Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Donna, who has cancer. Pray for Callie who is recovering from sinus surgery. Pray for Jerry Jamrozy, who has bone cancer. Pray for Tony who is recovering from an ankle surgery.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for the Bellas.

FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Each week we'll pray for a different family in our church. This week pray for the Lubbers.

HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS: Pray that the church would continue to stay unified under Christ. Pray for our livestream and for the people joining us there. Pray for Casa Del Alfarero, the Spanish-speaking Missionary Church 5 minutes from our buildina.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS: Pray for the war in Israel. Pray for the war in Ukraine.



Attendance

In-person on 9/29/24: 56 Online views (through 10/1): 3

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Online: (9/23/24-9/29/24): \$365 for general In-Person on 9/29/24: \$475 for general

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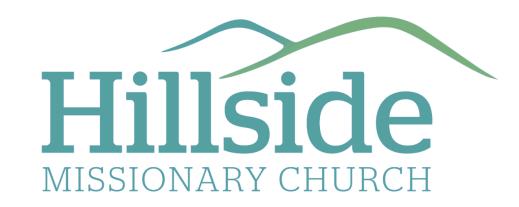
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Matthew 12:7-8

And if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."



Welcome!

October 6th, 2024

Whether you're a guest or a long-time attendee we're glad you're here with us. We're a friendly and caring group of Christians who are here to help people be CONNECTED with Jesus, CHANGED by Jesus, and COMMITTED to the mission of Jesus.

GUESTS: Thanks for joining us today! We truly believe that you're not here by accident and that God has some amazing plans for your life. If you'd like some information about who we are and how to get plugged in here at Hillside, please fill out the "I'm New" page on our website, which can be found by the QR code to the right.



EMAIL LIST: If you would like to receive prayer requests, announcements, and our weekly email, feel free to scan the QR code above. It will take you to the "I'm New" page on our website, where you can fill out your name, phone number, and email.

SERMON SERIES: We are currently going through a sermon series in the Gospel of Matthew. Today, we're talking about a passage where Jesus encounters some of the religious leaders.

Announcements

SMALL GROUPS: Small groups have started up for the year! Last year we changed our small groups to have a men's and women's group. This year we are having those groups meet again, every other Tuesday. The youth group will also be starting up again for the school year. If you are interested, please sign up at the welcome counter. There is also a schedule available at the welcome counter. For more information, please see Pastor Josh.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Our 4th annual Trunk or Treat is happening October 11th, from 6-7:30pm! Sign up your trunk at the welcome counter. We hope to see you there!

LUNCH AT FOR MIAMI VILLAGE CHURCH: We are serving lunch to Miami Village Church, a church mainly made up of homeless people, today! If you are interested in helping, please talk to Pastor Josh.

Opportunities to Help

TECH: Our worship team is looking for someone who would like to run sound and/or slides. Please see Pastor Josh.

WORSHIP TEAM: Would you like to help out on the worship team? Please see Carolyn Dodd for details.

PRAYER GUIDE: Will you be in prayer for Hillside? Prayer guides are available at the welcome counter. Also, if you would like to be a prayer advocate, please see Pastor Josh.

MAINTENANCE TEAM: Would you like to help out on the maintenance team? We need help inside and outside the building. Please see Jeff Soule for details.



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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 12:1-21 and pray.
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- What surprised you as we talked about it?

Diving In

- 1. Putting yourself in the perspective of the religious leaders, read Matthew 12:2, 9, 10, and 14, and think about the attitude that they had towards Jesus. Spend some time thinking through what led to them having that attitude. Do you ever struggle with having that same type of attitude? If so, what leads you to have that attitude?
- 2. Read Matthew 12:3-5. Jesus responds to the religious leaders by pointing them towards Scripture. Oftentimes, when we read and think about Scripture, it can help us to really think through things. If the religious leaders that Jesus was talking to actually went and read what Jesus told them to read, how do you think it would have helped them? Read Hebrews 4:12-14. How does going to Scripture help you?
- 3. Read Matthew 12:7-8. The religious leaders of Jesus day worshiped their rules that they had added onto God's Word. Today, we can easily fall into the same issue. It's not wrong to have personal convictions, but it is wrong to hold others to those personal convictions, if they are on top of God's Word. Do you struggle with that? If so, why, and where does that come from?
- 4. Read Matthew 12:15-21. Jesus clearly had a heart for everyone to be in a saving relationship with Him. How do you think having that same heart for people would change the way you think about your faith? How would that change the way you view them?

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What are your biggest takeaways from this passage of God's Word?

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