

Please join us:

Christmas Eve: 5 p.m.
Christmas Day: 11 a.m.

*Christmas Eve: Childcare provided for babies and toddlers
Christmas Day: Family service, no childcare provided*

Year-End Offering



Bryan and Evelyn Huyhua are our missionary partners in Peru, and part of your year-end offering will go to support them in their work, especially to help with education for their son. Another portion helps fund every ministry of Harvest. Please give generously as an act of worship and as a way to give directly to Jesus Christ at Christmas. You can mark "Year-End 2016" on the memo line of your check or use one of the special "Christmas Offering" envelopes in the back of the chairs. We will collect the offering all the way through December. *God loves a cheerful giver!* (2 Corinthians 9:7)



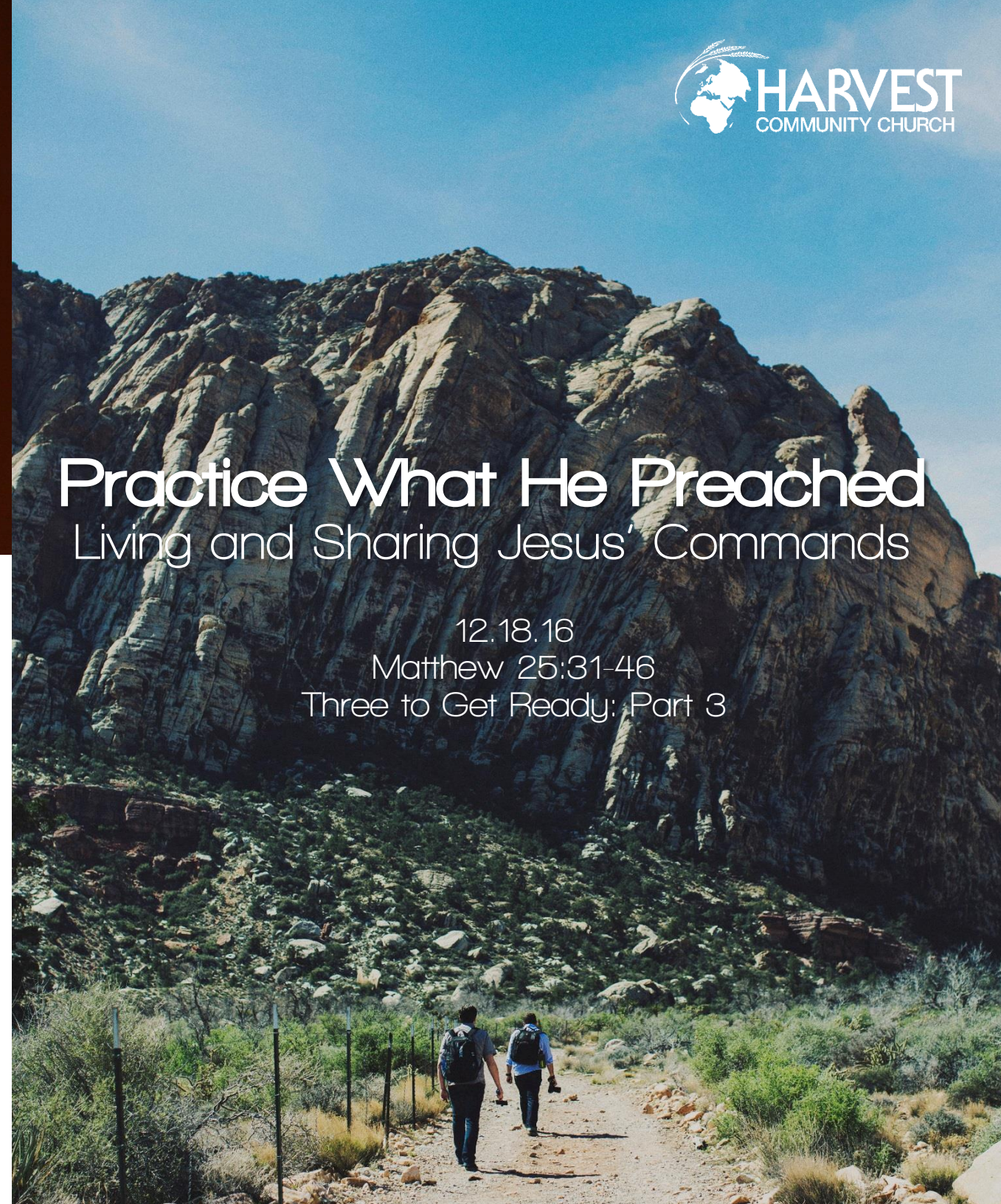
Practice What He Preached

Living and Sharing Jesus' Commands

12.18.16

Matthew 25:31-46

Three to Get Ready: Part 3



GUESTS

CHURCH LIFE

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 pocket of the chair in front of you. After the service, you are invited to join our church family for coffee in the back of the Worship Center.

