

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



March 19, 2023

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

He personally carried our sins in His body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By His wounds you are healed. I Peter 2:24 (NLT)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Promise #5 About the Gift of Salvation

The Gift of Salvation is permanent, unconditional, and certain.

“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.”

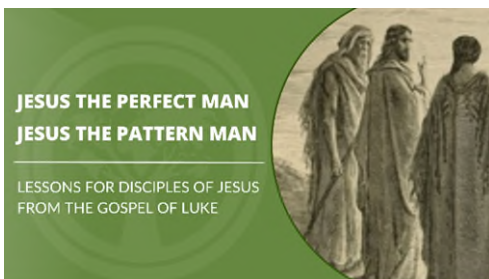
Romans 8:1

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love.... nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our lord.”

Romans 8:38-39

“So if the Son sets you free, you are free through and through.”

John 8:36



“Jesus’ Invitation – How Will You Respond?”

Luke 14:12-24

Pastor Gary Barber

- Jesus disrupts a dinner party – Luke 14:1-12

For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”
Luke 14:11 (NIV)

- An inviolable principle of God’s Kingdom: humans are drawn to the proud and often despise the humble. God is drawn to the humble and resists the proud.

Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”
Luke 14:12-15 (NIV)

- They were anticipating a Messianic Banquet
- ❖ Feasts & Banquets in the Bible
- The three feasts every year for Israel. God wants to dine with His people.

“Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel; and they saw God, and they ate and drank.”
Exodus 24:11 (NASB)

- An utterly amazing event!
- A foreshadow of the Ultimate Banquet

Then he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.”
Revelation 19:9 (NASB)

Jesus said to him, “A man gave a large banquet and invited many people. When it was time for the banquet, he sent his servant to tell those who were invited, ‘Come! Everything is ready now.’ “Everyone asked to be excused. The first said to him, ‘I bought a field, and I need to see it. Please excuse me.’ Another said, ‘I bought five pairs of oxen, and I’m on my way to see how well they plow. Please excuse me.’ Still another said, ‘I recently got married, and that’s why I can’t come.’ “The servant went back to report this to his master. Then the master of the house became angry. He told his servant, ‘Run to every street and alley in the city! Bring back the poor, the handicapped, the blind, and the lame.’ “The servant said, ‘Sir, what you’ve ordered has been done. But there is still room for more people.’ “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go to the roads and paths! Urge the people to come to my house. I want it to be full. I can guarantee that none of those invited earlier will taste any food at my banquet.’” Luke 14:16-24 (GW)

❖ Jesus’ Invitations

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”
Matthew 11:28-30 (LSB)

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”
John 7:37, 38 (NIV)

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”
Matthew 4:19 (NIV)

- “Come” and “Go”

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”
Matthew 28:19 (ESV)

- The Invitational culture of the Kingdom of God – Expanding the invitational culture of The Oaks.

- ❖ Who are the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind?
- The story of Mephibosheth in II Samuel 9

“So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate at the king’s table regularly. Now he was lame in both feet.”
II Samuel 9:13 (NASB)

- ❖ Will we respond to the Great Invitation?

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let anyone who hears this say, “Come.” Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life.
Revelation 22:17 (NLT)

Stewardship Principle #5

Above God's tithe, we give compassion gifts to help the needy.

“When you give to the poor, don’t let anyone know about it. Then your gift will be given in secret. Your Father knows what is done in secret and will reward you.”
Matthew 6:3, 4 (CEV)

3 Ways to Give:

1. Online at www.theoaksweb.com or download our app (The Oaks Bakersfield)
2. Mail Check/Drop Off Cash to: 10200 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311
3. In person through the worship service offering or using the offering boxes

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