

Living Water Fellowship

5th Sunday after the Epiphany – 9th February 2025

COME TO JESUS

SONGS: Come Now is the Time to Worship
I Want to Know You

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷ When they came down from the mountain, the disciples stood with Jesus on a large, level area, surrounded by many of his followers & by the crowds. There were people from all over Judea & from Jerusalem & from as far north as the seacoasts of Tyre & Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him & to be healed of their diseases; & those troubled by evil spirits were healed. ¹⁹ Everyone tried to touch him, because healing power went out from him, & he healed everyone.

²⁰ Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said,

“God blesses you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours.

²¹ God blesses you who are hungry now, for you will be satisfied.

God blesses you who weep now, for in due time you will laugh.

²² What blessings await you when people hate you & exclude you & mock you & curse you as evil because you follow the Son of Man. ²³ When that happens, be happy! Yes, leap for joy! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, their ancestors treated the ancient prophets that same way.

²⁴ “What sorrow awaits you who are rich, for you have your only happiness now.

²⁵ What sorrow awaits you who are fat & prosperous now,
for a time of awful hunger awaits you.

What sorrow awaits you who laugh now, for your laughing will turn to mourning & sorrow.

²⁶ What sorrow awaits you who are praised by the crowds,
for their ancestors also praised false prophets.

CHILDREN’S TIME:

SONG: Ancient of Days

FAITH CHAT:

1. If you had a chance to meet Jesus, why would you want to do so?
2. What might worry you about simply meeting up with Jesus like that?

THE MESSAGE: ANSWERING THE "WHY?": COME TO JESUS

OFFERING SONG: Rest My Soul

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 – ALL I NEED

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God,
Christ dwells in you to be seen by the world!
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: Let your Kingdom Come

SHOW HIS LOVE

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Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Luke 6:17-26. What questions immediately come to mind? What strikes you as you read this text?
2. What is significant about the diversity of the mob surrounding Jesus? Who do you suspect is also in the crowd but isn't specifically listed by Luke?
3. What to you is the important distinction between those Jesus refers to as "blessed" by God & those to whom he announces "sorrows"?
4. How do you think that Jesus's words in Luke 6:20-26 would have been received by His audience in the 1st century?
5. Compare Luke 6:22-23 with Luke 6:26. These verses talk about acceptance/rejection among other people, but what do they imply about acceptance/rejection with God?
6. The Greek word translated "sorrow or woe" is an expression of grief or denunciation. Why might Jesus express grief over disciples whose lives are characterized by wealth, good food, laughter, or human acclaim? Is it wrong to have these things? What point do you think Jesus is making here?
7. Why do you think that the human heart is so prone to believing that fulfillment & satisfaction can be found in worldly things? Why do you think that it is so prone to forgetting that God is the only one who can and will satisfy us?
8. In what way are these words of Jesus challenging? Note the difference in "time" in Jesus' pronouncements of blessing or sorrow...Some are present tense. Some are future tense. What do you make of those distinctions in time?
9. If Jesus were to show up at one of the televised major events of our time (i.e. footy Grand Final, Australian Open, Ashes Test Match) how would that crowd respond to him? What do you think his message would be in that context? Why?
10. What does Jesus, through this text, call you to do?

Remember:

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Continue praying through the week:

***Father prepare me for whatever you require today
and lead me in faith wherever you call me to go.
In Jesus' Name...Amen.***