

Financial Peace University

The money we have has been entrusted to us by God to manage it well and use it to honor Him -- not just in giving, but also in spending, saving and investing. Author and financial expert Dave Ramsey provides Biblical, thought-provoking, humor-laden and action-inducing messages to help us advance on the journey to financial peace. Harvest is offering the 9-week course on Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8 pm, starting Sept. 15. All classes will be held in the Harvest Cafe.

The first class on Thursday, Sept. 15 is free, so please come and check it out. A limited number of child care spots will be available. Please contact Katie Clark at katielrayclark@gmail.com to sign up for the course and reserve childcare if needed. Find more information at daveramsey.com/fpu.

Community Groups

Join us immediately following the service today if you are interested in learning more about potential groups this fall.

We will hold another session next Sunday, August 21 if you are unable to attend today's meeting.



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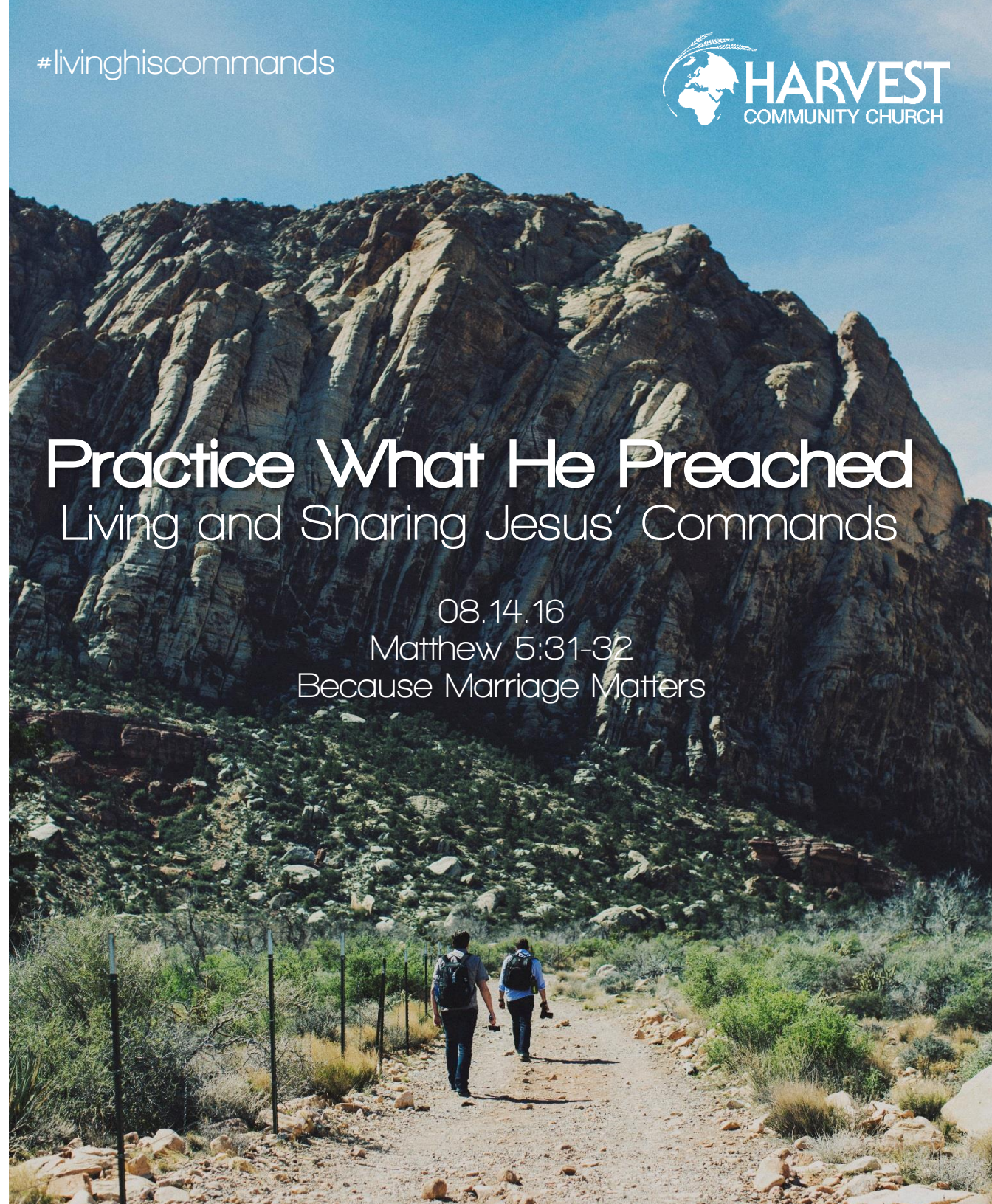
Practice What He Preached

Living and Sharing Jesus' Commands

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Matthew 5:31-32

Because Marriage Matters



WELCOME!

