

# STAY *Connected* AT CCC

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, SEPTEMBER 8

9th-12th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the **Starts' from 5:30 to 7:30**. Be sure to bring your own dinner! See the Weekly Update to sign up to bring a dessert to share.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Join us on **Sunday, 9/15, at 9 am** in the Conference Room to pray for a variety of things near and far.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND BELLS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15

Elementary school students are invited to join us at 10:00 AM in the fitness room.

## MONDAY MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP, SEPTEMBER 16

The Monday Men's Discipleship Group is starting a new study on the Sermon on the Mount. You are invited to join us on the **1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at the Chick-fil-A on Cobb Pkwy in Acworth**. We meet at **6:00 AM** and will begin on September 16. Reach out to Robby to get the study guide or with any questions.

## FALL YOUTH RETREAT, NOVEMBER 1-3

Registration for the Presbytery Fall Youth Retreat is now open for **6th-12th graders**. The cost is **\$80 per person**. This year's topic is "Lost but Found: The Contours of God's Amazing Grace". Please see the weekly update to **register by 10/1** and please **pay on tithe.ly by 11/1**.

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY, BEGINNING THIS FALL

Join us for a ladies' Bible Study this fall to study the gospel of Mark. We will meet on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 7:30-9 at Amanda Maphet's house** (1741 Starlight Drive, Marietta, 30062). Since we will use the Daily Grace Co workbook to study Mark, you can order the workbook on your own, or you can tell Amanda that you need a book (about \$10 each) and she will place one order to save on shipping costs. Amanda's contact info: 678-895-7115 or [amanda.maphet@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.maphet@gmail.com). Let her know if you are interested or have questions.

## OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP

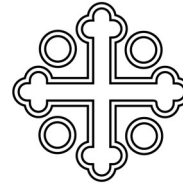
After taking a break over the summer, our small groups are back to regularly gathering to fellowship, pray, and discuss God's Word together. We invite you to join one to get connected and build relationships in our church family! **Check out the various groups meeting at different times and locations each week at [www.christcommunitycobb.org/small-groups](http://www.christcommunitycobb.org/small-groups)**. Reach out to Robby with any questions.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CLASSES

We are seeking **4 volunteers in our Preschool classes** this upcoming ministry year. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Bonnie at [bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org](mailto:bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org) for further details.

## MINISTRY UPDATE

Grab a copy of the September 2024 – August 2025 Ministry Update on the hospitality table in the lobby.



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TO SEE THE GOSPEL CHANGE HEARTS, LIVES, AND COMMUNITY  
BY MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES IN NORTHWEST ATLANTA AND BEYOND  
**CHANGED HEARTS, CHANGED LIVES, CHANGED COMMUNITY**

# OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION

September 8, 2024

## **Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

## **Welcome**

### **\*Call to Worship - Jeremiah 16:16-21**

~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 - *The Lord Our God***

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

### **\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Mark 3:31-35**

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

### **\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

### **\*Songs of Comfort - *Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me***

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

### **Pastoral Prayer - Mwamba & Nyema Johnson, Vision Collegiate Ministries and Seven Hills Fellowship, Rome**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

### **Sermon - Jesus Calls His Disciples**

Mark 1:14-20

### **Preparation of the Table**

### **Partaking of the Table**

~Practiced on a regular basis to make the Word

### **\*Doxology**

### **\*Song of Response - *Fast From, Feast On***

~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 - 2 Peter 3:14,18**

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

### **\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

### **\*Stand**

*Giving boxes are located on the table inside the sanctuary by the doors and the welcome table in the lobby.*

## ***Fast From, Feast On***

Fast from the swelling darkness,  
Feast on the power of his light  
Fast from discontentment,  
Feast on the joy that he brings

*Sustainer, Protector, the Well of Life  
My Helper, My comfort,  
The bread of life  
Is you-oo-ooo  
Is you-oo-ooo*

Fast from the fear that haunts us,  
Feast on the power of his might  
Fast from the trap of judgment,  
Feast on all that's been redeemed

From the sorrow's shadow  
To perfect light!  
From the darkness of our doubt  
To a cleansing white  
From the sorrow's shadow  
To perfect light  
From the blindness of our sin  
To healing sight

*SONG OF*  
*Response*

# “JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES”

MARK 1:14-20

ROBBY BAXTER

**Key Truth: Jesus’s call to repent, believe the gospel, and follow Him identifies Him as worthy of the trust and obedience that belong to God alone.**

