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STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE

A Life Lived for Others

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Last Judgment

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

God became man and lived life in our place. Christ lived the perfect God-lived life. Living as a Christian, a little Christ, we have the privilege of demonstrating what God looks like in how we live our lives, in living lives that show God. So for the next 4 weeks—God’s Word will be challenging us and we’ll be challenging one another to live a God-lived life. In today’s worship, the particular emphasis of the God-lived life is that of being a disciple, a learner, one who grows in God’s Word. May God’s Word cause us to crave that pure spiritual milk so that by it we grow up in our salvation.

This month, we focus especially on ways to strengthen our following of Jesus. This is our stewardship of God’s Word.

Week One: A Life of Being a Disciple

Week Two: A Life Lived for Others

Week Three: A Life of Generosity

Week Four: A Life of Thanksgiving

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God, in coming to hear your Word this morning, you have planted us like trees beside streams of water. Grant that we may ever delight in your Word and yield abundant fruit in our lives, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN: B256 *The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power*

GATHERING RITE

Music begins playing underneath spoken word.

M: We begin our worship in the same way we were baptized: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: Heavenly Father, you have given us indescribable riches in your Word. But we have failed to appreciate your Word as we should. We have not read or learned it as we should have and so we can be deceived. Forgive us and let your peace rule our lives.

C: ♪ May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in everything, That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing. (CW467:3)

M: Dear Savior Jesus, we admit that by our sinful nature we lack complete confidence in the power of your Word which you give us to share with others. We easily give way to doubt or fail to fully trust that you speak with power in your Word. Forgive us and let your love fill our lives.

C: ♪ May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea, Him exalting self abasing – This is victory. (CW467:4)

M: O Holy Spirit, give us and all believers unity in your word. Teach us to discern what is truth and what is deception. Forgive us for not taking seriously your warnings about false teachers. Give us and all believers wisdom and unity through your Word, and live within us.

C: ♪ May his Spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win, And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him. (CW467:6)

M: As a called servant of the Triune God, I announce to you his grace and forgiveness. On behalf of and by the command of our Savior

Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C: ♪ May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r inspiring All I do or say.
May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph Only through his pow'r. (CW467:1-2)**

M: We pray:

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may glorify you in the way we use the gifts you give us to manage. Help us to live a God-lived life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**C: ♪ May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go. (CW467:5)**

READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

God teaches you to love each other and encourages you to live the God-lived life more and more.

⁹ Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. ¹⁰ And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, ¹¹ and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹² so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

RESPONSIVE READING: African American Heritage Hymnal

#101: Stewardship

GOSPEL: *Luke 10:25-37*

The Good Samaritan illustrates humble, loving service to those who need it most. May we show the same.

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: R484 *Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly*

1. Jesus teaches love that fulfills the law.
2. Jesus demonstrates love that fulfills the law.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

OFFERING: R485 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus, our only Savior and Lord, we praise and thank you for humbling yourself for us. You gave your life for ours that we might be called children of God, and that is what we are. No earthly effort or riches could be given to satisfy God's just wrath over us and our sins. We were helpless and hopeless. But your holy precious blood paid the price of our forgiveness. You gave yourself freely and willingly for us. Now eternity is ours as a gift earned by you. Grant that we live in awe of this gift and thanksgiving for each day of your grace. Grant us the grace to live our lives for you by living for others. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Holy Spirit, work in us a rich measure of wisdom that we may reflect your love for us in the lives we live here on earth. Work in us a rich

measure of your peace that we can boldly spend our lives in serving others and helping them in their need. Loosen our tongues and bless us with the words to speak to encourage and help others with your love, forgiveness, and truth. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, creator of all, provider of our every need, strengthen our hands to serve you by serving others. Provide our every need and grant us a rich measure of your abundance that we may never fail to have enough as we share with others of the good gifts you have given to us. Help us use the hours of each day not just for ourselves but for you. Help us use the treasure you have given to bless others. Help us to use the abilities you have given us to serve more than be served, as your Son did for us. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.*

M: Teach us, O Lord, to love each other more and more. Grant that as we use the gifts you give to live our lives for others, we not only glorify you, but win the respect of outsiders that they may come to listen and learn of your life lived for us, died for us, and raised for our forgiveness and eternal life. We make our requests to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and give ✝ you peace.

C: AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN: B292 *All Hail The Power of Jesus Name*

Serving at Col:	Today	Next Sunday
Pianist	Katherine, Elijah	Karis, Elijah
Ushers	Lee, Mike	Keith, Perry
Reader	Mike	Elijah
Altar		
Streaming	Noah	Noah
Refreshments		Linda
Cleaning	Quiana	Quiana
Mowing		

CALENDAR

Wednesday	7:00 PM Online Bible Class
Thursday	10:30 AM Bible Class at Summerhouse, Slidell
Sunday	10 AM Bible Class, Sunday School; 11 AM Worship
Today	Ladies Guild; Outreach Committee
Nov 24 th	Council Meeting
Dec 14 th	Happy Birthday Jesus

OFFERING	Total	Budget	%Budget Met
Last Week	\$5,319.00	\$2,548.40	208.7%
October (revised)	\$10,766.05	\$11,043.08	97.5%
November	\$5,319.00	\$11,043.08	48.2%
Qtr-to-Date	\$16,085.05	\$33,129.25	48.6%
Year-to-Date	\$109,157.93	\$132,517.00	82.4%



*"...give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
 II Corinthians 9:7*

