THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

This week we begin a ten-week series of examining “Ten Things Every Christian Ought To Know.” I hope this will be an opportunity for us to examine both the basics of Christian faith and some of their implications in our daily life. The basic ideas for this series were inspired by a presentation by Bishop Scott J. Jones of the Kansas Area of The United Methodist Church. If you would like to see his notes on this and several other topics, go to www.extremecenter.org. The very first thing we ought to know and contemplate is that the mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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Monday, May 12
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
2 Corinthians 4:1-12
The Church is the Body of Christ (Colossians 1:18), but Paul doesn’t want us to think too highly of ourselves! He reminds us we are the “foolish,” whom God uses. We are clay vessels carrying the treasure of the good news. Why is humility such an important asset for the Church?
Tuesday, May 13
Matthew 5:13-16
2 Corinthians 2:12-17
We are supposed to be salt for a world lacking flavor, light for those in darkness, and the “fragrance of Christ” for those perishing. If this is our calling, what is the world’s opinion of the Church? How much of their opinion is deserved?

Wednesday, May 14
1 Corinthians 9:19-23
2 Corinthians 5:16-6:13
When have you seen the Church at its best? What were the words and actions that made those moments memorable for you?

Thursday, May 15
Joshua 24:14-15
Matthew 12:46-50
Joshua wanted the people to decide whether to serve God or not. Jesus said living out the will of God was more important than even blood family! Have there been moments in your life when you made a decision about who God/Jesus is for you? Have you changed your mind about that decision? If you had to state today who Jesus is for you, what would you say?

Friday, May 16
Matthew 10:16-20
Matthew 16:13-20
Our words matter. Are there words you have spoken this week that you regret? If so, replay the scene when you spoke them in your mind. If you could go back to those moments and have a second chance, what words would you choose to use now?

Notes:
Saturday, May 17
Matthew 20:20-28
John 13:1-17
Jesus said that the great among us will be servants. Using that criteria, who are the greatest people you know?

Sunday, May 18
Matthew 28:16-20
1 Peter 2:1-10
Name two or three people that you would like to see experience the love of Christ through your words and/or actions. Are you willing to pray specifically for these people over the next week – that God would give you the opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ? If not, why not?

YOU ARE NOT MEANT TO BE ALONE

God is triune: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We learn many things about God in that statement, but just as importantly, we learn a great deal about ourselves.
If we are to ever grasp what it means to be the church, how we are to relate to one another, or the importance of small groups, we must begin with the idea of the Trinity.

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Monday, May 19
Genesis 1:1-3
Matthew 3:13-17
Matthew 28:18-20
God is always beyond our understanding. The Church uses the word “mystery” to describe ideas beyond our intellectual grasp. The term “Trinity” never completely captures God, but the Church believes the concept of one God, three persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) is helpful. Is it helpful to you? Is having such “mystery” in our faith comforting to you or disturbing? Why?

Tuesday, May 20
John 14:8-11
John 5:19-24
Who are the people to whom you are closest? What experiences have you shared with them that helped forge that unity?

Wednesday, May 21
Genesis 1:26-27
Genesis 2:15-25
God says it is not good for us to be alone, but we all know not every relationship we have is what God intends. What are the healthiest relationships in your life. What is it about those connections that you find most satisfying?

Thursday, May 22
Genesis 12:1-3
Acts 2:42-47
God wanted Abraham and his descendants to be a blessing for all people. The Church believes this calling has been passed on to us. Are there groups of people that the Church overlooks?

Saturday, July 19
Philippians 2:1-4
1 Peter 1:22-23
1 John 2:7-11
The church is supposed to be a place where brothers and sisters in Christ show love and support. How are we doing? What needs to change for us to do better?

Sunday, July 20
Philippians 2:5-13
Romans 12:1-13
If someone asked you what your personal goal for life is, what would you say?
Friday, May 23
Matthew 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
We have a responsibility for others in our church (to point out sin, to seek reconciliation, to use gifts for the common good). What specifically could a brother or sister in Christ do to help you on your spiritual journey? Are you close enough to anyone to share that need? If so, have you? If not, what would it take for you to trust someone enough to have that conversation?

Saturday, May 24
John 17:20-26
Ephesians 4:1-6
Jesus prays that his followers will be united in witness. What prevents the church around the world from presenting a united witness?

Sunday, May 25
Romans 15:1-6
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
In what areas do you think members of Christ Church do a good job showing support and care to one another? In what areas do we need to improve? What are you willing to do to make that happen?

Wednesday, July 16
Romans 12:14-21
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Who are the people who have shown you great love? Is there anyone in your life you need to forgive? Remember: forgiveness does not mean what they did was acceptable, but that you choose to let go of the anger and hurt they have caused. It also doesn’t mean that you will put yourself back in a position to be hurt.