Our vision

Is to develop people into followers of Jesus Christ with a passion to worship God well and communicate his love to others.

If you are our guest today

Please complete the guest card located in the chair pocket in front of you. After the service, everyone is invited to join us coffee and connection time in the back of the Worship Center. Guests, we would love to meet you and introduce ourselves.

Churchwide Prayer

Sundays from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Each week an important part of our church life is gathering as a family to pray. Please join us next Sunday as we seek God together.

Baptism sign-up deadline 9/4

If you are interested in being part of the next baptism at Harvest, please complete a registration form (available at the welcome desk) and return it by September 4. Please complete the form and return it to a staff member.

Stewardship

General Fund w/e 8/7 = \$9,965.83
Giving to Missions = \$1,744.02

Our six pillars

- Giving worship to God, not entertainment
- Basing everything on the Bible
- Disciple-making
- Prayer as our first option rather than last
- Being grace-oriented, not legalistic
- Community (developing Biblical relationships)

Groups

Want to learn more about our mens, womens, community or special interest groups? Stop by the welcome desk to talk with someone about your specific interests. We would love to help you get plugged in. You can also view all of our group information at harvestcharlotte.com. Click on Groups.

Harvest Kids classes

Nursery, toddler and preschool classes are available during the worship service. Elementary students join their families for the first half of the service, and then are dismissed to their classes. We are working through "A Sure Foundation" curriculum with the babies and toddlers and "The Gospel Project for Kids" curriculum with the preschool and elementary aged kids.

CHURCH LIFE:

Harvest Kids

Starting next Sunday, elementary children will resume our normal class schedule (K/1, 2/3, 4/5).

HARVEST STUDENTS (6th – 12th grade)

Our annual back to school lock-in will take place Friday, August 19 from 7 p.m. – midnight. If you are interested in attending this awesome time of fellowship and fun, please download the permission slip at harvestcharlotte.com/students. The cost is \$15. You can bring your permission slip and check on 8/19.

Harvest Ladies

Join us this Tuesday, August 16 at 7:00 pm for an intro to a new fall Bible study on the book of Hebrews. Led by Jen Jolly and Heidi Reckard, we will begin our study mid-September. Contact heidi.reckard@gmail.com for more information.

October China Mission Trip

If you are interested in learning more about the October China trip with the Edge Institute, please join us for an informational meeting immediately following the church service on August 14. Contact jerry.swisshelm@gmail.com for more information.

Discipleship Notebooks and Weekly Materials

Notebooks for the current sermon series are available at the welcome desk at a cost of \$2. The weekly Bible study and discipleship guide pages are also available at no charge.

Community Groups

If you are interested in joining a community group this fall, please plan to attend one of two investigative meetings: Sunday, August 14 or 21 immediately following the service. Pastor Scott will provide an update about our groups that will begin this fall.

Harvest Men

Join us Wednesday, August 17 at 7 p.m. as we continue our study in Jonah.

Joy Paulsen – E. Asia

If you can assist Joy while she is in the US (9/13-29) in any of the following ways, (transportation, lodging, storing bags to return to E. Asia, use of a car) please contact Barb Seidel at (704) 502-7200 or seidelblg@gmail.com.

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Living and Sharing Jesus' Commands

Because Marriage Matters // Matthew 5:31-32 and 19:1-9

God's plan for marriage is not to get out of it
but to stay in it and work at it.

Three goals today:

1. _____ of marriage
2. _____ of divorce
3. _____ for divorced people

What is Jesus' view of divorce?

Like lust, divorce (with some exceptions) is the _____
of adultery (31-21).

Note: Matthew 5:31-32 is expanded in 19:1-9

Two schools of thought (Pharisees) on "something indecent" of Deut. 24:1:

1. A man could divorce his wife for immodest behavior or unchastity (Shammai).
2. A man could divorce for anything offensive or displeasing (Hillel).

Difference between Jesus and the Pharisees:

(cf. John Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*, 94-95):

1. The Pharisees were preoccupied with the grounds for divorce; Jesus with the institution of marriage.
2. The Pharisees called Moses' provision for divorce a command; Jesus called it a concession to the hardness of human hearts.
3. The Pharisees regarded divorce lightly; Jesus took it so seriously that, with only one exception, he called all remarriage after divorce adultery.

Four ingredients for a successful marriage:

1. _____ (19:5a)

2. _____ (19:5b)

3. _____ (19:5c)

4. _____ (19:6-9)

Two apparent "exceptions":

1. _____ (permits but does not require separation; Matt. 5:32, 19:9)
2. _____ by an unbeliever (1 Cor. 7:12-15)

Suggested resource: Larry Crabb, *The Marriage Builder*:

- Our basis for true commitment is the _____ of God.
- Our example of true commitment is the _____ of God.

How to help disciple others:

1. If you have children, right now you are _____
in marriage, whether you realize it or not.
2. Mature couples: look for _____ to mentor.