

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for the Ewings as Vin was hospitalized recently because of his kidneys being inflamed. Pray for Barb who is having nerve pain. Pray for Donna's family, as she recently passed away. Pray for Jerry Jamrozy, who has bone cancer.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for the Hubleys.

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

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 building.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS: Pray for our politicians. Pray for the war in Israel. Pray for the war in Ukraine. Pray for all of the damage from the recent hurricanes.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 12/22/24: 58

Online views (through 12/26): 7

Giving

Online: (12/16/24-12/22/24): \$65

In-Person on 12/22/24: \$1255 for general



Give Online

Rather view this information on your phone?
Feel free to scan this Q.R. code to view this on the Bible app! For future reference, we always have the QR code posted at the main entrance that will take you to that week's event in the Bible app!



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Matthew 16:12

Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.



Welcome!

December 29th, 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 avoiding some of the mistakes that the religious leaders of Jesus' day made.

Announcements

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Thank you to all who helped out with the Christmas Candlelight service last week!

CHURCH DIRECTORY: We use an app called the "Instant Church Directory." We invite everyone to download this app. If you would like access and/or to be added to the church directory, please email Pastor Josh.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE: Registration is now open for our Regional Annual Women's Ministry Conference, The Well. Information is available at the welcome counter. Please direct questions to Tammi Fisher.

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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FROM TAX COLLECTOR TO APOSTLE

Week 46 - Matthew 16:1-12 - 12/29/24

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Matt. 16:2-3, 1 Pet. 4:1-2, 1 Thess. 4:1, Matt. 6:33
3. You don't take to _____ God's Word
Matt. 16:4, James 2:19, 1:22-25, Luke 47-49, Gal. 1:6-9, 2 Tim. 3:16-17, Heb. 4:12
4. You don't understand God's _____
Matt. 16:5-8, Eph. 5:17, Rom. 12:1-2, Ps. 119:130
5. You forget what God has done in your _____
Matt. 16:9-11, Ps. 103:2-5, Deut. 4:9, Eph. 6:4, Ex. 13:8-9
6. You're not on guard against falling away from ____
Matt. 16:12, 24:24, 2 Pet. 1:10, 3:17, Heb. 6:11, 2 Tim. 1:14

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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 16:1-12 and pray.
- Have you ever read or heard about this before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- What surprised you as we talked about it?
- As we talked about this part of God's Word, and the mistakes that the religious leaders made, what stands out to you the most?

Diving In

1. Read Matthew 16:1. These religious leaders made several mistakes, but some of the biggest mistakes they made were adding to and taking away from God's Word. What step(s) in your life are you taking to make sure you don't make either one of those mistakes?
2. Read Matthew 16:2-3. Jesus makes it clear in His response to the religious leaders request for a sign, that their focus is far more on earthly things, than on eternal things. Read Matthew 6:33. How can you better keep your focus on God's Kingdom, rather than getting bogged down with the struggles of life?
3. Read Matthew 16:4. Jesus points back to the sign of Jonah, making it clear to these religious leaders, who would have known God's Word very well, that even though they could recite it, they didn't really take God's Word to heart. Read James 2:19 and 1:22-25. How can you be sure, when you read God's Word, to take to heart what God says, and not make this same mistake?
4. Read Matthew 16:5-8. If you've ever struggled to understand God's Word, you're in good company, because even the guys that walked around with Jesus for years often struggled to understand what He said. Read Romans 12:1-2. How would applying these verses to your life help you to understand God's Word? How can you accomplish that?
5. Read Matthew 16:9-11. The disciples forgot what Jesus had done. We often make that same mistake. What could you add to your life in order to help you better remember what God has done in your life?
6. Read Matthew 16:12. Jesus makes it clear to His disciples that they are to be on guard against the mistakes that the religious leaders made, because even making a small mistake, can lead to a big one down the road. How can you be on guard against falling away from God?

Applying the Scripture

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

- What practical step(s) do you need to implement in your life to apply what God has taught you in this passage of Scripture?
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