

Producing a Life of...

Fulfillment and Fruitfulness that Glorifies God. vv14-17

- Jesus did not come to patch up an old religious system—He came to **bring joy** (Fulfillment) and **transforming power** (Fruitfulness) of the New Covenant. Matt.26:26-29
- Those who belong to Him don't merely practice religion; they experience **new life** in the presence of the Bridegroom. 1Tim.4:7-8

Notice the beautiful progression:

Forgiveness -> Friendship -> Fulfillment -> Fruitfulness -> Glory!

John 15:8

Growing Notes

Icebreaker: Describe a time when something looked fine on the outside but had a much deeper problem underneath. What happened?

Read: Matthew 9:1–17

Discussion Questions

Observation: Why do you think Jesus forgave the paralytic before healing him? What does Matthew's calling teach us about the nature of grace? Why were the Pharisees offended that Jesus ate with sinners? What do the illustrations of the new cloth and new wineskins reveal about Jesus' mission?

Interpretation: Why is forgiveness our greatest need? What does Jesus' authority to forgive sins reveal about His identity? How is Christianity different from mere religion?

Application: Are you carrying guilt that Christ has already forgiven? Who in your life needs to experience the mercy you've received? In what area is Jesus inviting you to stop trying to "patch up" your old life and instead surrender fully to His transforming work? Pray.



Coming Up

JULY
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STARTING POINT
8 Week Class
Saturdays @ 4pm
Register online

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14

**PARENT'S NIGHT
OUT**

Register online
5:30-9:30pm
Theme: Nerf Night

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22

Men's Breakfast
Register online
Childcare Available
9am Community
Hall

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31

**Faith Family
Freedom Town
Square**

6pm Anomaly Room

SEPT.
2

**Women's Bible
Studies (am & pm)**
Resume
Childcare provided

SEPT.
9

**SUNDAES
ON
SATURDAY**

4:30 in the Community
Hall

SEPT.
12 & 19

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CLASS**
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- >Call the church office to be added to the prayer chain.
- >Sunday night prayer meeting 6pm, in the lobby
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James 5:14 *Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.*



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KINGDOM CULTURE
“Becoming Whole” (Matthew 9:1-17)

Ray Davis

Big Idea: Jesus didn't come merely to improve our lives—He came to make us Whole. True Wholeness is found only in Forgiveness from God, and Friendship with God that produces a life of Fulfillment and Fruitfulness that glorifies God.

True Wholeness Is Found Only In... **Forgiveness From God. vv1-8**

- Jesus came 1st and foremost to rescue us from our greatest enemy: sin. Jer.2:13; Rom.1:25; Ps.119:67, 71
- Sin paralyzes: Spiritually -> Psychologically -> Socially -> Physically. Gen.3 – All human problems are symptoms, and our separation from God is the cause.
- When our sins are forgiven, we receive the greatest gift imaginable: Peace with God through Jesus Christ. Rom.5:1

Friendship With God. vv9-13

- Friendship with God and others is what we were created for and is an indispensable condition for human flourishing. Gen.1:26-27, 2:18
- Grace doesn't wait until we're cleaned up to be friends. Rom.2:4; Rev.3:20
- Friends will always let you in (candor) and never let you down (consistency). Ps.25:14; John 15:13-15
- Show them what a friend they have in you so that you can tell them what a friend they have in Jesus. 1Pet.3:15; 1Cor.9:22b-23