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JOHN 1-6

Today's Worship Service

PRAISE

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)

Call To Worship

["Sing to the King"](#)

["The Lion and the Lamb"](#)

Welcome & Announcements

Commissioning of Pastor Ryan Boyer

Pastor Cole Griffin

Foote, Horne

Brown, Johnson, Mooring

Pastor Mike Matheson

Elder Council

RENEWAL

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Grace

["Before the Throne"](#)

["I Stand Amazed in The Presence"](#)

Offering

Pastor Mike Matheson

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Bancroft

Elkins, Gabriel, Noblitt

PROCLAMATION

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

Reading of the Word

John 1:19-51

Amos Beernink

Reader: *This is God's Word for us today.*

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. (Psalm 63:3)

["Forever"](#)

Benediction

Gifford, Jobe, Johnson, Taylor, Wilson

Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon Review Discussion Questions

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

John (the author) is still just beginning to introduce us to Jesus by telling us the story of John the Baptist. John the Baptist helped prepare the way for Jesus, both by pointing away from himself and pointing us to who Jesus is (the lamb of God, the Son of God, the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit, etc.). Jesus, in turn, points people to himself, as he confronts our expectations and lays claim on our lives when he says, "Come and see" and "Follow me."

Discussion Questions

1. This passage ([John 1:19-51](#)) continues our introduction to Jesus. What new information and titles are provided about Jesus in this section? What stands out to you as important for helping us understand who this Jesus really is?
2. How did John the Baptist's view of Jesus impact the way he saw himself? How does his testimony guide us to see ourselves differently in light of Jesus's coming? How has your own perspective of yourself changed since you've been walking with Jesus?
3. What most commonly distracts you from "beholding the Lamb" (v. 29)? What are some specific ways we can redirect our attention to Christ rather than ourselves (or other distractions)? What daily and weekly practices help keep your focus on Jesus?
4. John pointed people to Jesus rather than himself. How did John the Baptist redirect his disciples towards Jesus? How does pointing to Jesus deliberately point attention away from ourselves? How well is this value being lived out in your daily walk with Christ?
5. The earliest followers of Jesus couldn't help but tell others of who they had found (vs. 35-51). What keeps you from telling others about Christ? How might growing in our "beholding" him encourage us to be more willing to point others to him?

In-Sermon Focus Questions

These questions are designed to keep you engaged during the sermon.

1. What's the big idea (most important thing) here in this story?

2. What does John the baptist do here that we should imitate?

3. What titles are ascribed to Jesus in this passage? What do they mean?

4. What question does Jesus ask? What two commands does he give?

5. What do followers of Jesus do?

Sermon Notes

Preacher: Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon: The Power of Pointing

Scripture: [John 1:19-51](#)

Date: February 9, 2020

For more information on this topic look into:

John: A 12-Week Study. (Knowing the Bible series) by Justin Buzzard

John 1-12 For You (God's Word for You) by Josh Moody

ESV Scripture Journal

Next Week's Sermon Preparation

These questions are for personal use during the week to help you prepare for next week's passage, [John 2:1-12](#).

Context

1. What has happened so far in the narrative? Have there been any major events, characters, or themes?
2. What has happened just prior to the section you are reading?

Observation

1. What do you learn about the main characters in this section? How does the author describe them? How do they describe themselves?
2. Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
3. Is there a conflict or high point in the passage?
4. Do you think there is a main point or theme in this section of the story?
5. What surprises are there?

Meaning

1. Are there any 'editorial' comments from the author about the events in the narrative? How do these comments illuminate what is happening?
2. Does someone in the narrative learn something or grow in some way? How? What does this person learn?
3. What does the passage reveal about who Jesus is, and what he came into the world to do?
4. How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

Application

1. How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
2. Is there some attitude you need to change?
3. What does this passage teach you about being a disciple of Jesus?

Adapted from: *One to One Bible Reading, A Simple Guide for Every Christian*
by David Helm (Available at the Grace Book Cart)

Spring 2020 Classes

Following is the listing of classes offered for our Spring semester, which runs February through May. Childcare will be offered for classes that meet after the service that meets on Sundays at 11:00 am.

To register for a class visit graceinracine.com and sign-up online - or - stop by the Information Center for registration form.

Learning to Defend your Faith (9 Weeks): In this 9 week course, we will look at ways to defend the Christian faith and the importance of a testimony. Learn how to respond to eight different objections to Christianity. We will be using Tim Keller's book, *The Reason for God*.

- **Meets:** Sundays at 8:15 am
- **Taught by:** Dr. Bob Gullberg and Leigh Hudson

Reading the Psalms and Prophets Better (12 weeks): God's Word is most rewarding in those "aha!" moments. His Word is alive, and you can overcome the struggle many have to be in it regularly and to understand it well. Come to be equipped to better understand Scripture, specifically in the Psalms and Prophets. This class will give you practical tools to use in personal study, group study, and reading one-to-one with others—tools that will help you find success and cultivate a hunger to keep learning.

- **Meets:** Sundays at 11:00 am
- **Taught by:** Pastor Ryan Boyer

Doctrinal Survey: What We Believe & Why We Believe It (12 weeks): With Grace Church's statement of faith as our outline, and the Scripture as our basis, we will discover why these truths are foundational to our faith. We will explore practical ways these truths impact our lives. We will also build a process for growing in our doctrinal understanding.

- **Meets:** Sundays at 11:00 am
- **Taught by:** Nick Ringger

TODAY! After Service:

In Room A-18: Learn more about a short-term VBS/Construction trip to Mexico in August of 2020.

In Room B74-77: [Connecting](#)
[Fostering, Adoptive, and Special Needs](#)

Families. Join in this gathering to connect with other families.

February Prayer Gathering

Sunday, Feb. 23, 5:05pm

Join us for a meal together in the commons and then move to the sanctuary for a time of prayer.

For the meal, we are having Pulled Pork and Italian Beef.

Bring food to share based on the 1st letter of your **last** name:

A-I: Vegetable or fruit tray

J-Q: Chips

R-Z: Pickles, pineapple or cheese (think sandwich toppings)

Prefer to bake? See the sign-up on Realm to bring cookies/bars

[We only need 3 more people to bring two dozen cookies]

Many thanks to Amy Wolfe as she serves as Interim Worship Director! Amy is helping to manage the worship teams, coordinate music for worship on Sunday mornings, and lead us in worship on a regular basis!

Update on the Worship Director/Pastor Search

Since December, we have been actively looking for a new Worship Director/Pastor. The job opening has been posted on our website and on a number of ministry-related job opening websites. We have also been networking and asking ministry colleagues for referrals. There has been one interview of a potential candidate and an onsite interview coming up in a few weeks. We are also utilizing the help of a Christian recruiter to meet and interview highly qualified candidates from across the country. Please pray for this process and that God leads the right person to this important role in our church!

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Bob Sfasciotti, Gay Russell, Bryan Lazar, Gloria Castillo

Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Fred and Cindy Horn on the passing of Fred's brother, Allen Horn.

And to Lester and Oyun Horn on the passing of Lester's brother, Allen Horn.

Last Week: Sanctuary Attendance: 600 Children's Ministry Attendance: 110

Giving: Last Week: \$20,550 YTD: \$104,912 +/- Budget: -\$52,408