

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



March 12, 2023

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

“Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, LORD, preserve both people and animals. How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.”

Psalm 36:5-7 (NIV)

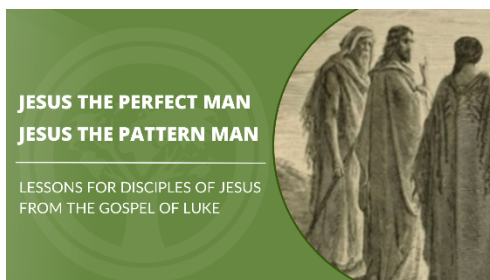
II. Family Confession & Greeting

Promise #4 About the Gift of Salvation

The Gift of Salvation is secured by Jesus' substitutionary death and resurrection from the dead.

“He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.”
1 John 2:2

“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die...”
John 11:25



**“Jesus Disrupts
A Dinner Party”**
Luke 14:1-24
Pastor Gary Barber

It happened that when He went into the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees on the Sabbath to eat bread, they were watching Him closely. And there in front of Him was a man suffering from dropsy.... But they kept silent. And He took hold of him and healed him, and sent him away.

Luke 14:1, 2; 4 (NASB)

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited.... For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Luke 14:7, 8; 11 (NIV)

❖ Pride, Humility, & Honor

- The origin of pride and the birth of sin – Isaiah 14:12-15
- Proverbs 16:5, 18; I Peter 5:5-7; Proverbs 15:33

“And you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” Luke 14:14 (NASB)

❖ Parable of the Great Banquet

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. Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ “But they all alike began to make excuses.” Luke 14:15-18a (NIV)

“Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.’ Luke 14:23 (NIV)

❖ God The Father wants an invitational culture with His family

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)

• Application

- Who can you invite to a church family gathering?
- Prayer & Reflection

IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Stewardship Principle #4

In addition to God’s tithe, we give offerings to spread Christ’s Gospel.

"As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia.... And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:15, 19 (NLT)

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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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