Thursday, July 17
2 Corinthians 1:3-7
2 Corinthians 5:11-15
Paul says that we treat others with love because God has shown us love, not because they deserve it or we are so wonderful. Is there anyone you could call or visit this week as a way of thanking God for the love you have experienced?

Friday, July 18
Galatians 5:13-26
Ephesians 4:7-16
Which of the fruits of the Spirit (in Galatians 5:22-23) come easily for you? Which ones do you need to cultivate? Are you using your fruits and gifts for the good of the community?
WE DON’T EARN LOVE, BUT WE DO HAVE TO RESPOND TO IT

We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. God is the first one to act, not us. We don’t earn love, but we have to respond to it because God isn’t going to force anybody to be a disciple.

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Monday, May 26
Romans 5:6
John 1:14-18
The Bible is filled with images of God acting for us long before we understand or seek God. Can you look back on your life and see glimpses of how God has been acting on your behalf before you ever turned to God?

Tuesday, May 27
Genesis 3:1-13, 20-21
Galatians 3:23-27
The result of Adam and Eve’s sin is that they feel shame and fear – and that is embodied in how they suddenly feel ashamed to be naked before God. We glimpse grace as God clothes them. An image of grace in Galatians is that we are “clothed with Christ.” Are there choices you have made that bring you shame and fear? What would being fully “clothed with Christ” feel like?

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THE GOD-GIVEN GOAL FOR YOUR LIFE

The goal of life is to be a mature disciple of Christ, filled with love of God and love of neighbor, especially the poor and the marginalized. The world will be happy to give you other goals for your life, such as earn money, have power, or be in control. No doubt that these have an allure, but it is having meaningful, healthy relationships and seeing the world as Jesus sees it that will bring the fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.) for which we hunger.

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John 17:6-13
Ephesians 3:14-21
God desires for us to live in abundance, and God is capable of working within us to accomplish great things. What barriers do you put up that keep God from working within you?

Tuesday, July 15
Romans 8:1-17
Matthew 5:48
We are called to set our mind on the things of God. As you look over your past week, what movies, television, music, books, relationships, conversation, etc. have you let come into your life that may not be good for you?

Notes:
**Wednesday, May 28**

Acts 9:1-19
Romans 6:1-14

Paul's conversion quite literally involved new sight. He writes in Romans that our Baptism into Christ means each of us walk in newness of life. Are there parts of your walk with God that don't feel new anymore? Are you open to praying that God would bring new life into those areas? What might the implications of new life be for you?

Both of these stories show the crowd's willingness to punish another's sins and Jesus' willingness to forgive. What are the sins you have difficulty forgiving in someone else? Why? Do you have difficulty forgiving yourself? Why? If your sins were made public, how would you want everyone to treat you?

**Thursday, May 29**

Matthew 20:1-16
Luke 15:11-32

"It is not fair!" is a cry we all utter and hear. What would we experience if God treated us fairly? What would you receive? How much grace do you want?

**Friday, May 30**

Acts 15:1-11

The first big controversy of the early church is whether Jewish Christians (like the disciples) were going to require Gentile Christians to keep the Old Covenant law. They decided that even the Jews couldn't obey it...and so began the real emphasis on salvation by grace, not by our works. What are the "laws" or rules we want new converts to keep? What would that Jerusalem Council say to us?

**Friday, July 11**

Acts 9:1-19
Romans 6:1-14

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**Saturday, July 12**

Philippians 3:2-14

Paul's life changed completely when Christ entered. Things and relationships we value change after that moment of commitment. If you were to let go and fall in love with God (again or for the first time), what things and relationships would no longer mean as much to you?

**Sunday, July 13**

John 3:1-16
2 Corinthians 5:16-17

If Jesus Christ were to step into your life, taking your place, what would he do with your life? With your gifts? With your things? With your opportunities?

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Finding that balance between faith and good works is a lifetime effort. We know that in the best of worlds we would have those two aspects perfectly centered in our life – but few of us get it exactly right. For you to be more balanced in your life right now, should you focus more on faith or good works?

PREJUDICE IS EVIL

Humanity (both male and female) is created in the image of God. That critical idea is one of the first lessons taught in scripture, but that does not mean that we have fully embraced the teaching. Are there individuals that we see as less valuable than others?

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Notes:
Who are the people in your life that showed you the love of Jesus through their actions? Take the time to give thanks that they were missionaries to you.

**BIRTH IS MESSY AND EYE-OPENING**

Being born again is seeing the world in a brand new way. New life in Christ helps us see everything new: life, purpose, church, self and others.

