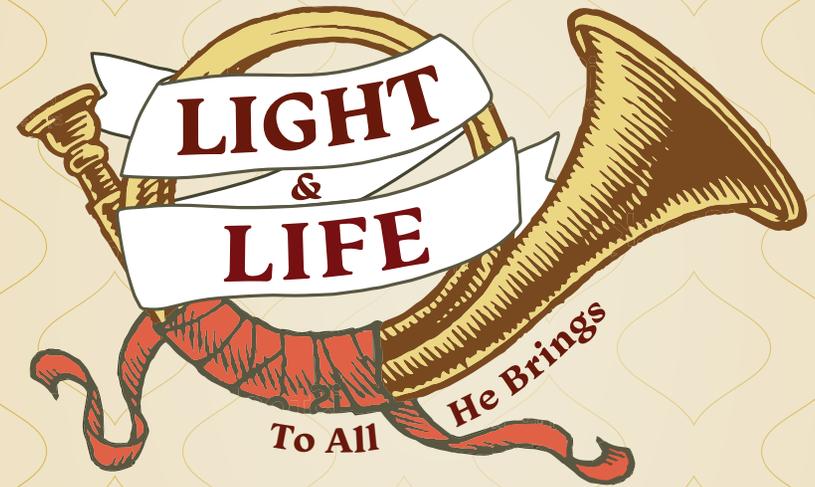


Week of December 5, 2021

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Based on what you know of Peter from the Gospel of John, how would you describe Peter to a friend?
3. Based on this passage, and the full context of Scripture, how would you define love? What are the risks of an incomplete or inaccurate definition of love?
4. It is notable that Jesus does not ask for an apology, or for a commitment from Peter not to sin again – He asks for Peter's love. Is this a pattern we should follow in our dealings with people who have wronged us?
5. The three affirmations of love in this passage mirror Peters three denials of Jesus in John 18:15-27. Can we make up for wrong actions through right actions? Explain.
6. For what purpose is the Christian given grace by God?
7. After Peter's sin, Jesus restores him and calls him to ministry. Are there ever sins which would prevent someone from ministering to others? Why, or why not?
8. Sometimes it seems like it is hardest to live out consistent love with those we are closest to (like our spouse, children, and friends). Why do you think this is so, and what can we do to overcome it?
9. This second week of Advent focuses on love. Where do you find love in our passage this week?



REINSTATE US IN THY LOVE

John 21:15-17 / Ben Orchard / December 5, 2021

Love your Lord _____ (15)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ladies, join us on Friday, December 10 from 7-9 pm for our Women's Christmas Party. Carol Wendt will be our Speaker. There will be dessert and a gift exchange (\$10 limit, unwrapped). No RSVP required.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, December 11, at 8 am. It is offered on the second Saturday of every month to men, high school age and up.

AGAPE FUND

We have an Agape fund that helps people financially. We have had an increase in requests asking for assistance. If you would like to contribute to the fund, you can give online, or in the offering basket at the back of the auditorium (please designate for the Agape Fund).

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Two Adult Sunday School classes are starting today! **Kingdom Stewards** (Dr. Will Martin, 9 am): Learn how to manage the finances, time, and other resources God has give to you for His Glory. **Instruction for Skillful Living From The Book of Proverbs** (Dr. Mike Powell, 10:45 am): We will see what Proverbs says about skillful living in various areas such as conflict and friendships, finances, parenting, handling emotions, controlling our tongues, and other related topics.

FIREFIGHTER GIFT BASKETS

Staci Miles is assembling Christmas baskets for firefighting families who have lost their jobs due to covid. She is looking for financial donations to purchase grocery gift cards for the families or a fun holiday activity to bring Christmas cheer. Some examples: family craft, christmas movies or books, a game or cookie decorating kit for the family. Contact Staci (541-401-2820) to donate and also to arrange drop off/pick up of donated items. Donations need to be in by December 14th.

FAMILY CAMP

Save the Date for August 18-21, 2022 at Camp Na-bor-lee. Unlimited tent camping, and some motor home access.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Join us on Christmas Eve for one of our candlelight services! Our services this year are at 4:30 & 6 pm and the nursery is available for both services.

OUR MISSION

As we proclaim biblical truth, we cultivate relationships that are intimate with Christ, active in the Church, & loving the community.

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General: November \$99,675 / YTD \$968,224
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