Real Obedience: Sermon Series Obedience – a choice and a blessing?

Verse of the Series

"If you love me you will obey what I command."

John 14: 15

Dear All,

In February and March this year we will observe the season of Lent. Lent is a time of preparation before Easter which begins on Ash Wednesday. During this season we prepare by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection that leads us to Easter and to Jesus Christ: His suffering and His sacrifice; His life, death, burial and resurrection; and His obedience. This year the latter aspect just mentioned, 'Obedience,' will be the theme through which our services on Sunday will enable us in this purpose. The previously produced Lenten Toolkit will again be available to assist with personal and/or group reflection.

The series will conclude with a Café Church on the 13th March for the Church to collectively reflect upon the topics covered to enable discernment for the Church and individual, together with identification of matters for application (to put into practice). The sermons will be recorded and placed on the Church website. Study notes will be produced to assist with personal reflection and also for the Café Church service discussions and reflection (this will help where it is not possible for individuals to attend all the services). I encourage your commitment to this series.

The Topics to be covered will build upon previous sermon series and help us to look to the future as a Church and the desire to build our commitment to and activity in Mission.



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Date	Obedience	Bible Readings
February 14 th	in Relationships	Isaiah 39: 1-8; Ephesians 5: 22- 6: 4; Matthew 10: 11-16
February 21 st	in Church	Acts 6: 1-7; Ephesians 4: 1 -16; Matthew 25: 1-13
February 28 th	in Motives	Jeremiah 17: 5-10; 1 Cor. 4: 1-7; Luke 18: 9-14
March 6 th	in Mission	Psalm 67; Acts 20: 17-32; Matthew 10: 16-39
March 13 th	Café Church – to confirm our learning and discern God's will	John 15: 5-17

The Five Values of a Missionary Church:

A missionary church is focused on God the Trinity;

A missionary church is incarnational;

A missionary church is transformational;

A missionary church makes disciples;

A missionary church is relational.

As we reflect on Christ and the above areas of Obedience it will bless us if we make the connections to what God is calling us to be as a Missionary Church.

May the Lord inspire and guide us in our study and reflection; may we be still and listen to the Lord during this period and may He bless all of us in and through these times.

Thank You, Pastor Dave Labdon