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**Monday, July 7**

1 Peter 1:3-9
1 John 4:7-5:5

“New birth” and “born of God” are common images in scripture. There is an assumption that connecting with God through Christ changes us. What are some of the changes that your relationship with God has brought into your life?

**Monday, June 2**

Genesis 1:26-27; 5:1-3; 9:6
James 3:1-12

Humanity is made in the image of God. How would it change the way we treated others if we kept this teaching in mind? How would it change how you treated yourself?

**Tuesday, June 3**

Joshua 2:1-21
Luke 10:25-37

God uses Rahab the prostitute to help Israel. Samaritans were hated, but Jesus describes one more righteous than faithful Jews. The books of Jonah and Ruth both recall how God loves all people (Ninevehites, Moabites). What destructive behavior occurs when we believe God loves one group of people over another?

**Wednesday, June 4**

Isaiah 58:1-10
Luke 2:8-20

Injustice to the poor is a terrible sin! Shepherds were considered poor and untrustworthy. Jesus shocked people by claiming he was the “Good Shepherd.” It is shocking that angels announce the Messiah’s birth to shepherds. What evidence do you see that we still treat the poor unjustly? What do you think God would say to our community?
Thursday, June 5
1 Corinthians 12:12-27
Galatians 3:27-29
Ephesians 2:11-22
We cannot overemphasize the radical nature of these statements in the Jewish community. Jews could not imagine that Gentiles (non-Jews) could be included in the Kingdom. Hadn’t God told the Jews to separate themselves! Are there groups we have a hard time receiving in love and believing God loves them the same as He loves us?

Friday, June 6
Acts 2:14-21
1 Corinthians 11:4-5
Acts 21:9
Gal 3:27-29
Scripture assumes women are fully included in the New Covenant and in leading worship. We strive to make sure women and men are treated with equality and justice at Christ Church. We have had and will one day again have ordained woman on staff. Are there ministries where we have not allowed women to be fully included? If so, please contact Rev. Flynn.

Saturday, June 7
Romans 10:9-12
John 1:1-5
Was prejudice practiced in the home where you were raised? Were you told (verbally or nonverbally) there was a group of people who were unequal or less valuable as you? Is prejudice practiced in your home now?

Wednesday, July 2
Matthew 10:26-33
Luke 12:4-12
How would it change your speech and actions if you knew everything you said and did were being videotaped to be played before the church? Is there anything on your videotape from last week that would cause God pain?

Thursday, July 3
John 4:1-42
The Samaritan woman doesn’t just have an encounter with Jesus; she tells her story! Because of her, many believe. When was the last time you told someone about how Jesus has touched your life?

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Saturday, July 5
John 17:12-19
The Church is called to be “in the world, but not of the world.” Where is our church’s witness compromised by being too much “of the world?”

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WE ARE ALL MISSIONARIES

Every disciple of Christ is called to share the love and compassion of our Lord with the people we meet. And it is in embracing our calling as missionaries that we find our lives and our church transformed.

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Monday, June 30
Isaiah 42:1-9
Matthew 5:14-16
The people of God are supposed to be a light to the world. Where has the church throughout history really gotten this right? Where have we really failed?

Tuesday, July 1
Psalm 96:1-6
Psalm 22:27-28
Philippians 2:5-11
One of the recurring themes of the Psalms is that one day all the world will know the one true God. Is there anyone in your life that will be shocked to discover that you follow Jesus?

Sunday, June 8
Genesis 1:26-27
Colossians 3:5-17
God desires for us to see all people as brothers and sisters. Please pray that Christ Church will be a haven of blessing and peace for all.

EVERYBODY HAS ISSUES

All human beings are sinners who need God’s forgiveness and transforming grace. If we don’t diagnose the disease, how are we going to cure it?

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Monday, June 9
Genesis 3:1-13
Romans 5:12-15
Sin is not simply the bad actions we perform (how bad is eating a piece of fruit?); it is the state of rebellion. We want to decide for ourselves what is right and wrong rather than listening to our Creator. Is there a calling or warning from God you are ignoring?

Notes:
Wednesday, June 25
Isaiah 65:17-25
Matthew 9:14-17
In Christ, everything changes. We are new people with new habits. What is an obvious area of your life that has changed because of Jesus? What area hasn’t yet experienced newness and healing?

Thursday, June 26
Micah 6:6-8
Luke 19:1-10
Can you see how Zacchaeus’ life changes in the three areas that Micah describes? How did his life reflect justice, kindness, and humility? Can you see those three qualities in your life?

Friday, June 27
John 15:1-11
What are the practices, rituals, and habits that help you abide in Christ?

Saturday, June 28
Matthew 15:1-20
Rituals can teach us and comfort us, but they are not as important as what is going on in our minds and hearts. Where are you just “going through the motions” of faith?

