

This week in **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY** we examine the early earthly ministry of Jesus as He continues His perceptive & authoritative teaching. That teaching has obviously won the attention of the multitudes, who have long been disillusioned by the empty ritualism & superficiality of their present religious system.



As Jesus' fame continues to spread, John the Baptist sends a message to Jesus asking for final confirmation of His Messiahship. John is perhaps sensing an impending death & undoubtedly wants to reassure himself that his own ministry has not been in vain. Jesus sends a message of reassurance & praises John for his courage & dedication as a servant of God.

No doubt by this time the religious leaders are also becoming increasingly aware of Jesus' extraordinary power. Instead of accepting it as divine, they accuse Jesus of having power from Satan. What follows is a scathing rebuke of the Pharisees for their disbelief & hypocrisy, and an urgent call for repentance.

Between the many heated confrontations between Jesus & the religious leaders, Jesus continues to teach His disciples concerning the Kingdom of God. As the Great Teacher, Jesus uses numerous methods of instructing His disciples. He employs hyperbole, warnings, laments, and denunciations. He presents truth through proverbs, parables & dialogue. Parables are often used by Jesus as His preferred teaching method. These illustrations of moral truth & principles are usually in the form of a simple comparison that goes deeper in meaning & understanding. Although Jesus says the parables will have the effect of concealing truth, He must have in mind those hearers (mainly the religious leaders) whose hearts are closed to His teaching.

If you had to drop out of **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY** during the Old Testament section, this is a wonderful opportunity to jump back into the study. The daily study guides are always available on the auditorium table, or you may receive them as an email every Monday. Don't forget about the **BONUS MATERIALS** available in the **GREEN TRAYS** as they offer additional insights into our study. Now, as I close out all my online Bible classes, it is our hope, it is our wish, it is our prayer that we all live for Jesus 24/7...may God bless YOU!

~Michael Cox

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10:15 AM Order of Worship

Welcome.....Tom Shelton
Song Leader.....Andy McCormick

R#390 - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
R#543 - "Wonderful Words of Life"

Prayer.....Calvin Gordon

R#373 - "A Hill Called Mount Calvary"

COMMUNION
Scripture Reading & Prayer
Carl Johnson / Andy McCormick

Screen - "Light the Fire"

Scripture Reading.....Bryce Ellis
Sermon.....Josh Romo

God is Calling the Prodigal
Galatians 6:1-2

R#935 - "Sinners Jesus Will Receive"
R#643 - "Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom"

Prayer.....Donnie Pogue, Jr.

6:00 PM Order of Worship

Welcome.....Tom Shelton
Song Leader.....Andy McCormick

R#859 - "When All of God's Singers Get Home"
R#860 - "There Is a Habitation"

Prayer.....Austin Purvis

R#382 - "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?"

COMMUNION
Scripture Reading & Prayer
Carl Johnson / Andy McCormick

R#898 - "Paradise Valley"

Scripture Reading.....Bryce Ellis
Sermon.....Josh Romo

God in Our Image (9):
Pursued by His Mercy
Psalms 23:6

R#939 - "O Why Not Tonight?"
R#624 - "Seeking the Lost"

Prayer.....Donnie Pogue, Jr.

9AM Adult Bible Classes:

Auditorium
Lee Snow

Room#118
Old Testament History
-Andy McCormick

Room #116
Young Professionals
(ages 18-30)
- Tim Togami

Room#112/Library
First Principles
-Danny Griffith

Our Record: 10/4/2025

9:00 AM Bible Class.....153
10:15 AM Worship.....284
PM Worship.....95
Wednesday Bible Class.....94
Contribution.....\$10,239.21

OCTOBER CONTACTS:
DONNIE POGUE, JR
JONATHAN BONDE

BAPTISMAL ASSISTANTS:
Charlie Burns & Vicki Cole

Children's 9AM BIBLE CLASSES:

MPB-2nd floor:
9th - 12th
Josh Romo
Willie Bagwell

Room#113: 5th -8th
Aaron Donnell

Room#114: 1st -4th
Vicki Cole

Room#108: 4yrs -K
Martha Dean

Room#107: 3yrs
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Room#104: 1-2 yrs
Barbara Wells
Kim Nickolson

Room#106: 3-18 mo.
Cradle Roll
Pam Rutherford

SENIOR MOMENTS FELLOWSHIP GAME DAY

Bring your favorite games & snacks to share!

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22nd 1-5 PM

YouthGroup

community, love, share, growing, friends, students, Christ, together, purpose, learn, inspire, reach, help, connect, faith, hope, joy, peace, grace, mercy, kindness, patience, humility, gentleness, self-control, peace, love, joy, peace, grace, mercy, kindness, patience, humility, gentleness, self-control

JUNIOR YOUTH & TEEN DEVO

Wednesday October 14 @5:30PM

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcomes You!

But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, Keep it and bear fruit with patience.

Luke 8:15



OPINION vs TRUTH

Have you ever heard of the phrase, "You have your truth, and I have my truth?" Our culture has increasingly embraced the idea that if something is true for me, then it is true for me, regardless of whether it is objectively true. The Bible does not support this claim. Jesus not only suggests, but declares that the word of God is truth (John 17:17). Truth exists independently of what we believe about it.

Opinions are real; God made us with the ability to reason and think (cf. Isa 1:18). Having our own opinions about something can help lead us to making certain decisions and trying to determine certain outcomes. But the problem comes when we try to use our opinions to try to determine what is right and what is wrong.

The Bible warns that our thinking can mislead us. "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death" (Prov 14:12). A way which, at the time, seems like the very best way to go may end up in death. Life has its inexplicable aspects. This is why we need God's directions (cf. Jer 10:23; Mt 7:21-22).

