

Sermon: Taste the Lord and See He is Good February 14, 2021

Scripture: Psalm 34

I. _____ the Lord. (1-3)

II. Consider the experience of _____

_____. (4-7) "Matthew 5:3; 2 Kings 6:15-17

III. Taste the _____ of God. (8-9)

IV. Keep _____ of sin. (11-14); Proverbs 13:3; Ephesians 5:11-12

V. Sense the _____ of God. (15-18)

VI. God wants us to _____ in afflictions. Psalm 34:19-22

Thought for the day: There are times in this life when circumstances seem to be becoming overwhelming. It is then when we need the power of God to get us through. Those are easy words to say but very hard to apply. People will suggest if we keep an eternal perspective trusting God He eventually will work "all" things together for our good. The problem we have is that does not change the way we feel about the circumstances in our life. David was in a situation where Saul was trying to kill him and he was hiding in the city where Goliath had lived. **Dr. Wieresbe writes:** *Psalm 34 describes what God means by "good days." They are not necessarily days free from problems, for the psalmist wrote about fears (Ps. 34:4), troubles (Ps. 34:6, 17), afflictions (Ps. 34:19), and even a broken heart (Ps. 34:18). A "good day" for the believer who "loves life" is not one in which he is pampered and sheltered, but one in which he experiences God's help and blessing because of life's problems and trials. It is a day in which he magnifies the Lord (Ps. 34:1-3), experiences answers to prayer (Ps. 34:4-7), tastes the goodness of God (Ps. 34:8), and senses the nearness of God (Ps. 34:18). The key is to maintain a conscience contact with God. The trials can drive us into God's presence. Adversity becomes a blessing for man when "he experiences God's help and blessing because of life's problems and trials" The problem is the source of the blessing. The real key is the nearness of God. When He is near the Holy Spirit reminds me to trust Him. When my problem becomes His problem, my trial becomes a path to His presence. **Pastor Bruce***

What's happening with our Youth Ministry today?

Junior Disciples: AM Church Service

Today we are continuing curriculum called "The Core". Over the next year we'll be learning about the 8 "roots" of discipleship, Apologetics, Community, Identity, Kingdom, Knowledge, Outreach, Rescue and Worship. This week we'll continue in our "community" root.

Community with other Christ-followers is vital. It's a lifeline that fuels us, encourages us, and challenges us to live out the mission God gave us. Community keeps us in the fold of what God is doing. But what about people who don't have community? People who are isolated, alone, and at the end of their rope? You and I are part of the answer to their isolation. We carry the church beyond the walls of Sunday and into the places where people need it most. We carry the church into hospitals, locker rooms, hallways, and waiting rooms. And even though we don't have it all together or know the right words to say, God uses us to bring others into his care. There is also a parent's guide that goes along with these lessons that includes activities your families can do to continue learning during the week. Please let me know if you are not receiving my emails.

Senior High Youth Group: Thursday Nights at 7 PM

On Thursday nights our senior high youth group will be meeting in the youth building. Right now we are working through a study in the book of James with Francis Chan. In the study he unpacks the dense truth contained in the book of James in front of the iconic backdrop of San Francisco, the city where he lives and ministers. Through 12 sessions, Francis works through James verse-by-verse, challenging followers of Christ to move beyond a private, intellectual knowledge of God and His Word, to a vibrant faith that impacts every square inch of life.

Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, It's who I am
It's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide

But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

Chorus

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

Chorus