

## Announcements

There will be an Image Kids lunch for parents and volunteers on August 8. More information to come soon.

We need your help in Image Kids and First Impressions -- there are a lot of opportunities to serve! You can sign up to serve at [imageatl.com/serve](http://imageatl.com/serve).

## Prayer Suggestions

### Golf Course Shooting

As we prayed about yesterday at church, last week a man was shot at an area golf course. He went to investigate a truck that got stuck on the golf course, where he discovered two men bound and gagged in the back of the truck. The victims are Gene Siller (46), Henry Valdez (46), and Paul Pierson (76).

Pray for the victims' families to have peace in this time. Pray for the authorities to discover the truth of what happened. Pray for the man who committed these crimes as well. Pray for an end to the gun violence epidemic in our nation.

### Global Unrest

Currently there are a number of countries experiencing protests and political unrest. Pray for peace. Pray for the believers in these countries to be lights in darkness. Pray for governments to have their citizens' best interests in mind, rather than selfish motivations. Pray for God's Kingdom to come on earth.

*Cuba:* Anti-government protests have erupted over the last few days. Citizens are protesting a lack of food and medicine, their lack of freedom, and an economic crisis that is growing worse.

*Haiti:* The president was assassinated in his home last week. Arrests and conspiracy theories have prompted some protests and political unrest

*Peru:* The nation just held a presidential election, but the country is waiting on official results. The economy is becoming destabilized and protests have begun as the citizens are seeking answers.

Joshua Project Unreached Peoples: <https://joshuaproject.net/pray/unreachedoftheday>

## Family Time

**Family Time** is an intentional space where we live out the model we see in Acts 2:42. We want to be devoted to the Word together, break bread, fellowship, and pray. It's also a place where we practice hospitality. We want this time to foster both spiritual and relational growth moving the group from acquaintances and friends to family. Family Time begins with conversations around a meal, followed by a discussion about Sunday's sermon.

**Title:** God at Work

**Series:** Standalone, Pastor Al Gilbert

**Scripture:** Philippians 1:6

### **Other Scripture/Cross References**

Mentioned in the sermon:

1 Peter 5:18; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Acts 16:14; Romans 8:14-16; Galatians 5:25; Philippians 2:12-13; James 4:7-8; Colossians 2:6

### **Main Points**

How to recognize God's work in our daily lives

How to cooperate with this work when it happens

1. God is at work in you
  - a. God knows you and has something for you
  - b. Can you see how God is working or are you consumed with other things?
2. He has finished a work for you & He has started a work in you
3. God's Spirit is at work in you
  - a. He lives in us and leads us
  - b. God works in us to will and work for His good pleasure
  - c. His Spirit is in us, choosing and doing what ought to be done
4. Look to see God at work in your life
  - a. His Word
  - b. Relationships
  - c. Circumstances
5. Changes are noticeable when God is at work
  - a. Acceptance
  - b. Hunger
  - c. Destiny
  - d. Anticipation -- we should have a sense of anticipation because God is at work!
6. Sometimes we lose sight of His works
  - a. Unconfessed sin
  - b. Pride
  - c. Materialism
  - d. Misplaced focus
7. We can have confidence that God is at work
  - a. Humble ourselves
  - b. Draw near to him

### **Quotes**

There's no excuse to walk around condemned because there is no condemnation in Christ

When we're not seeing God at work, maybe the awkward silence is that something has come between us & God

If God has ever made you feel like he loves you and has something for you, then HE STILL DOES

### **Questions**

1. What challenged you? What were your takeaways? What encouraged or convicted you?
2. What questions do you have?

3. What does it mean that God has finished a work for me and started a work in me?
4. Do you believe that God is at work in your everyday life? Why?
5. Can you see God at work in your life or are you generally consumed by and focused on other things?
6. How do you recognize God's Spirit at work in you?
7. Where do you see God at work in your life right now? Where have you seen him at work in your life in the past?
8. What causes you to lose sight of his working in your life?
9. How can your confidence in the fact that God is at work in your life be restored?

### Points of Theology and Other Useful Definitions

"He who began a good work in you"

Good: agathos **ἀγαθός**

Of good constitution or nature, useful; good, pleasant, agreeable, joyful, happy; excellent, distinguished; upright, honorable

Work: ergon **ἔργον**

Business, employment; that which one undertakes to do; any produce whatever, any thing accomplished by hand, art, industry, or mind; an act, deed, or thing done

Tetelestai **ΤΕΤΕΛΕΣΤΑΙ**

From teleo **τελέω**, which means: to bring to a close, to finish, to end, to perform/execute/complete/fulfill what has been commanded; to perform the last act which completes a process

This is what Jesus said on the cross when he said "It is finished"

Lydia

Lydia of Thyatira was a well-known seller of purple cloth. She is regarded as the first European convert to Christianity. She was a God-fearer (someone who worshipped God, but was not Jewish). She and her household were baptized by Paul when he told them about Jesus, after which Lydia provided hospitality for Paul and the men with him. Her story can be found in Acts 16.

## Discipleship Groups

**Discipleship Groups** are where our community groups divide into gender-specific groups for a time of more intentional discussion and connection. This creates a safer and more intimate space to open up our hearts in order to grow deeper in the gospel. This time begins with a discussion about Sunday's sermon and then transitions to a time of transparency where we are honest about where we are relationally, personally, missionally, and spiritually.

Sermon Discussion (30-40 min)

See Sermon Discussion Notes above.

RPMS (30-45 min)

<b>R</b>	How are you doing <b>RELATIONALLY</b> ? (friends, coworkers, neighbors, spouses, family -- also, how are you building relationships with people different from you or on the margins?)
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<b>P</b>	How are you doing <b>PERSONALLY</b> ? (emotionally, mentally, physically, financially, etc.)
<b>M</b>	How are you doing <b>MISSIONALLY</b> ? (what you're doing daily to be on mission, how you're engaging people, etc)
<b>S</b>	How are you doing <b>SPIRITUALLY</b> ? (time with God, in Scripture, what you're learning, who you're learning from, memorization, etc.)

Prayer (10-15 min)