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October 3, 2021

MATTHEW

Truly I Say To You



welcome

our purpose

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our purpose is to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry vision is to love God with all that we are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

As you worship with us today, you'll notice how often we reference the gospel of Jesus Christ. We don't have it all figured out, but we know that God saves sinners through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please join us as we exalt God by singing about his greatness and as we seek to know more about him from the Bible.

the gospel

You will hear us talk about the gospel a lot. Actually it is the center of everything we do here at Highlands.

1. **God** - the only all-knowing, all-powerful King and Creator of all things. He created us to enjoy and glorify him forever. [Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-32]
2. **Sin** - Yet, we rejected God, and established ourselves as gods of our lives, separating ourselves from Him, and becoming objects of His wrath. In so doing we also unleashed sin, sickness, death and evil. [Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12-14]
3. **Christ** - In God's unparalleled mercy and grace, He already had a plan to reconcile us to Himself. The entire Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah - revealed in the New Testament as Jesus Christ. [John 1; Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 3:21-26]
4. **Response** - None of this is effective for us unless we respond in two ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], and believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, adopted into God's family, and we persevere in the faith. [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 24:13; Ephesians 4:1]

kingdom kids

We love kids at Highlands!

Kids will be dismissed to downstairs before the sermon. Please see one of our security team at the check-in desk for more info.

Current Classes: Explorers (0-2)
Discoverers (2-3) and Adventurers (4-Grade 2)

coming up

- **See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!**
- Monday Night Care Group - tomorrow, 7pm upstairs
- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Sussex Diner
- Ladies Bible Study - Tuesdays, 7pm upstairs
- **Prayer Meeting - TONIGHT - 6pm upstairs**
- MidWeek Study returns - Wednesday, October 13th @ 6pm
- Today's Choice Walk for Life - Saturday, October 9th
- New Care Group starts Sunday, Oct 10th at 4pm - upstairs
- Fall Workday - Saturday, October 16th - 8am-12pm
- Men's Breakfast - Saturday, October 30th - 8am-11am - sign up today!
- Elder Meetings - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - prayers appreciated!

finances

General Offering - Sep 2021	\$ 23,377.69
Designated Gifts - Sep 2021	\$ 410.20
YTD General Offering thru Sep 2021	\$ 204,732.49
2021 Budget	\$ 314,511.00

Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands, our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. Additionally, you can give anytime online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give

Or you can mail a check to Highlands Bible Church, 307 Route 94, Vernon, NJ 07462.

Questions? info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org or see Chris Deming.

worship guide

October 3, 2021

Welcome to worship! Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 12:33-37. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, at the Lord's Table, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.”

(James 3:2-5 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- How often do we consider the words we choose? How have words hurt you or helped you?
- Look at the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. Where are you encouraged and where do you need to grow?
- What is the relationship between our heart and sin in general? How do we get a new heart? [See Ezekiel 36:26-27]
- What sort(s) of sinful speech do you struggle with the most?
- How can you better cultivate a good heart that produces good words?
- NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE: Matthew 12:38-42.

SING

Because He Lives (Amen) | Wonderful, Merciful Savior |
He Who is Mighty | O Fount of Love

sermon notes

October 3, 2021

MATTHEW 12:33-37

Heart Fruit

1. Trees. [12:33; Galatians 5:22-23]

We are known by our fruit.

2. Treasures. [12:34-35; 15:18; James 3:2; Philippians 4:8]

Words are the fruit of the heart.

3. Word Accounting [12:36-37; Romans 14:12; Ephesians 4:29; James 3:3-12]

Put your words to work for the Kingdom.

Big Idea: Our choice of words shows the condition of our hearts.