

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 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 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 10/6/24: 64

Online views (through 10/7): 13

Giving

Online: (9/30/24-10/6/24): \$65

In-Person on 10/6/24: \$3634 for general, \$50 for missions

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!



Give Online



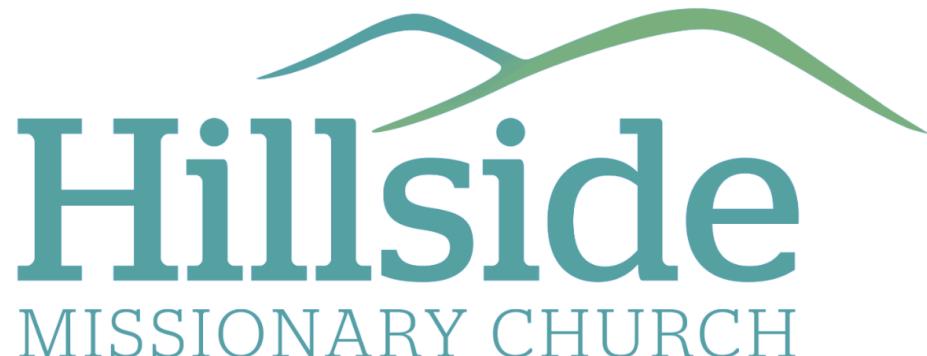
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Matthew 12:22-23

Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?"



Welcome!

October 13th, 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: Thank you to all of those who helped out at our 4th annual trunk or treat! We truly appreciate your help. Please be in prayer for all those who came from our community, and that God will use this to further His Kingdom!

LUNCH AT FOR MIAMI VILLAGE CHURCH: Thank you to all of those who helped to serve lunch at Miami Village Church last Sunday! If you are interested in helping to serve the next time we go, 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.



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2. Be _____ of your fruit
Matt. 12:33-37, 7:15-20, John 15:1-27, Col. 1:10, Gal. 5:22-23
3. Don't ask for _____
Matt. 12:38-42, 16:1-4, Heb. 11:1, 2 Tim. 3:16-17, Col. 3:16, 1 Thess. 5:16-18
4. Be determined to never walk away from _____
Matt. 12:43-45, 1 Cor. 9:27, 1 Tim. 4:1, Heb. 3:12-19, Rom. 11:19-22
5. Make sure to include other _____ in your life
Matt. 12:46-50, 18:20, Gal. 6:10, 1 Thess. 5:11, Heb. 3:13, 10:24-25, 1 Cor. 15:33



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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 12:22-50 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?
- Think through how your heart has been towards God during this season of your life. On a scale from 1-10, how soft or hard has your heart been towards God? What has caused that?
- As you think through how your heart is towards God during this season of your life, think through a season of your life where your heart was very soft towards God. What caused that? Now think through a season of your life where your heart was hardened towards God. What caused that?
- As you think through your answers from above, is there anything in your life that you need to get rid of in order to keep your heart from becoming hardened? Is there anything that you could do to help you to have a soft heart towards God?

Diving In

1. Read Matthew 12:22-33 again. Jesus makes it clear that you're either for Him or against Him. When we remember that we are for God, and that that is the largest determining factor of our identity, it helps us to live for Him, and for our heart to stay soft towards Him. How can you better remember that your identity is first and foremost found in Christ, and how would that help your heart from becoming hardened towards God?
2. Read Matthew 12:33-37. Jesus makes it clear to the religious leaders that they will be judged by their fruit. Think through the fruit that you bear. Is it good fruit? How can you bear more and better fruit? How would being mindful of your fruit help your heart to stay soft towards God?
3. Read Matthew 12:38-42. It may be surprising if you've never heard Jesus' teaching on this before, but we're not supposed to ask God for signs. Rather, we are to delve into having faith, and determining what we are to do from God's Word, and the Holy Spirit's leading in our life. By trusting in signs, our faith can easily become superstitious. How can you be less superstitious in your faith, and lean more heavily into your relationship with the Lord, and be better led by Him? How would doing that help your heart from becoming hardened towards God?
4. Read Matthew 12:43-45. Here, Jesus makes it clear that turning away from Him is detrimental. How can you be better determined to always follow Jesus? How would doing that help your heart to stay soft towards God?
5. Read Matthew 12:46-50. Jesus makes it clear that He wants to be in close relationship with other believers, and so should we. How would prioritizing relationships with other believers help you to keep your heart soft towards 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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