

# SERMON NOTES/QUESTIONS

Lesson 20 "The Character of New Life" Luke 6 37-49

1. Read verses 37-38. Notice the 2 negative injunctions (judging and condemning) followed by the 2 positive injunctions (forgiving and giving). Talk about what our community (fellowship) would look like if we could practice these more fully. Suggest ways in which we might encourage / challenge / exhort one another in these areas.
2. Verses 39-40. How do you understand the main teaching point of this parable? What character quality or attitude of life is being upheld here? Talk about the importance of 'teacher-disciple' relationships. Are you mentoring someone or being mentored by someone? How can we provoke more of these kinds of relationships at Oaklands Chapel?
3. Verses 41-42. William Barclay gives this quote: "*there is so much bad in the best of us and so much good in the worst of us that it ill becomes any of us to find fault with the rest of us.*" Talk about what Jesus is really trying to say about how we should (1) view ourselves and (2) view others.
4. Verses 43-45. Jesus is highlighting the critical importance of having 'healthy hearts'. Talk about specific ways in which we might practice good 'heart care' in our lives – what spiritual disciplines are most important in this regard? How do these disciplines result in 'good fruit'? How is this different from a simply outward form of religious practice? What do you think about Jesus' connection between 'words' and 'heart'?
5. Verses 46-49. This well known story highlights Jesus' view of the relationship between 'hearing' and 'doing'. Why do you think 'hearing' and 'not doing' is linked so closely to this picture of destruction? Where do you see danger areas for us in our 'organized' church life? How will you apply this in your own life experience?

## WELCOME VISITORS: DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Please take a minute to fill out this form and put it in the offering bag or in the blue boxes on the wall at the back.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ PC: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Invited to Chapel by: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a visit? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be added to our email prayer chain? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have moved please fill out the above for a change of address.

## COMMENTS, REQUESTS, OR PRAYER NEEDS:

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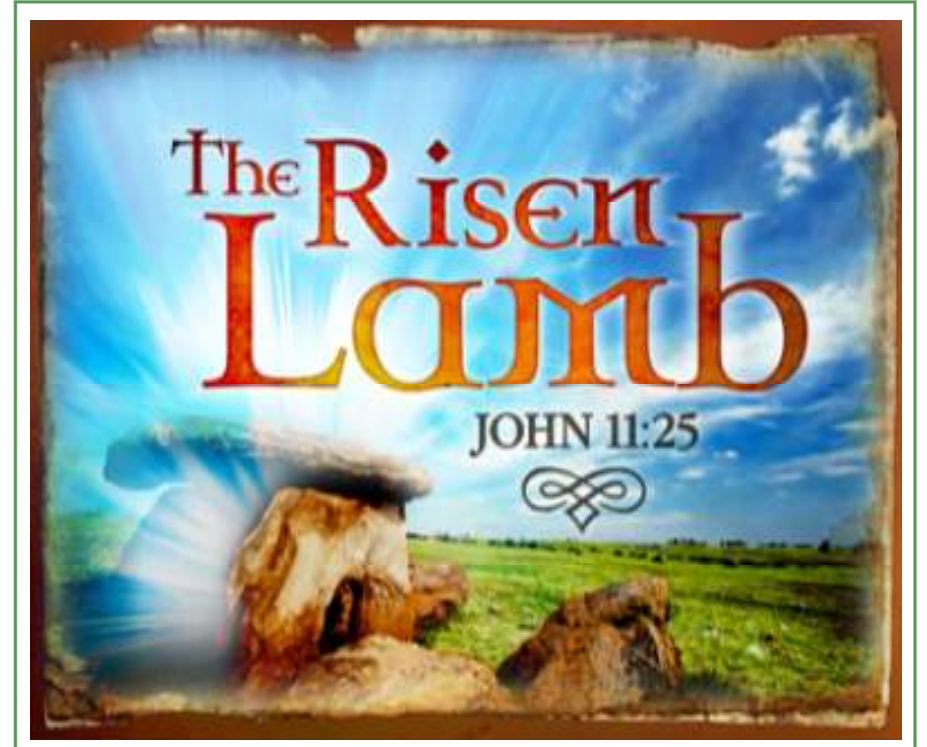


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I would like my prayer request on Oaklands email prayer chain.



Today

**EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 12, 2009**

**8:30-9:00 am Easter Sunday-Pancake Breakfast**

**10 am Family Service with Communion**

*"Sermon on the Plain 3: The Character of New Life" Speaker P. Horton*

Babysitting available, classes for Toddler – Grade 12 & ESL

No Student Lunch this day

**After the service** enjoy our library and stay for a coffee.

**Noon - Easter EGG hunt** Ryan park (across Ryan Street from Oaklands School)



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**WELCOME TO OAKLANDS CHAPEL!** We are delighted to have you worship with us today. If Victoria is your home, we would love to have you become a regular member of our fellowship. Please join us for coffee or tea after the service. If you have any special needs or requests please share this with one of the greeters or other members of the congregation. Or contact the office -Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm @ 250-595-1411.

## AT A GLANCE:

### NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 19:

**10 am** Family Service with Communion Speaker: Phil Horton  
*Luke 7:1-17 – “Surprising Faith; Supernatural Power*

**Noon:** Pizza Lunches for UDK and Students

**April 25, 7 pm - Young Street Vocal Band @ Fellowship Community Church.** See poster on bulletin board.

**April 27, 6:30 pm Awana Awards Ceremony** - celebrating the accomplishments of Awana clubbers. Squares, cookies or finger foods are needed for serving families and guests after our Awards Ceremony. If you are able to provide goodies, please place in the kitchen, marked "Awana", on Sunday, April 26th or prior to 6:30pm on Monday, April 27th. Thanks very much.

