the light of your unfailing love, for you are merciful, O Lord.

**CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**BIBLE READING:** Mark 9:30-37

<sup>30</sup> Leaving that region, they travelled through Galilee. Jesus didn't want anyone to know he was there, <sup>31</sup> for he wanted to spend more time with his disciples & teach them. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but three days later he will rise from the dead." <sup>32</sup> They didn't understand what he was saying, however, & they were afraid to ask him what he meant.

<sup>33</sup> After they arrived at Capernaum & settled in a house, Jesus asked his disciples, "What were you discussing out on the road?" <sup>34</sup> But they didn't answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, & said, "Whoever wants to be first must take last place & be the servant of everyone else." <sup>36</sup> Then he put a little child among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, & anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me."

**FAITH CHAT:**

1. What does “greatness” look like in today’s world?
2. What does “greatness” look like in Wagga Wagga?

**THE MESSAGE:**            *DISCIPLESHIP BEGINS WITH A “W”: WAY*

**OFFERING SONG:**    *Holy Spirit Living Water (AT 359) - CCL Licence 384660*

**PRAYERS:**

**THE COMMUNION:**

*The 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 during Communion: VIDEO – I WANT TO KNOW YOU (CityAlight) - CCL Licence 384660*

*GO IN HIS POWER*

**THE BLESSING:**

**(Name), † child of God...  
The greatness of Jesus dwells in you!  
-- Amen**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SONG:**            *Sent by the Lord am I (AT 412) — CCL Licence 384660*

*SHOW HIS LOVE*

**Group Bible Study/Discussion:**

1. Read Psalm 25:1-7 & Mark 9:30-37. What strikes you as you read?
2. What does it mean to you to “lift your soul” to God as David did in verse 1? This psalm has much to say about “the way:” a relationship with God marked by responsiveness to God’s Word & reliance on God in all things. If you were to think about your life by that scale, how would you describe yourself according to “the way”?
3. What seems to be David’s major concerns as he prays here? Do you often find yourself sharing those concerns? How does David deal with them? How do you?
4. Why is our culture so averse to asking for help, particularly from God? How does this Psalm counteract that tendency of the 21<sup>st</sup> century?
5. If someone says, “*My hope is in you,*” what do you expect their life will reflect? If you pray this prayer with David, what should those close to you see in you? Do they?
6. Why is it important to Jesus that his disciples hear from him that he will be betrayed, crucified, & then rise from the dead? How would you react to that news from a beloved teacher or leader?
7. Think about your answers in #5 in relation to the disciples’ debate among themselves in Mark 9:30-37. Where does it seem they have placed their hopes? How does Jesus correct their thinking?
8. Why does Jesus use a child as part of his object lesson here? Pastor John called attention to the fact that the important “character” in Jesus’ example was “the one who welcomes” the child, moreso than the child. Why is the “welcomer” the real focus?
9. How do you feel challenged by Jesus through this passage?
10. At your funeral, will your loved ones be able to say you lived a great life? What will that have looked like? What changes (*habits, thoughts, attitudes, values. etc...*) between now & then might you need to make to take steps toward living that great life?