When you look at Naaman (2 Kings 5), you see a Biblical example that opinion holds no grounds against God's divine instruction. Elisha told Naaman what to do in order to cure his leprosy (2 Kings 5:10), but to Naaman there were better options (2 Kings 5:11-12). Notice that Naaman wasn't necessarily being rebellious, he sincerely thought that the rivers of Damascus were better. His reasoning made sense to him. But being convinced of something, does not make it correct. Would Naaman have been cleansed if he ignored God's way to do what seemed better to him? No, it wasn't until he submitted himself to the instruction of God that he experienced healing (2 Kings 5:14).

Notice what Solomon says in Prov 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; And lean not unto thine own understanding." Our feelings, preferences, and opinions are not the standard; God's Word is. Truth is not determined by emotions, popular opinion, or changing social media. It remains what God has already said.

Many will reject plain Biblical teaching just because it does not match what they feel or want. The question should not be, "How do I feel about this?" It should always be, "What has God already said about this?" We should not seek to redefine what truth is, we should conform ourselves to the truth that has already been given (Rom 12.2). God does not want us to determine whether or not His truth makes sense according to our preferences. He asks that we trust His wisdom above our own (Isa 55:8-9).

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UPCOMING EVENTS *(Please RSVP on LightPost Calendar)*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

- ♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH** • 11AM • @Lois Pendleberry's house (Carpooling highly recommended) • Please bring your favorite Brunch Dishes/Treats to share! • ALL LADIES ARE INVITED & ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! (Please RSVP on Lightpost/Calendar)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

- ♦ **BSME (BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY)** • 10AM • Room #118
- ♦ **JR. YOUTH/TEEN DEVO** • 5:30PM • MPB

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

- ♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION** • 11:30AM • Bring your lunch!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- ♦ **BSME (BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY)** • 10AM • Room #118

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

- ♦ **SENIOR MOMENTS –FELLOWSHIP GAME DAY!** • 1-5PM • MPB • Bring Favorite Games & Snacks to Share!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

- ♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION** • 11:30AM • Bring your lunch!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- ♦ **BSME (BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY)** • 10AM • Room #118
- ♦ **JR. YOUTH/TEEN DEVO** • 5:30PM • MPB

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- ♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON** • 11:30AM • MPB • TBD

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- ♦ **BSME (BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY)** • 10AM • Room #118

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- ♦ **SOUP/CHILI FELLOWSHIP POT-LUCK** • 11:30AM • MPB • Please bring Soups, Chili, Cornbread, Shredded Cheese, Chips, Dips, Desserts & Drinks!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- ♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION** • 11:30AM • Bring your lunch!

Prayer Requests

MEMBERS

Steve Brooks & Family • Bill Cooley
Pris Cormier • Nancy Dunn • Bob Garner
Calvin Gordon • **Maxine Hannah**
Jean Kazimier • Walton/Elaine Kyle
Scott/Carla March • Ricky/Zandra Menden-
hall Glenda Pannell • Randy/Karen Pate
Leslie Pate • Stuart Reeves
Freddie/Erma Sharpe • Neva Tharp
Festus Ugbade • Ann White

- ♦ **Cox, Lisa** –Having tests
- ♦ **Jones, Alvena** –Will see ortho sur-
geon, 10/12 for broken bone on top
of her foot & 2 bone spurs. Will have
bone marrow biopsy on 10/16
- ♦ **Pasley, Hanan** –Had cataract surgery
on left eye & will soon have cataract
surgery on right eye
- ♦ **Pate, Randy** –Home now, waiting for a
liver transplant

SHUT-INS

Craig Archer • Mike/Shirley Baka • Henry
Cook Pauline Crenshaw • LaVonne Depew
Ola Freibolt • Lorene Mount
Charles/Virginia Parker
Hanan/Wanda Paslay • David Pendleberry
Wes Poole • Barbara Reding • Ruth Smithey
Judy Walters • Linda Woeppel

BATTLING CANCER

JL Bice • Jim Blagg • Allen Constant
Jerry Harris • Jack Haywood • Terry Horne
Kirsten James • Jeff Janus • Sandy Land
Brenda Lavender • Deborah Long
Daryl Macon • Delorious Tolleson
Bettie Lou White • Frankie White

- ♦ **Burnett, Craig** (R. Watson's neighbor)
Craig has brain cancer & cancer in both
hips

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Tyler Baker • Charlee Gordon • Gloria Miller
Avery Pozarek • John/Marsha Pruett
Don Rutherford • Wanda Smith • Bob
Troutman Harrel Walters • Kay Ward

- ♦ **Daugherty, Chuck & Nancy** –Health
- ♦ **Rasmussen, Sandy & Richard** (friends
of D. Barbour & P. Louton) Health

ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

- * **Edwards, Eric** (Navy) aboard USS New
Orleans, Bahrain, Iran
- * **Schuler, Tommy** (Army) Fort Johnson,
LA
- * **Schuler, Tracy** (Navy) Lemoore Naval
Air Station, Lemoore, CA
- * **Spellings, Randy** (Army Nat'l Guard)
Jackson, TN
- * **Tombs, Levi** (AF) Home now
- * **Vincent, Tyler** (VF) Garland County
- * **Wethington, "A.J." Anthony** (AF) Whit-
man AFB, MO
- * **Wells, Andrew & Madison** –GCPD/HSPD

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

- ❖ **Kakinada, India** –Ronnie Gootam
- ❖ **Nigeria** –Chad Wagner
- ❖ **Pacific Islands** –Randy English
- ❖ **Philippines** –Alex Coloma