

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

Today we begin our new sermon series, "Messy." As we look at the process of becoming more and more like Jesus, we will find several passages that remind us that it is a lifelong journey!

TEACHER: Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

SCRIPTURE: Mark 2:13-17

SERMON SUMMARY:

In today's scripture we see that Jesus spends His time with tax collectors and sinners. What does this passage have to do with us today and what can it mean in our lives? Get curious about some of these questions:

- Why are people drawn to Jesus in this passage?
- What do we know about Levi's situation?
- What is the importance of having dinner?
- What do the Pharisees and teachers of the law ask Jesus' disciples?
- Why is Jesus' response important for us, no matter what stage of life we are in and what stage of faith we are in?

As we wrestle with this passage, here are some possible action steps. Through conversation with the Holy Spirit, determine how to move forward with the information from Mark 2:13-17;

- What stage of faith are you in? Be honest with yourself and with God. Be honest with a trusted brother or sister in Christ!
- How "fit" are you when it comes to your faith? Use the inventory that we'll be discussing today to pinpoint areas of growth. Keep exercising!
- Define sanctification in your own words. Write it down and then put it to the side; check back in another 6 months and see if that is how you would continue to define it.

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

PRAY: Please keep Janice Westra and family in your prayers. Her father, Henry Westra, passed away this week. Pray for peace and comfort as they mourn their loss. (SH)

PRAISE: We rejoice with Austin and Katie Price on the birth of their daughter, Quinny Greta. Mother and baby are doing well! (OC)

PRAISE: Today we witness and celebrate the baptism of Huxley Kuiken, son of Dan and Danielle Kuiken and little brother to Jorgia. (OC)

TODAY

9:30am COFFEE SHOPPE

10:00am WORSHIP

10:20am LITTLE TREASURES
3-5 yr olds time to worship God
meets in Upper Room
watch for dismissal slide

Please remember to check your child in at the table in the lobby

11:00am STAY AND PRAY
SW corner of the Worship Center

WAVE 6th-8th gr
Meets in large classroom in SW corner of the lobby
12:00 dismissal

11:10am JAM PRAISE & WORSHIP 5 yrs-5th gr
Meets in the JAM room next to kitchen

Sunday School small groups follow
5 yrs-1st gr - meets upstairs
2nd gr-5th gr - meets on main floor
12:00 dismissal

Parents pick up children from their classrooms

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

Sun, May 5 - 5:00pm - GEMS Evening Worship @ OCLW
NOTE: A nursery will be provided that evening. If you are available/willing to serve as a nursery volunteer that evening, please contact Kelsey Oetken @ kelseyoetken@gmail.com or 402-649-5124.

Sat, May 18 - 7:00-11:00am - Tulip Festival Pancake breakfast.
Anyone interested in serving between the hours of 6am and 12pm please contact Pastor Garry at gdnnyenhuis@gmail.com. Proceeds will go to support our youth traveling to Rocky Mountain High.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon, Apr 29
7:00pm - LifeJacket Mtg (OC)

Wed, May 1
7:00pm - Overflow @ OC Campus

Thurs, May 2 - Day of Prayer @ Sheldon Campus
6:15am-7:30am - Mayor's Prayer Breakfast- Free will offering
RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED; RSVP to Barb Hibma at 712-541-1502 by text or call or email gbhibma@centurylink.net
7:30am-6:00pm - Prayer walk
6:15pm-8:30pm - Nat'l prayer observance from Washington, DC will be livestreamed.

Worship Team Practice @ OC Campus

Fri, May 3
6:00am - Leadership training - light breakfast and video

Overflow lock-in

Sat, May 4 - 5:00-9:00pm - Grill out @ OC Campus - Rain or Shine - There will be burgers and hotdogs on the grill and games for the whole family and a campfire if weather cooperates. Everyone is invited as we continue to build relationships!

**EXCITING NEW OPTION
ELECTRONIC GIVING!**

One of the things introduced by the Stewardship team was an exciting new option available through Planning Center for electronic giving. We are currently under a 3-day free trial and would encourage you 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 (ex: \$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!