

SERMON NOTES/QUESTIONS

Lesson 19 "Love and Mercy"
Luke 6 27-36

1. Read the passage (27-36). Jesus is continuing to teach the values of the Kingdom of God. How are the values espoused here different from the commonly held values in our society today?
2. William Henriksen suggests: "Jesus did not say, 'Like your enemies', but 'Love' them. One loves a person when he tries earnestly to promote that person's welfare." Discuss the implications of this statement. Do you agree with it? How would you express it differently?
3. What do you think the first half of verse 30 means? Can we take this literally? Should we apply this in the context of homeless people who ask for spare change on the street corners?
4. What is over-riding principle Jesus is teaching in verses 32-36?
5. How would you define 'mercy'?
6. Talk about several contexts where you can apply the values which Jesus is teaching here – i.e. do you only do things with people of equal status in society? Do you have some conflicted relationships that need attention?

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:

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



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Luke 6:38

Our Teaching Series
in Luke "**Discovering
the Central
Character of
Salvation
History: Walking
beside Jesus for a
while...**"

Today

APRIL 5, 2009

10 am Family Service with Communion
"Sermon on the Plain 2: Love and Mercy"

Speaker: Rick Deveau

Babysitting available, classes for Toddler – Grade 12 & ESL

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

Noon - Student Luncheon

3:00 pm - Carlton House Service



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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 12: 8:30-9:00 am Easter Sunday-Pancake Breakfast cafeteria style. Come and celebrate Easter and enjoy breakfast with Oaklands Family before the service.

10 am Family Service with Communion
"Sermon on the Plain 3: The Character of New Life"

No ESL Lunch this day

12:00 Easter EGG hunt 12:00PM (immediately following services) on Easter at Ryan park down the hill. (across Ryan Street from Oaklands School) This is an event open to the community. All members, we need to bring foil wrapped eggs or a dozen candy filled plastic eggs to share with the children of our community. Please continue to bring them and put them in the Easter basket in the foyer.

April 14 - Oaklands 24 hour prayer day –see note under **FOCUS ON PRAYER**. Sign up in the foyer today.

April 18 - Oaklands Chapel Workday @ Camp Imadene. Come and join in as we replace front porch and stairs in a couple of cabins.

April 23 7 pm - A Night of Choral Music with Victoria Police Chorus and PCS Chamber Choir @ First Christian Reformed Church. See poster on bulletin board.

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 10th to Thursday 13th from 9 am-noon. Call Clint at the office.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please bring Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt.

URGENT NEED FOR FOOD FOR OUR FOOD BANK. Please bring what you can on any Sunday and place in the bin in the foyer. Suggested items are pasta & sauce, juice, canned veg. and soup and noodles.

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 please call Phil Large

PRAYER AND PRAISE:

Prayer: Please continue to pray for Barb Horton.

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:

Monday Apr 6 AWANA Tacky Tourist Night

Tuesday Apr 7 6:45 am Special Needs Prayer

Wednesday Apr 8 Small Groups

Thursday Apr 9 Small Groups

Friday Apr 10 10 am - City Wide Good Friday Worship & Communion Service at North Douglas-see poster in foyer.

Sunday Apr 12 8:30-9:00 am Easter Sunday-Pancake Breakfast
see note

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Pray for Rachael Robertson in Bolivia.

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

We want to make it a success! What we need are people to pitch in and volunteer a day of their time to help out. We are relying on volunteers to step forward help this to happen...need about 15 people per day for these shifts:

Friday night (pricing items) 2 pm - 7 pm

Saturday 730 am - 4 pm

Sunday 730 am - 2 pm

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Dag Can collection last Sunday. The total collection was \$527.50.



LIBRARY: As you're walking down the hallway stop and notice the window display case outside the library. Books for Easter are featured including: 1) "He Chose the Nails", by Max Lucado

2) A couple of books by Lee Strobel, author of "The Case for Christ"

3) "The Hope of Easter", by Bill Donahue

FOCUS ON PRAYER:

Prayer guide for 24 hours of prayer – Tuesday, April 14th

SIGN UP IN THE FOYER TODAY!
Please use the following thoughts to provoke your hour of prayer on Apr. 14th.

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.