



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SON Shine Praise Team The Children's Choir at SCBC will begin meeting again tonight. They will practice from 5:45–7:15 pm on Sundays. Children in grades 2–8 may be dropped off no earlier than 5:30 and picked up no later than 7:30. Contact Lois Anderson to participate and for more info (410–371–8157). We look forward to seeing the SON Shine team on Sunday morning, April 8.

Rubies Bible Study Rubies is a weekly lady's Bible study. The weekly meeting is now on Tuesdays at noon.

Wild Game Feast Men, join us for a feast of beastly proportion! The feast will be at the church, Sat, Feb 4, at 6pm. Sign up on the sheet in the lobby. Contact master chef David Keck for any questions or to offer your conquered carcasses and/or culinary chops.

Tea Time Young ladies grades 1–12, Feb 10, at the church. Games, tea, entertainment, scones, and dainty cups. Dress up for this party! For more info, contact Tammy Walls.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13:8-10

DAILY BIBLE READING

Monday	Matt 19:16–30; Rom 3
Tuesday	Matt 19
Wednesday	Matt 20:1–16
Thursday	Matt 20:1–16; Mark 10:17–30
Friday	Matt 20:1–16; Luke 18:18–30
Saturday	Matt 20:1–16; Lev 18:1–5
Sunday	Matt 20:1–16

UPCOMING MESSAGES

- Feb 5 Matt 20:1-16 *Our Generous God*
 Feb 12 Matt 20:17-28 *The King's Cup is our Cup*

STUDY QUESTIONS

Monday

1. Why is it in our human nature to believe that eternal life can be gained by “doing” something?
2. Read Ephesians 2:1–3 and Romans 3:10–18. What does Paul say in these verses about the condition of man?
3. Because our problem is not primarily “what we do” (unrighteous deeds) but “who we are” (unrighteous) what is the cure for our condition? (see Romans 3:21–26 and 2 Cor. 5:16–17)
4. How does this affect the way you look at your past? How does this change the way you see yourself as a child of God?

Tuesday

1. Notice the young ruler’s question in verse 20. What was obvious about his conscience?
2. The rich young ruler was a legalist. Legalism is an attempt to please God through adherence to rules or law. Who does the legalist place his trust in?
3. Jesus’ call for the man to sell his possessions was directly linked to his call to discipleship. What might have been the problem with the man giving away his possessions but not following Christ?
4. The man’s sorrowful response revealed what about the man’s true love?
5. Are there things in your life that are hindering you from following Christ (a relationship, family, a job, money, etc.)?
6. What does Jesus say about the trade off in verses 28–30? Do you truly believe it is worth it? Ask those closest to you where they believe your treasure is.

Wednesday Read and Meditate on Matthew 20:1–16

Thursday

1. Read Matthew 20:1–16 and tell the parable in a modern day context. If you have children explain it in terms they can readily identify with.
2. Who is the one initiating employment in the story?
3. What are the laborers doing before the master of the house finds them?

Friday

1. A denarius was a full days wage for a laborer. Do you believe the master of the house was being less than fair to the early hires?
2. Was the expectation of the early hires in verse 10–11 unreasonable? Why or why not?
3. If you were an early hire and this happened at your job how would you feel?

Saturday

1. What is the four part defense of the master of the house in verses 13–15?
2. Jesus states that this story relates to the kingdom of heaven. Take out a sheet of paper and identify list all the parallels you see.