

July 22, 2018

Lead Like Jesus

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Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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Visitors are welcome
We offer Bible classes for all ages
We also offer in-home Bible studies

*We have Bible lessons on the radio
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

The most influential leader to ever walk this earth is Jesus Christ.

Jesus has affected the lives of billions of people over thousands of years. He continues to have as large an impact today, nearly 2,000 years after He left this earth, as ever.

The Bible only contains a portion of the amazing things Jesus did (**Jn. 21:25**), but it provides enough to show why He was influential, and why His influence was for *good*.

Some of the attributes that made Jesus a great leader are unique to Him as deity and as the chosen Messiah, but much of what made Him so influential is applicable to us if we want to lead others to salvation.

Jesus "Practiced What He Preached": Jesus not only told the way, He showed the way. After Jesus washed His disciples' feet in **John 13**, He said "***For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you***" (**verse 15**). Washing His disciples' feet showed what meekness, humility, and selflessness is. He preached the importance of these principles in **Matthew 5** (**verses 3-5; verses 41-44**). In **John 13**, He "practiced what He preached" (cf. **1 Pet. 2:21**).

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One of the greatest hindrances to leading others to salvation is the hypocrisy of some who do not practice what they preach. People who “**say, and do not**” (**Matt. 23:3**) are harmful to seed that is sown among non-believers. We cannot control the actions of all who claim to be Christians, but we must control our own actions to ensure that we are truly leading by example, like Jesus did (cf. **1 Cor. 11:1**).

Jesus Cared Deeply for Others: One of the best examples Jesus showed is how to love others (**Jn. 15:12-13**). His care for our souls led Him to give His life, but He demonstrated care for others long before His death.

Jesus did not just “go through the motions” when He helped others. He had a caring, compassionate heart (cf. **Matt. 14:14; 15:32; 20:34**).

We should care deeply for others as well (**Phil. 2:4-5**). We can only lead others out of selfishness by showing them love. We must hate sin, but love sinners, just as God loves us (cf. **Matt. 5:43-48**).

Jesus’ Doctrine is Divine: Another significant reason for Jesus’ influence is that His doctrine comes from above, just as He, as deity, came from above (cf. **John 6:38; 7:16**).

His doctrine did not originate with man, but with God.

Consider the impact He had on some Jewish officers who heard Him speak (**Jn. 7:46**). Or the impact He had on those present during the “Sermon on the Mount” (**Matt. 7:28-29**).

His words had a powerful effect, and a *positive* effect, in large part because His doctrine is divine.

Divine doctrine is revealed to us today in His written Word. This truth has as much power today as it ever has.

God’s written Word is sharper than any two-edged sword, and convicts those who hear it with a sincere heart, just as the truth did in Jesus’ time.

Teaching the truth through word and deed has the power to lead others to salvation because God designed truth to work that way (**Rom. 10:17**).

Like Jesus, we can lead others to truth and help save souls from death. Many things we have not discussed can assist with this, such as prayer, humility, and a focus on our purpose.

It is vitally important though that we exemplify God’s will, care for others, and teach what is from above. Christ did each of these things to perfection.

To lead others to salvation, we must imitate Christ.

Area Gospel Meetings

Hazel Dell Church of Christ:
July 29 - August 3 (with Ken Green)
Sun: 9:30, 10:30, 6:00; M-F: 7:00

*Our Gospel meeting will be
August 5-10 with Chuck Bartlett*

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God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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Words to Consider

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.”—2 Pet. 1:5-7

Prayer List

Holly
Barb
Hickox's Granddaughter, Lyla (Leukemia)
Harold (Prostate Cancer)
Sandy (Foot Injury)
Betty
Mabel
Norma's Grandson, Ryan (Head Injury)
Cheryl (Breast Cancer)
Norma (Injuries from fall)
Jerry G (Throat Cancer)
Mattie (Leukemia)
Tom (Pancreatic Cancer)
John
Rex & Family
Perry (Darcy's Father)
Patsy

Daily Bible Reading

July 22 – Psalm 16-17; Acts 20:1-16
July 23 – Psalm 18-19; Acts 20:17-38
July 24 – Psalm 20-22; Acts 21:1-17
July 25 – Psalm 23-25; Acts 21:18-40
July 26 – Psalm 26-28; Acts 22
July 27 – Psalm 29-30; Acts 23:1-15
July 28 – Psalm 31-32; Acts 23:16-35

“How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.”—Psalm 119:103-104

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Bible Study: Jo

Worship: Don

Evening: Jim

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Travis

Cleaning Building

Deb

Prepare Communion

Deb

Upcoming Reminders

July 28: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.

August 4: Flyer Distribution @ 9:30 a.m.

August 5-10: Gospel Meeting
with Chuck Bartlett

Assignments

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Reading: Harold

Announcements: Don

Table: Dave

Serve: Travis

Dan H

Jim

Roger

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Invitation:

Anniversaries

August 15 - Roger and Debbie

Birthdays

August 4 - Steve

August 4 - Mabel

August 5 - Julzy

August 10 - Cheryl