Churchwide Prayer

Sundays from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

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

Christmas Services

Mark your calendars for our Christmas services:

- Christmas Eve: 5 p.m.
- Christmas Day: 11 a.m.

We hope you will join us for one or both of these services. Postcard invitations are available at the welcome desk.

Our Six Pillars

- Disciple-making as the culture
- Worship as a lifestyle
- The Bible is our authority
- Prayer as a way of life
- Grace, not legalism
- Biblical community

Groups

Want to learn more about our groups? Stop by the welcome desk and pick up information or view 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 our babies and toddlers. The preschool and elementary kids are being taught from “The Gospel Project for Kids.”

Stewardship

General Fund w/e 12/11 = \$10,373
Giving to Missions (17.5%) = \$1,815
Fiscal YTD Income = \$100,595
Fiscal YTD Expenses = \$110,672
Shortfall YTD = \$10,077

CHURCH LIFE

Harvest Kids

Harvest Kids is growing! If you are interested in serving in our children’s ministry once a month, the following opportunities are available:

- 2nd/3rd Grade Teacher (3rd Sunday)
- Nursery volunteer (adult or teen)
- Toddler volunteer (adult)
- Elementary coordinators
- Preschool apprentice coordinator

Please email amy@harvestcharlotte.com if you would like more information.

HARVESTSTUDENTS

(6th – 12th Grade)

Sunday 12/18 Christmas Party! 6 - 8 p.m.
Bring \$5.00 or less wrapped gift for fun gift exchange.

No Harveststudents 12/25 and 1/1.

Harveststudents resumes 1/8, 6 - 8 p.m.
Contact jim@harvestcharlotte.com for more information.

Harvest Men

Men meet on the first and third **Wednesday** of the month at 7 p.m. in the Prayer & Conference Room. Our next meeting is December 21.

Christmas Eve

One adult is needed to assist with childcare during our Christmas Eve service. Childcare will be provided for children under 4. Please contact Pastor Scott at scott@harvestcharlotte.com if you would like to serve.

Stage Design

We are looking to form a team of individuals to design and implement stage designs throughout the year – beginning this Christmas season.

If you would like to join this team, or would like more information, please contact henry@harvestcharlotte.com.

Cookie Decorating

Harvest Kids is sponsoring a cookie decorating party on Friday, December 30 at 10:30 a.m. We will decorate cookies and enjoy fellowship time together. Pack a picnic lunch to enjoy together when we’re finished decorating the cookies. Please RSVP to Amy Keenan at aekeen@gmail.com or (980) 355-2967 to reserve your seats.

40 Days of Prayer

Pick up your 2017 40 Days of Prayer guide in the lobby today!

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Context: Finishes the section that gives ways to be ready for the Lord's return:

- (1) Staying ready by living as if He were returning today (24:36-25-13)
- (2) Viewing God properly and being a good steward while He is away (25:14-30)
- (3) Serving the least of Jesus' brothers and sisters (25:31-46)

Two potential misunderstandings:

- 1. Jesus is referring to doing acts of mercy for _____.

Correction: "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine..." (40)

- 2. Jesus is indicating that a person can earn entrance into heaven by _____.

Correction:

- a. Surprise of the righteous
- b. Test to eliminate hypocrisy
- c. Relationship (blessed, inheritance)
- d. Other teaching in Matthew (1:21; 11:27-30; 20:28)
- e. Other New Testament support

Lessons:

- 1. There are _____ for responding to Jesus.
- 2. How you treat Jesus' _____ is how you treat Him (40, 45).
- 3. Final reward and punishment are real and should not be _____ (46).

Ways to put this into practice:

- 1. If not yet a disciple of Jesus: _____.
- 2. If a disciple of Jesus: don't allow busyness or complacency to _____.
 - a. Meet needs of God's people.
 - b. Partner with those meeting needs.
 - c. Train your disciples to meet the needs of God's people.