

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Sam who was in the hospital recently. He also fell and broke his hip, and had to have a partial replacement, and is now in recovery. Please continue to pray for Jerry Jamrozy, who has bone cancer.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for Janyne Johnston.

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

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 the war in Israel. Pray for the war in Ukraine. Pray for those affected by the New Prairie High School bus accident.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 5/18/25: 49

Online views (through 5/22): 10

Giving

Online: (5/12/25-5/18/25): \$120 for general

In-Person on 5/18/25: \$1314 for general, \$60 for missions



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 22:29

But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.



Welcome!

May 25th, 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 how Jesus handled a difficult question from the religious leaders.

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.

BAPTISM: Are you interested in getting baptized? We would love to celebrate with you! Please talk to Pastor Josh for more details.

PRAIRIE CAMP: Information about our denominational camp can be found at the welcome counter! There are camps for kids throughout the summer, and family camp is happening on July 13th-19th. We hope to see you there!

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.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Matthew

FROM TAX COLLECTOR TO APOSTLE

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How to tell if your faith is off base:

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2. You're more concerned with _____ than reality
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3. You forget that God's ways are above _____ ways
Matt. 22:28, 11:25, Is. 55:9, Rom. 11:33-36, John 14:6
4. You add to, or take away from, God's _____
Matt. 22:28-29, 5:18, Deut. 4:2, 12:32, Rev. 22:18-19, Prov. 30:5-6, 2 Tim. 3:16-17
5. You don't realize the _____ of God
Matt. 22:29, Heb. 4:12, 2 Pet. 1:3, Rom. 1:16, 2 Cor. 6:7
6. You forget that this life is _____
Matt. 22:30-32, James 1:10, 4:14, 1 Pet. 1:24, Ps. 39:5, 1 John 2:17
7. God's convictions don't _____ you
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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 22:23-33 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 you think about how the Sadducees got off base in their faith, think about your own faith. Has there ever been a season of life where you feel like your faith has gotten off base? If so, what led to that?
- On a scale from 1-10, where do you feel like your faith is during this season of your life?

Diving In

1. Take an inventory of how your attitude has been towards God lately. When you think about Scripture, spending time with God in prayer, or using your spiritual gifts, are you excited, cynical or somewhere in between? After taking an inventory, think through and pray about how you can have a more holy attitude towards God.
2. The Sadducees tried tricking Jesus with a crazy hypothetical question. Unfortunately, many Christians today still get caught up by outlandish, hypothetical questions, instead of choosing to stay in reality. Do you struggle with that during this season of your life? Read 1 Timothy 1:3-5. How can you implement what Paul instructs Timothy to do, in your own life?
3. Sometimes our faith can become off base because we don't submit to God, realizing that His ways are above our own. Is that a trap that you struggle with? If so, why, and what practical step(s) can you take to avoid that trap?
4. The Sadducees took away from God's Word, while the Pharisees added to it. God's Word makes it clear that both are errors, and that we are to just stick to it. Which error are you more likely to make, and how can you avoid it?
5. A mistake commonly made by those who are driven by intellect, which the Sadducees probably were, is forgetting about the power of God, which Jesus makes it clear that the Sadducees had. Why do you think it's so important to realize and remember the power of God? How would doing this better help you in your faith?
6. When we remember that this life is only temporary, it changes the way we live. Read James 4:14. How does this verse help you in your faith?
7. When we refuse to allow God to change us, it is inevitable that we will get off base in our faith. How can you be more open to God changing you? What kind of impact could that have on your faith?

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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