

The Oaks Community Church  
Worship Guide



February 19, 2023

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

“This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” I John 4:9, 10 (NIV)

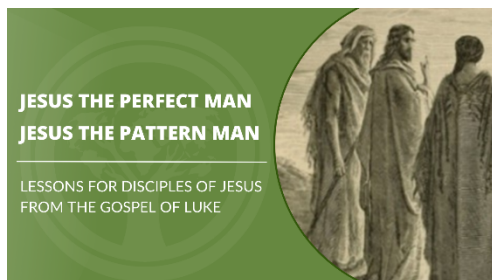
II. Family Confession & Greeting

**Promise #1 About the Gift of Salvation**

The Gift of Salvation is free and available for all who accept it.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9



**“Change, Healing, & How God’s Kingdom Works”**

Luke 13:1-21; Isaiah 55:6-13  
Pastor Gary Barber

❖ Review – Four Portraits of Jesus – The Four Gospels

❖ Change & Grow – Luke 13:1-8

“Jesus replied to them, “Do you think that this happened to them because they were more sinful than other people from Galilee? No! I can guarantee that they weren’t. But if you don’t turn to God and change the way you think and act, then you, too, will all die.”

Luke 13:2, 3 (GW)

❖ There is a time limit for change – God expects fruit from your life.

“<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’”

Luke 13:6, 7 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

Luke 13:8, 9 (NIV)

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman – Luke 13:10-17

“<sup>10</sup> On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.”

Luke 13:10, 11 (NIV)

“<sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” <sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.”

Luke 13:12, 13 (NIV)

“You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”

Acts 10:38 (NASB)

❖ God’s Kingdom starts small and grows large to give life

“<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus asked, “What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? <sup>19</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches.” Luke 13:18, 19 (NIV)

❖ God’s Kingdom permeates and prevails imperceptibly.

“<sup>20</sup> Again he asked, “What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? <sup>21</sup> It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.” Luke 13:20, 21 (NIV)

❖ What repentance is, why it is important, what it results in – Isaiah 55:6-13

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon....You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.” Isaiah 55:6, 7; 12 (NIV)

❖ Reflection, Prayer, & Ministry Time

#### IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

The tithe belongs to the Lord. We give God the first and the best of our income.
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"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord." Leviticus 27:30 (NIV)

"Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines." Proverbs 3:9-10 (TLB)

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