



DOWN
TO
EARTH

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

["Here I Am To Worship"](#)

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Mike Matheson

Hughes

Pastor Ryan Boyer

RENEWAL

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

["Who You Say I Am"](#)

["His Mercy Is More"](#)

Offering

Fielding, Morgan

Boswell, Papa

PROCLAMATION

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

Reading of the Word [John 1:1-18](#)

Kari DeBerg

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)

Communion

["What A Beautiful Name"](#)

Benediction

Pastor Ryan Boyer

Fielding, Ligertwood

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.

This week we begin our new series, "Down to Earth" through the first six chapters of John. In his introduction, John tells us why we should pay attention to who he is telling us about. John is introducing us to the Word - the One who existed from all eternity past, who created heaven and earth; the One who stepped down from heaven to earth in order to make God known to us. This One came to us in the person of Jesus so that we could believe in His name and have life.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever had an encounter with someone famous—an athlete, actor, or musician? If not, who is a celebrity that you've always wanted to meet? Why do such encounters often cause people to "freak out" with excitement? Does it "freak you out" that the Creator of all things came down to earth to dwell among us? Why or why not?
2. How does John introduce us to Jesus in this opening verses (vs. 1-2)? What is Jesus's relationship to God? How does John's introduction challenge those who simply see Jesus as the "good role model" and "good moral teacher"?
3. What was John the Baptist's role in the ministry of Jesus (vs. 6-8)? How did he serve to point people to Jesus as the light? Why would it be necessary for God to send someone to point us to the light? What are ways that the world doesn't recognize Jesus as the light?
4. Who did Jesus come to in order to bring light and life (vs. 9-13)? How was he received? How is the person of Jesus received by those in your life that don't identify themselves as Christians? How does John provide us a blueprint for pointing people to Jesus (v. 15)?
5. How does Jesus make God known? What are ways he reveals God's "grace and truth" (v. 14, 18) to us? In what ways does knowing Jesus make getting to know God seem easier for us? What are some specific ways that God seems more "down to earth" through the person of Jesus?

In-Sermon Focus Questions

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

1. Why should we listen to John? What is he introducing to us here?

2. Why does John use the term “the Word”? What is that communicating to us? ([1:1-3](#))

3. Who is the man sent from God in [v.6-8](#)? How is this John different from the author of the book? How are they similar?

4. What does it mean to “receive” the true light? What privilege is granted to those who do? ([1:12-13](#))

5. What is finally revealed to us in [v.17](#)?

Sermon Notes

Preacher: Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon: Heaven Came Down

Scripture: [John 1:1-18](#)

Date: February 2, 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 1:19-51](#).

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)

TO KNOW CHRIST & TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

What we want to see and who we want to be.



GOSPEL

We want to be a gospel-centered church. The gospel is central in scripture, in history, and in our salvation. We also want it to be central in our thoughts, words and actions. The gospel is not only what saves us, but also what helps us continue to grow as we bring the gospel to bear on all of life, all the time. (1 Cor 2:2; 15:1-4; Gal 2:14; Col 2:6; Phil 1:27)



SCRIPTURE

We want to be a church that experiences the transforming power of God's word. Most of us want to experience real change, to grow in our love for God and others. The primary way that happens is by God speaking to us through His word in the Bible at every level: from Sunday morning, to small groups, to one-on-one discipleship, to regular personal Bible reading. Look at the book, it'll change your life. (Prov 2:6; Isa 55:10-11; Matt 4:4; 2 Tim 3:16)



PRAYER

We want everything we do to be saturated in prayer. Ultimately, we rely on God Himself to accomplish His mission and even to bring about our commitment to these values themselves. Passionate and humble prayer is how we express our dependence on him. We want to ask boldly and surrender completely. (2 Chron 7:14; Luke 22:42; Eph 6:18; Phil 4:6-7; Col 4:2; 1 Thess 5:17-18)



COMPASSION

We want to be a church that upholds and honors the dignity, value and worth of all human life, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status, or physical & mental abilities. Therefore we should seek the welfare of the city around us by blessing people, families and neighborhoods with mercy, compassion and justice. All people are image bearers. Every age, every stage. (Gen 1:26-27; Jer 29:7; Matt 22:37-39; James 1:27)



RELATIONSHIPS

We were created for community. Because God has reconciled us to one another, we want to put a priority on personal relationships, from membership, where we commit to one another as family, brothers and sisters in Christ, to group settings, where we have fellowship with one another, to one-to-one, where we can really know each other. Even as we reach out to the community around us, personal relationships are powerful vehicles for communicating the gospel. (Gen 2:18; John 13:34-35; Eph 2:19; Phil 2:5-11)



MULTIPLICATION

We see God's heart for multiplication from creation to the Great Commission. We also want to see God's heart for multiplication at every level of the life of our church, from multiplying growing disciples, to multiplying healthy leaders, and multiplying local churches. (Gen 1:28; Matt 28:18-20; Acts 11-21; 2 Tim 2:2)



GOD'S GLORY

We agree that the chief end of man is to enjoy God and glorify Him forever. This is why we gather on Sundays - to worship God and praise His glory. But we also want to bring glory to God from Monday to Saturday, as we submit every single aspect of our lives to the glorious rule and reign of God. We want to worship by bringing glory to God with every square inch of our lives. (Psalm 19:1; Isa 43:7; 1 Cor 10:31; Rom 12:1-2)

Short-term Mission Trip to Mexico

Serve with Alyssa & Nef Rubio in Mexico in Aug. 2020! The focus of the trip is on VBS & construction. Information meetings TODAY and Feb. 9th at 11am room A18. Contact Sheri Kobriger for more information: slkobriger@gmail.com.

Connecting Fostering, Adoptive, and Special Needs Families

Feb. 9, 11:15am-12:15pm; room B74-77. We are looking to gather families who foster, have adopted, or who have special needs children together so that we can begin to connect with one another and identify ways we can equip, support, and serve each other. Childcare will be provided for the meeting. [RSVP on Realm](#) or contact the church office at 632.2111.

February Prayer Gathering

Sunday, Feb. 23, 5:05pm

Prayer gatherings are a time where we come together as a church body. We begin the evening with 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 need a total of 6 people to each bring two dozen cookies]

Sunday School is available for children 5th grade and younger. Care for babies through preschoolers is available during the full duration of the service. Elementary-aged children will be dismissed to their classes during the offertory. However, we also value having children with us for the entirety of the worship service. Please know that your children are welcome to stay with you in the service and that we encourage their presence here.

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Emily Durbin (teen)

Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Cindy and Bill Richter on the passing of Cindy's step-Mother, Bonnie Jean Huggins.

Last Week: Sanctuary Attendance: 542 Children's Ministry Attendance: 100

Giving: Last Week: \$21,385 YTD: \$84,362 +/- Budget: -\$44,554