Sunday, June 29
2 Peter 1:1-11
Philippians 3:7-16
Becoming more like Jesus (more the way God wants us to be) doesn’t just happen overnight. Has your faith grown over the last year? What has helped or hurt you in the process?

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EVERYONE IS CALLED TO GROW

When we confess our sin and repent, God forgives us. Through this gift of grace (traditionally called justification) we have a new, right relationship with God as a daughter or son. But the story does not end there. Just because we are forgiven doesn’t make us perfect or even nice! Followers of Jesus have to run the race of faith and grow in love and godliness.

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Monday, June 23
Romans 6:1-14
Paul teaches that we should walk in newness of life. Death and fear no longer rule us. Sin no longer rules our bodies. What are habits you still haven’t turned over to God?

Tuesday, June 24
Genesis 32:3-33:11
As you read this passage, pay attention to how Jacob changes after he wrestles with God. Before this encounter, he is willing to sacrifice his family to protect himself. Afterwards, he places himself before his family. Has your relationship with God changed how you view your role in your family?

EVERYONE NEEDS A “DO OVER”

Everyone needs to repent, turning their life toward God. The word “repent” means to turn in God’s direction and begin walking. It is not necessary to feel like a failure, feel guilty, or be emotional. There is nothing wrong with those things if they are a natural part of our journey, but they are not prerequisites for repenting.

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**Monday, June 16**
Ezekiel 18:21-32  
Jeremiah 3:6-18  
The call to repent (to turn and walk in God’s ways) is given to both individuals and nations. What areas of your life do you need to turn away from and begin moving toward God?

**Tuesday, June 17**
Isaiah 6:1-8  
Job 31:35-40; 38:1-11; 42:1-6  
To stand in the presence of our holy, pure God is to see just how impure we are. That awareness leads us to repent, but it is not God’s desire that we feel impure forever. Repentance is only one step in becoming who God wants us to be. If you stood in the presence of God, what would God say to you?

**Wednesday, June 18**
Matthew 3:1-12  
Matthew 4:12-17  
Acts 2:37-42  
John the Baptist, Jesus, and Peter (the early Church) all include “repent” as a primary point in their sermons. What words can the Church today use to best get across the idea of repentance?

**Thursday, June 19**
Matthew 7:21-23  
Matthew 21:28-32  
Real repentance is not about saying the right thing or expressing emotion; it is about changing how we live. What actions would you perform if you were fully committed to God?

**Friday, June 20**
John 12:36b-43  
Scripture urges us to repent today, immediately, because there is an assumption that the opportunity will not always be there for us. Do you rush quickly into the presence of God or hold back? What makes us hesitate?

**Saturday, June 21**
Luke 24:44-49  
Before his ascension, Jesus says the Holy Spirit will be given (at Pentecost) so that “Repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in Christ’s name to all the nations...” How often should our worship services set aside time for prayers of repentance? How often do you need to make that prayer?

**Sunday, June 22**
Mark 1:14-15  
Luke 15:11-32  
The parable of the prodigal son and his brother reminds us that God, like the father of the story, is waiting and longing for our return. What words would a loving Father say to you, if you returned after being lost?
Six Pricing Games were won today! After *13* 5 out of 6ers this season, we've finally gotten a perfect show! *Grand Game: It was great to see this won, since wins in this game have been hard to come by this season.*

Switch? Prospects Tuesday, 13 May. Newsnight. 13 May 08, 10:50 AM. Today’s programme producer is Dan Kelly - here’s his morning e-mail to the production team Good Morning everybody. Some strong stories today. Tomorrow the government unveils a draft Queen's speech, what will this amount to, and is this the beginning of Brown’s fight back? There could also be a compensation package on 10p announced this afternoon - what will the PLP and voters make of it?

Tuesday, May 13th: â€œAâ€œ DayWednesday, May 14th: â€œBâ€œ Day

Agenda • Chapter 7 Review Review • Chapter 7 Jeopardy Review

Next time: • Concept Review due • Chapter 7 Test. Chapter 7 Review 2. What term is used to describe the mass in grams of 1 mol of a substance? Molar Mass. Chapter 7 Review â€œ How many atoms of gold are there in a pure gold ring with a mass of 10.6 g? â€œ 10.6 g Au X 1 mole Au = .0538 moles Au â€œ 196.97 g Au â€œ .0538 moles Au X 6.022 X 10^23 atoms Au â€œ 1 mole Au â€œ 3.24 x 10^22 atoms Au. The above list of Tuesday, May 13 includes all years from 2000 through 2100. You maybe also be interested in the next day, month, and date combination that we researched which is Tuesday, May 14. Day Month Date Lookup Now you know all the years that have Tuesday, May 13. Find another specific day, month, and date combination here: Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday. January February March April May June July August September October November December.