February 14, 2016

Luke 11:1-13

**“Lord, teach us to pray…”**

1. We fight our battles with the wrong weapons.
2. Learning and applying the practices of Jesus will change our lives.

*Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray…”*

**Luke 1:1**

1. Use scripture as a basis for prayer.

*Father, hallowed be your name…* **Luke 1:2**

1. God will always answer.

*For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.* **Luke 1:10**

1. God cares for you.

*If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”* **Luke 1:13**

Action

**Begin each morning with this prayer:**

*Lord, you are my God*

 *I will seek your glory,*

*I will bless those with my blessings,*

*And I will do right no matter the cost.*

*Amen*

**Read study verse for the day.**

**Mediate on these questions:**

What weapons do you use to fight your battles?

When has God given you an answer to prayer that you were no satisfied with?

Do you believe God cares for you? Why or why not?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**
* **Tuesday Philippians 4:6-7**
* **Wednesday 1 John 5:14**
* **Thursday Colossians 4:2**
* **Friday Mark 11:24**
* **Saturday Jeremiah 29:12**

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**Hebrews 4:12**

February 21, 2016

Matthew 9:35-38

**Compassion**

1. The sin of playing it safe
2. Jesus goes spent time in different places

*Jesus went through all the towns and villages…* **Matthew 9:35**

1. Jesus feels and responds to the hurting.

*…he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless.* **Matthew 9:36**

1. Jesus calls disciples to go and ask God for more.

*The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.* **Matthew 9:37-38**

1. Open your heart, your eyes, and your hands.

Action

**Begin each morning with this prayer:**

*Lord, there are so many hurting*

*Give me your heart for them,*

*Give me your eyes to see them,*

*Give me your hands to serve them.*

*Amen*

**Read study verse for the day.**

**Mediate on these questions:**

Where do you play it safe in life?

What is your biggest fear when it comes to serving others?

Where is one area you can serve others better?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Matthew 6:14-15**
* **Tuesday Matthew 7:1-2**
* **Wednesday Mathew 14:14**
* **Thursday Matthew 18:21-22**
* **Friday Romans 12:20**
* **Saturday 1 Corinthians 1:3-4**

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**Righteousness**

1. Doing good is not the same as being good.

*Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law…* **Romans 3:20**

1. Jesus is the only one who was ever good.

*But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the law and the prophet testify.*

**Romans 3:21**

1. Righteousness is received through faith.

*This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.* **Romans 3:22**

1. What we do will flow from who we are.

Action: Honestly evaluate your motivations for the things you do.

March 13, 2016

Romans 3:21-24

Action

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*Lord, there are so many hurting*

*Give me your heart for them,*

*Give me your eyes to see them,*

*Give me your hands to serve them.*

*Amen*

**Read study verse for the day.**

**Mediate on these questions:**

When have you felt like a good person for something you did?

What are your standards for good?

What are your motivations for good actions?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday 1 John 2:29**
* **Tuesday Isaiah 33:15-17**
* **Wednesday 1 John 3:7**
* **Thursday Romans 5:1-5**
* **Friday Psalm 106:3**
* **Saturday 1 Peter 5:10**

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