

## Announcements



April 3, 2026  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
Service begins at 6:30pm

Join us from 6:30-7:30p.m. for:

- Worship
- Message
- Communion
- Refreshments & Fellowship

### Membership & Church Information Class Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm – 4:00pm in Fellowship Hall

- What does this church believe?
- What is the leadership structure here?
- How do I get involved?



Join us as we answer these questions and many more!!



don't be left out...

**Sign up!**

### Contact Us

**Church Office Hours: (Temporary)** DOWNLOAD OUR APP

Mon-Tue: 1-3pm, Thu:1-5pm, Fri: 3-5pm

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embracing life-principles of Christ, and  
empowered for life service by Christ*

**March 22, 2026**

#### Elders

**Pastor Norman Carlisle** Lead Pastor

**Rev. Mike Henderson** Associate Pastor

**Martin Rosario**

**Jamie Sumner**

**Enoch Whipple**

#### Ministers:

**ALL BELIEVERS**

Youth Director/  
Assistant to the Pastor

**Tim Corbett**

#### Deacons

**James Odinyo** Lead Deacon

**Alexander Algard**

**Hannah Bovard**

**Micah Carlisle**

**Tim Corbett**

**Brock Nearhoof**

**Kriss Olivo**



## The Week Ahead...



**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Sunday School - 9:30am** in Fellowship Hall & Youth Rm  
**Sunday Morning Service - 10:30am**

**Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Staff Meeting - 3pm** in Pastor's Study

**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**AWANA - 6pm**  
**Home Group - 6:30pm** at The Nearhoof's

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Pastor's Meeting - 12pm** in Fellowship Hall  
**Foundation Youth Group - 7pm** in Youth Room

**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Youth For Christ - 5:30pm** in Youth Room & FH  
**Men's Study - 7:30pm** in Fellowship Hall

**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Young Adult Study - 7pm** in Youth Room

**Saturday, March 28<sup>st</sup>**

**Home Group - 3pm** at The Olivo's  
**Music Practice - 6pm** in Sanctuary

Next Series:  
**The Book of Hebrews**  
In Fellowship Hall

**Lifeinary**  
*Theology learned and lived!*  
**9:30am**  
for all ages

Next Series:  
**Evangelical Theology**  
In Youth Room

### Worship Service

**10:30am**

- Fellowship** (in Fellowship hall)
- Welcome & Announcements** Ben Bovard
- Opening Song** Music Team
- Scripture Reading & Prayer** Enoch Whipple
- Message** Jamie Sumner
- Praise & Ministry** Music Team
- Closing Prayer** Enoch Whipple

*\*additional seating available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall*

### Children's Info

#### Infants & Nursing Mothers

Nursery Downstairs under Foyer

**Children's Church** (18mo - 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Check-in available in Classrooms Upstairs

### Offering

If you would like to give an **Offering** today, please place it in one of the boxes in the **Sanctuary** with your name clearly printed on your envelope. You can also give **Online** through the church **Website** or **App**.



## Matthew 19:25-26 (NIV)

<sup>25</sup>When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "**With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.**"

## **Discussion Guide**

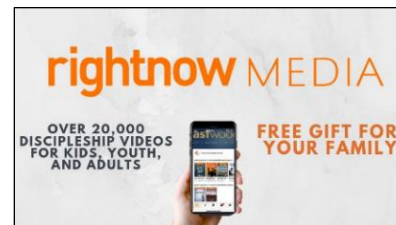
Date: March 22, 2026

Sermon Title: "Empty Hands"



### **More about Home Groups...**

We encourage everyone to be a part of a small group community to deepen your relationship with Christ and His church. If you're interested in knowing more, please check the website or contact the Church Office.



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## **SCRIPTURE REFERENCES** (NIV unless otherwise noted)

### **Matthew 19:13-30**

13 Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. 14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." 15 When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there. 16 Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" 17 "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments." 18 "Which ones?" he inquired. Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, 19 honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'" 20 "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?" 21 Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." 22 When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. 23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." 25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?" 26 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." 27 Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" 28 Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first."

## **OTHER SCRIPTURE REFERENCED**

**Matthew 20:16**

## **OPENING DISCUSSION**

1. What was the main thing you learned from the sermon?
2. What questions do you have about anything that was raised during the message?

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. In what ways do we unintentionally "block" others from coming to Jesus?
2. How can we cultivate a more childlike faith in our daily lives?
3. Why do you think Jesus lists commandments first, then shifts to selling possessions?
4. What does this passage reveal about the difference between outward obedience and heart-level surrender?
5. Why were the disciples astonished at Jesus' statement about the rich?
6. How can wealth become a spiritual obstacle?
7. How should believers think about rewards: as motivation or as a byproduct?
8. What do you think Jesus means by "the first will be last, and the last will be first" (Matthew 20:16)?
9. What is the central challenge Jesus is presenting to His followers here?
10. If you had to summarize this passage in one sentence, what would it be?