

OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JUNE 28, 2020

“THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: GENTLENESS”

2 TIMOTHY 2:22-26

CAMERON BARHAM

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome - Matt O’Sullivan, Youth Director

***Call to Worship - Psalm 103**

~God’s invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God’s call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God’s promised presence and work among us

***Song of Preparation and Praise - 10,000 Reasons**

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Matthew 11:25-30**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Prayer in Response to Our Assurance of Pardon**

***Song of Comfort - Come Ye Sinners**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Cameron Barham

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness 2 Timothy 2:22-26

***Song of Response - Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior**

~Our commitment to apply God’s Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - Galatians 6:14-18**

~God’s parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

*Stand

Key Truth: We love God and our neighbors by bearing gently with the weaknesses of those that He has sovereignly placed in our spheres of influence to hopefully bring them to repentance and the knowledge of the truth in Christ.

Introduction:

Q: What characteristics, perspectives, doubts, or failures render one unworthy of the Kingdom of God in Christ?

Gentleness: Because God continues to bear with us in our weakness and ignorance knowing that the work that He has begun in us will be brought to full fruition at the return of Christ, we approach our Abba Father in humility and hope while tenderly bearing with the weakness and doubts of our neighbors in whom Christ is at work in the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 2:22-26: Marked by Gentleness: How We Best Love Our Neighbor’s Weaknesses:

“Paul means that gentleness should be shown even to those who least deserve it, and even if at first there is no apparent hope of making progress, still the challenge must be accepted.”

John Calvin, *1&2 Timothy & Titus*

Q: How have you been affected by other Christians being gentle toward you in your weaknesses? Which weaknesses of others do you struggle to be gentle with? What can you do to grow in this area?

Application:

2 Timothy 2:22-26 teaches us that we love God and our neighbors:

- by bearing gently with the weaknesses of those that He has sovereignly placed in our spheres of influence to hopefully bring them to repentance and the knowledge of the truth in Christ

Gentleness: We love God by approaching our Abba Father in humility and hope and love our neighbor by tenderly bearing with their weaknesses and doubts in which Christ is at work in the Holy Spirit.

Benediction: Galatians 6:14-18