**April 28 -7 pm VBS Planning Meeting @ Oaklands**

**May 8 Friday 6 pm Camp Imadene Fundraising Banquet @ Lambrick Park Church.** See Dean Steinke or Dave Waldie for complimentary tickets.

**May 15-18 Camp Imadene Work Weekend.** Call Camp Imadene 1-800-445-7575 or [www.imadene.com](http://www.imadene.com) to register. Always plenty of jobs for everyone and plenty of time to have fun too!!

**May 24 (noon) - May 31 (noon) Oaklands Chapel** participation in the 24/7 week of prayer. Watch for more details.

**June 5-7 Oaklands Family Camp @ Camp Imadene.** Daniel MacDougall will be leading the teaching sessions. Mark these dates on your calendar and plan on attending. Registration will begin at the end of April.

**Summer 09 VBS** will start with a BBQ on Sunday Aug 9 and then continue Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-noon. Call Clint at the office.

## YOUTH: Spring Retreat coming soon!

Attention all 6th graders! You are invited to your first youth group activity of the year! The youth group will be going to the Knoll Retreat Center at Shawnigan Lake May 8-10! Watch the Youth Board in foyer to find the sign up list and your medical release forms, and the summer calendar.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please continue to bring in items for our **food bank**.

**Nursery/Toddler:** We need helpers for monthly rotations in the Nursery and Toddler classes for 2009/2010. Please speak to Sally.

**Camp Imadene Family Camp** Aug 2 - Aug 8 is in need of volunteers. This is such a fun camp so if you can help with boats, kitchen, teens, or in any other way.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE:

**Prayer:** Please continue to pray for Barb Horton. And pray for Bruce and Maureen Robinson's family.

**Prayer:** Camp Imadene is asking us to join them in prayer to fill up every bunk this summer. They are asking that we set aside one day a week for the next 3 months and pray that God will fill the camp. **"Leave no bunk empty!!!"** See poster on bulletin board.

## THIS WEEK:

**Tuesday Apr 14 6:45 am Special Needs Prayer**

**Oaklands 24 hour prayer day** –see note under **FOCUS ON PRAYER**. Sign up in the foyer today.

**1:00 pm Quilts for Missions**

**Wednesday Apr 15 Small Groups**

**Thursday Apr 16 Small Groups**

**Friday Apr 17 11:30 am Golden Oaks Luncheon** for everyone 55 years of age and older. This month's featured speaker is Nathan Scott who will have an interesting presentation about the sculpturing work that he does. Phone the office at 250-595-1411 to reserve your seat at a cost of \$6.00.

**7:00 pm Youth Group - Drive-In Movie Night**

**Saturday Apr 18 2:00 pm - Memorial Service for Mr. D. Jones (Dayna Oak's dad) Oaklands Chapel Workday @ Camp Imadene.** Come and join in as we replace front porch and stairs in a couple of cabins. Contact Don England for times and car pooling.



Following up Rick Deveau's message last Sunday the library not only has the 1956 story of the martyred missionaries in Ecuador: "**Through Gates of Splendor**" by **Elisabeth Elliot** (one of the widows) but several other books by the same author: **The Savage My Kinsmen**; **Shadow of the Almighty** and **These Strange Ashes**. All are located in the 266.009 section.

## MISSIONS & OUTREACH

**Pray for the Schulz** that God's hand will be upon them as they minister in different parts of the country in the coming weeks.

**UPACK STORAGE is hosting a HUGE garage sale over Easter Weekend and 30% of the proceeds will be directed to the mission in Mexico.**

**Saturday 730 am - 4 pm and Sunday 730 am - 2 pm**

**BULLETIN BOARD:** We have many current newsletters from various organizations hanging on our bulletin board for your perusal.

## FOCUS ON PRAYER:

**Prayer guide for 24 hours of prayer – Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

### SIGN UP IN THE FOYER TODAY!

Please use the following thoughts to provoke your hour of prayer on Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>.

A picture of the thorns...

Have we considered the thorns that tore Jesus? What were these thorns? (Rejecting, hating, disrespecting, mocking, shaming, abandoning, killing) Satan thought they were his idea. God the Father knew they were His. The thorns could symbolize God's love placing on the Son all that defeated us so that His Son's victory could be ours instead. The Messiah came to set the prisoner free.

1. Where are we still prisoners? That is, what robs us of our joy, peace and the love of God?
2. If God laid all that defeats us on Christ, why are we still prisoners? (Look at ignorance, pride, deception, and attitude). The prison door is open but are we still inside thinking that that is where we belong, or maybe even that is where we feel at home?
3. What are the questions you need to ask God, the elders, or your spiritual friend to find out how to get free in the area(s) where you do not feel joy, peace, and the love of God?

Using the imagery of Rev. 3:20, invite the Lord into the secret places of your heart as your talk with Him about your own life and the concerns/struggles of your heart; about the life of the Body at Oaklands Chapel; about our city of Victoria; and about the role of our church in reaching this city with the Good News.

**Use this tear off to keep the prayer guidelines with you. Ask for another bulletin if you use the other side.**