## **Introduction:**

**Q: *What is the message of Jesus to the world today?***

## **Mark 1:14-20: The Gospel of God and the Call of God:**

“What it means to follow Jesus is not in the forefront of Mark’s mind at this point [of the story]. Mark’s focus falls only on Jesus as the One who calls, not on the disciples who leave their nets. Readers have been informed in the introduction that Jesus is the Son of God empowered by the Holy Spirit. The only explanation that readers can give for the sudden obedience of these disciples is that Jesus’ call possesses a divine power that compels them to obey. In Mark’s narrative, that power alone, not human calculations or circumstances, impels them to obey... Instead of asking, ‘Why do the disciples leave everything to follow Jesus so abruptly?’ one should ask, ‘Who is this who generates such immediate obedience?’”

David E. Garland, *A Theology of Mark’s Gospel*

## **Application Questions:**

1. *How have you responded to Jesus’s call to follow Him?*
2. *What have been and what continue to be obstacles in your own life to following Jesus?*
3. *What do these particular obstacles reveal about your ideas about your life and identity? What do they reveal about your knowledge of Jesus’s identity?*

**Mark 1:14-20 teaches us that Jesus’s call to repent, believe the gospel, and follow Him identifies Him as worthy of the trust and obedience that belong to God alone.**

CALL TO Worship

<sup>16</sup> “Behold, I am sending for many fishers, declares the Lord, and they shall catch them. And afterward, I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks.

<sup>17</sup> For my eyes are on all their ways. They are not hidden from me, nor is their iniquity concealed from my eyes. <sup>18</sup> But first I will doubly repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable idols, and have filled my inheritance with their abominations.”

<sup>19</sup> O Lord, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in the day of trouble, to you shall the nations come from the ends of the earth and say: “Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, worthless things in which there is no profit.

<sup>20</sup> Can man make for himself gods? Such are not gods!” <sup>21</sup> “Therefore, behold, I will make them know, this once I will make them know my power and my might, and they shall know that my name is the Lord.”

Jeremiah 16:16-21

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL  
Response

## *Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me* (continued)

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said  
That He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete,  
Still my lips shall repeat  
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SONG OF  
Comfort

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## *Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me*

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy,  
My righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love,  
My deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh, how strange and divine,  
I can sing, "All is mine"  
*Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley, He will lead  
Oh the night has been won,  
And I shall overcome  
*Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled  
And suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released,  
I can sing, "I am free"  
*Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

SONG OF  
Praise

## *The Lord Our God*

Promise maker, promise keeper  
You finish what you begin  
Our provision, through the desert  
You see it through to the end  
You see it through to the end

*The Lord Our God is ever faithful  
Never changing through the ages  
From this darkness,  
You will lead us  
And forever we will say  
You're the Lord Our God*

In the silence, in the waiting  
Still we can know You are good  
All Your plans are for Your glory  
Yes we can know You are good  
Yes we can know You are good  
(Chorus)

We won't move without you  
We won't move without you  
You're the light of all  
And all that we need (3x's)  
(Chorus)

Gracious and Merciful Father,

We come before you to confess our sin as  
Your redeemed and beloved children. May  
Your Spirit alone convict us of our sin and  
remind us of our pardon in Christ through  
repentance.

*(Take a moment to silently confess.)*

We confess that we have often been slow to  
repent, believe the gospel, and follow Jesus  
(**Mark 1:14-20**).

We confess these things before You because  
You are faithful to forgive us in Christ.

Bless us with the assurance of our pardon  
by Your Holy Spirit in Christ alone, by faith  
alone, through Your grace alone, from Your  
Word.

Amen.

## Assurance OF PARDON

<sup>31</sup> And his mother and his brothers came, and  
standing outside they sent to him and called  
him. <sup>32</sup> And a crowd was sitting around him,  
and they said to him, “Your mother and your  
brothers are outside, seeking you.” <sup>33</sup> And he  
answered them, “Who are my mother and my  
brothers?” <sup>34</sup> And looking about at those who  
sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother  
and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> For whoever does the will  
of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

**Mark 3:31-35**

(Leader) - And based on the gift of this  
assurance of pardon to us, God’s people,  
we all can’t help but say,

**(Congregation) - Amen!**

Confession OF SIN