

The Facilitator

Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

12/18/16

Text: Revelation 22:1-7, 14-17

Title: The Healing of All Wrongs

Teacher: Tim Rice

Surrender through Prayer:

Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.

Engage with the Sermon

Read the passage together

In his sermon, Tim discussed the final chapter in Revelation, where we see the throne of God and the Lamb in the New Jerusalem. We not only see a future hope of a great city, but also a restoring and fulfilling of all that God had been doing. We see the tree of life from the Garden of Eden become an entire orchard, the new Eden where God will dwell with his people, and the restoration and healing of all that was broken. The beauty and hope of the believer is not that they have been perfect and can enter into God's perfect heaven, it's that they are thirsty, completely broken and accursed just like the rest of mankind, but they will be washed clean and they will dwell with the Lord forever. And so we eagerly wait for Jesus to return, and drink from him and his word until he comes.

Reflection Questions:

1. *(Tim gave the illustration of wreckage. That wreckage is only caused when the design is violated by an outside force, like a car hitting a tree, a pollutant in our water, a 3rd person entering our marriage or an idol between us and God.)*

Where do you see the most ruin and wreckage in your life? Where are things happening that shouldn't be happening?

Do you tend to respond with despair (going "boneless" as Tim called it), or do you tend to "Man Up" in self-reliance?

2. *(Tim gave the example of the child asking for a snack before dinner and the parent (usually the mother), telling them they have to wait for dinner because they know the better food is coming. They don't want their child to ruin their dinner.)*

What helps you to wait on the Lord, even when it seems like you're going to die of starvation, or there's no relief in sight?

Read Isaiah 40: 27-31 and spend time in prayer, asking God for strength and endurance to wait and hope in Him.

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A.C.T.S.

1. ADORATION

What draws you to Adore and Praise God for His attributes and Actions?

Worship the LORD our Healer. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He not only creates but also forgives and restores.

2. CONFESSION

How has this sermon brought to mind sin that you need to Confess and Repent of?

How have you lived impatiently, in despair or self-reliance in the face of suffering? Confess your unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and also to restore you in your heart to trust Him.

3. THANKSGIVING

What has drawn you to thank Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)?

Give thanks to Jesus for His work to heal us and restore us. Thank Him for being broken so that you could be made whole; for being cursed in your place so that you could be blessed!

4. SUPPLICATION

In what particular ways do you need Holy Spirit to transform you?

Read Titus 2:11-14. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of patience while you wait for Jesus to make every wrong right. Pray that the Spirit would help you live securely in Christ, while you wait for His return.

Prepare for Gospel Community:

What has God taught you today that you could share with someone else?

Who could you share this with today?

Who do you know that needs hope in their waiting? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them in their heart, and that He would use you to encourage them because of Jesus' trustworthiness.