

MESSAGE OUTLINE

SUNDAY, March 5, 2023



הקהילה מתקדמת
CHURCH

10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: **KINGDOM LIVING**
Pastor Gary L. Stump
Luke 6:17-49

Jesus taught a radical new way for Kingdom living...How does He want us to live in His Kingdom?

The setting of Jesus' teaching

Luke 6:17–19 (NLT) When they came down from the mountain, the disciples stood with Jesus on a large, level area, surrounded by many of his followers and by the crowds. There were people from all over Judea and from Jerusalem and from as far north as the seacoasts of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those troubled by evil spirits were healed. ¹⁹ Everyone tried to touch him, because healing power went out from him, and he healed everyone.

“Politics subsumes the public so much so that they become conflated. And so instead of the political realm being seen as one part of public life, all of public life tends to be reduced to the political...Even democratic justifications are not much more than a veneer over a will to power. The actions themselves may be within the bounds of legitimate democratic participation, yet the basic intent and desire is to dominate, control, or rule.”—James Davison Hunter. To Change the World (p. 105-106).

Blessing pronounced to the “outsiders”

Luke 6:20–26 (NLT) Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said, “God blesses you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours. ²¹ God blesses you who are hungry now, for you will be satisfied. God blesses you who weep now, for in due time you will laugh. ²² What blessings await you when people hate you and exclude you and mock you and curse you as evil because you follow the Son of Man. ²³ When that happens, be happy! Yes, leap for joy! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, their ancestors treated the ancient prophets that same way.

Compare with His calling

Luke 4:18–19 (NLT) “The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, ¹⁹ and that the time of the LORD’s favor has come.”

Judgment pronounced on the “insiders”

Luke 6:24–26 (NLT) “What sorrow awaits you who are rich, for you have your only happiness now. ²⁵ What sorrow awaits you who are fat and prosperous now, for a time of awful hunger awaits you. What sorrow awaits you who laugh now, for your laughing will turn to mourning and sorrow. ²⁶ What sorrow awaits you who are praised by the crowds, for their ancestors also praised false prophets.”

Remember Mary’s song

Luke 1:51–53 (NLT) His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones. ⁵² He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands.

Love you enemies

Luke 6:27–36 (NLT) “But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. ²⁸ Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. ³⁰ Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don’t try to get them back. ³¹ Do to others as you would like them to do to you. ³² “If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! ³³ And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! ³⁴ And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return. ³⁵ “Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as

children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked.³⁶ You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.”

- (1) **Love your enemies.**
- (2) **Do good to those who hate you.**
- (3) **Bless those who curse you.**
- (4) **Pray for those who mistreat you.**
- (5) Do not retaliate (v. 29a).
- (6) Give freely (vv. 29b–30).
- (7) Treat **others** the way you want to be treated (v. 31).^(TBKC)

Paul provides some additional application of this

Romans 12:14, 17–21 (NLT) *Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them...¹⁷ Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.¹⁹ Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD.²⁰ Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads."²¹ Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.*

Don't be judgmental

Luke 6:37–38 (NLT) *"Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven.³⁸ Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."*

Beware who you are following

Luke 6:39–42 (NLT) *Then Jesus gave the following illustration: "Can one blind person lead another? Won't they both fall into a ditch?⁴⁰ Students are not greater than their teacher. But the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher.⁴¹ "And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own?⁴² How can you think of saying, 'Friend, let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.*

Use godly discernment

Luke 6:43–45 (NLT) *"A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit.⁴⁴ A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs are never gathered from thornbushes, and grapes are not picked from bramble bushes.⁴⁵ A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart."*

Build on the Rock

Luke 6:46–49 (NLT) *"So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say?⁴⁷ I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it.⁴⁸ It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built.⁴⁹ But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins."*

So what? Are you living in the kingdom blessing of God?

- How are you doing loving those with whom you disagree?
- Are you judgmental and critical?
- Who are you following?
- Are you able to utilize godly discernment?
- Are you building your life on the foundation of God's word?



ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, March 5, 2023

1. WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS (Small Groups)—This Wednesday (1st & 3rd Wednesdays) 7:00-8:15pm.

2. FISHERS COMEDY & MAGIC—Upcoming Events: **March 10 & 11** Kay Dodd, The Great Kaplan, Daren Streblov; **May 12** Chris Ruppe, Jonnie W., Mike Hemmelgam; **June 3** Christian Comedian Extravaganza. Purchase tickets at <https://fisherscomedyandmagic.com/>

3. LADIES BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY @ 9:30am—at Kathy Stump’s house (12928 Whitehaven Lane, Fishers). Studying **Psalms** using David Helm’s One-to-One method.

4. 2023 ONWARD TO JERUSALEM BIBLE STUDY TOUR OCTOBER 20-31, 2023—Walk where Jesus walked and see the Bible comes alive as Pastor Gary and our good friend Dr. Moshe Loewenthal lead us on this incredible tour. Estimated cost: \$3,950 per person (double occupancy).

5. MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT 6-8pm: Dinner provided.

6. HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY—2nd & 4th Wednesdays 6-8pm at Cynthia Brown’s house (14079 Clifton Ct., Fishers).

7. SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS—**High School** (Grades 9-12) June 12-16. **Middle School** (Grades 6-8) June 21-25. See Pastor Jerry for more info.

8. PAL (“PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES”) MEETING—This is for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. Every Tuesday night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free weekly meetings. Dr. Nancy Smith, facilitator. For more information, contact nancy1108smith@gmail.com or 317-508-8149.

9. ONWARD PRAYER RESPONSE CARD ONLINE—To make it easier for some, you can scan this QR code in order to complete your Prayer Response Card.

