

WELCOME! We're glad you're here and have decided to join us today!

TEACHER: Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

SCRIPTURE: John 6:65-69

SUMMARY: Remember that last week we talked about overcoming the things that hold us back from responding well. My hope is that after that discussion and after a full week, you have had the opportunity to face those things head on in the power of the Holy Spirit and are now ready to respond fully to God's good news of grace! And so this week, in part 3 of our "Worship" sermon series, we look at John 6:65-69. In looking at that passage we will try to understand the different ways of responding to God's love and God's challenge. Jesus gives the incredible news and many disciples desert Him. But Peter and the twelve stay around and their reason is centered on these words from Peter: "Where else would we go!? You have the words of eternal life."

As we look at the importance of Peter's response, we will also look at several other examples of responding to God in our scriptures. A few examples include Sarah, Isaiah, Mary and, of course, Peter and the disciples.

Maybe good questions for each of us are:

- ⇒ Who do you relate to the most, in terms of response?
- ⇒ Are you flabbergasted at the offer of grace? Are you shocked with disbelief? Are you willing to accept it?
- ⇒ Are you ready to give Him your all in response?

Be honest with your responses and share them with a small group, a close friend or a trusted mentor. Be willing to ask: "Why do I respond that way?" and be willing to go deeper with Christ to find His answers.

The big idea is to respond without holding anything back; we hope to respond by offering Him our everything and realizing that we have nowhere else to go. May God bless you as you strive to fully and completely follow Jesus by loving God and loving others!

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

PRAY: Pray for those who have attended or will be attending Inspiration Hills Camp this summer. May the young people see Christ in everything and pray that the Spirit would move in kids' hearts as they renew and grow in their faith.

PRAY: Please keep Brad & Sheila Tebben in your prayers. They traveled to the Mayo Clinic In Rochester, MN this past week so Brad could have diagnostic tests done for some health issues he has been having. Please pray for good test results and comfort during this stressful time. (SH)

PRAY: Please keep Sara Reuter's mother, Janet Burns, in your prayers. She is currently hospitalized in Sioux Falls due to severe fluid retention and kidney problems. (SH)

PRAISE: God has shown His faithfulness to the Ver Steeg family. Ken and Tres's 4-year old grandson has been seizure free for about 60 days now. The pain Tres has been having after her recent surgery is decreasing; she received a cortisone shot that has made a big difference. (SH)

TODAY, July 14

**Destiny Anderson Profession of Faith
Donuts with the Pastor following worship**

Living Water is looking for at least two OC Cadet Counselors for this fall's program. The Cadet ministry is for boys 4th-8th grade. The group meets from 6:50-8:45pm @ Calvary CRC (OC) on Wednesday evenings 2x a month. If you'd like more info, please contact outgoing Counselor, Jamey Schiebout, at 712-441-3290 or jamo@icloud.com or George Scholten at 712-441-4015.

TODAY

9:30am

COFFEE SHOPPE

10:00am

WORSHIP/Profession of Faith

10:20am

LITTLE TREASURES

3-5 yr olds time to worship God
meets in Upper Room
watch for dismissal slide

Please remember to stop in the lobby and check in your child

11:00am

DONUTS WITH THE PASTOR

This is a great opportunity to talk with the pastor/elder about membership, profession of faith or just visit and have a donut!

11:00am

STAY AND PRAY

SW corner of the Worship Center

11:00am-11:30am KID ZONE

Meets in the JAM room next to the kitchen

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon, July 15

6:00pm - Unity Meal (SH)

If you have never worked at the Unity Meal and would like to - you are needed this month. If you would like to volunteer, please call 712-541-1502. Thank you!

Everyone is invited! This is a free meal with free take home food. Local rides provided by calling 712-631-4633.

Wed, July 17

3:30pm - Staff Meeting (OC)

Thurs, July 18

7:00pm - Worship Team Practice (OC)

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

SAVE THE DATE: Sun, Aug 18 - Sign up Sunday - On that day we will have ministry leaders sharing what volunteers are needed in their area and what volunteering in that area looks like. Be sure to spend time in prayer before that Sunday, asking the Holy Spirit where it is you can be used!

ELECTRONIC GIVING IS NOW AN OPTION!

One of the things introduced by the Stewardship team is an exciting new option available through Planning Center for electronic giving. You are encouraged to try it out and then share your feedback! You can set up your account one of these three ways:

⇒ **Online:** Visit <https://forallwhothirst.churchcenter.com/giving> (You will need to set up your account on this secure website through several steps, follow the prompts).

⇒ **On your phone:** Install the "Church Center App" and then look for Living Water under the search option. Once installed and verified (through a text code), you will be able to make donations through the app anytime!

⇒ **Text:** Text any amount (example: \$20) to "84321" and follow the prompts to set up your account.

Please contact Administrative Deacon, Brittany Foreman, (dan_brittanyforeman@yahoo.com) with any questions or concerns about online giving!