

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Katy, who is dealing with a blood clot. Pray for April who recently had a major surgery. Pray for Sam who fell and broke his hip, and had to have a partial replacement this week. He also broke his finger. Please continue to pray for Jerry Jamroz, who has bone cancer.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for the Mishkins.

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

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 those affected by the recent shooting in Elkhart. Pray for the war in Israel. Pray for the war in Ukraine. Pray for all of the damage and those affected from the recent fires in California.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 2/23/25: 52

Online views (through 2/25): 2

Giving

Online: (2/17/25-2/23/25): \$65

In-Person on 2/23/25: \$1300 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 19:1-2

Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.


Hillside
MISSIONARY CHURCH

Welcome!

March 2nd, 2025

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 moment where Jesus teaches us an important lesson on marriage and keeping our hearts soft towards Him.

Announcements

Testimonies: We would love to hear what God has done and is doing in your life! If you would like to share, we are making short videos (3-5 minutes) to be shown during service on Sunday. If you are interested in participating, please talk to Pastor Josh.

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.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: If you are interested in our new members class, happening on Saturday, March 15th, from 9am-1pm, please let Pastor Josh know!

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.



Week 55 - Matthew 19:1-12 - 3/2/25

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Matt. 19:4-9, Mal. 2:16, 1 Cor. 7:15

We also learn that celibacy is a _____ from God that needs to be honored.

Matt. 19:10-12, 1 Cor. 7:6-9, 32-35

Symptoms of a Hardened Heart

1. You fail to see God _____
Matt. 19:1-3, 5:8, Ps. 51:10, Heb. 10:22, James 4:8
2. You _____ God
Matt. 19:3, 4:5-7, Deut. 6:16, 1 Cor. 10:9, Rom. 12:1-2
3. You _____ God's Word
Matt. 19:3-6, Rom. 1:18-32, Prov. 1:24-33, Jonah 1:1-17, John 12:48
4. You worship legalism instead of sticking to, and getting to the heart of God's _____
Matt. 19:7-12, Deut. 4:2, Rev. 22:18-19, Heb. 8:10, Jer. 31:33, 2 Cor. 3:3, Ps. 119:11



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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 18:15-35 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?
- Why do you think that the religious leaders totally missed what Jesus was trying to teach them? How often have you found yourself missing what God has been trying to teach you?
- If you're married, how would knowing God's heart behind marriage help you in your marriage?
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Diving In

1. Read Matthew 19:1-3. Jesus was in the midst of miraculous healings when these religious leaders came to test Him. They totally missed what Jesus was doing, and instead, came at Jesus with their own agenda. How can you avoid making this same mistake in your life?
2. The religious leaders in this part of God's Word tried to test Jesus. Read Matthew 4:5-7, Deuteronomy 6:16, and 1 Corinthians 10:9. How often do you find yourself trying to test God? Now read Romans 12:1-2. How would applying what these verses in Romans teach us to do, help you to avoid testing God?
3. Read Matthew 19:4-6. In Jesus' response, He pointed them back to God's Word. How quickly, we can forget what God has already pointed out to us! How can you also avoid this mistake?
4. It seems as though one big mistake the religious leaders made was worshiping the letter of the law, instead of sticking to and getting to the heart of God's laws. How can you be sure to stick to and get to the heart of God's laws, instead of worshipping the letter of the law?

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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