



# HIGHLIGHTS *from* ONE HOPE CHURCH

March 6, 2025



## THIS WEEK

KISSING THE KING

LENTEN SERMON SERIES  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!

LESSONS IN SCRIPTURAL HOLINESS

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## Kissing the King

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While He was still speaking, behold, a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was preceding them; and he approached Jesus to kiss Him. But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" When those who were around Him saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus answered and said, "Stop! No more of this." And He touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders who had come against Him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as you would against a robber?"

While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are yours." Luke 22:47-53

What does a handshake mean to you? We greet one another every Sunday, usually with a handshake. In the U.S., it has been a respected form of greeting.

According to history.com, the use of a handshake as a greeting is relatively new. It once was a sign of trust. "An agreement can be expressed quickly and clearly in words," the historian Walter Burkert once explained, "but is only made effective by a ritual gesture: open, weaponless hands stretched out toward one another, grasping each other in a mutual handshake."

There was a day when a lot of contracts were sealed with a handshake. This was a sign of offering one's word, putting one's integrity on the line. It says, "I am showing my open hand and hiding nothing from what is promised."

As a greeting, the handshake says that we are placing trust, not into a contract, but into a relationship. A handshake greeting says, "I'm here and am opening up to you." It says, "We can share in vulnerability and I want to build trust with you."

A kiss in Jesus' day shared similarities to our handshake today. It was a greeting and a sign of openness.

Dictionary.com describes a kiss (outside of romance) as: [to] touch with the lips as a sign of love...reverence, or greeting. A kiss is something that shows another respect (reverence). Paul, as part of closing the letter to the churches in Thessalonica, said: "Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss. (1 Thessalonians 5:26.)"

Jesus' words about the kiss are such a two-edged sword. "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" One of the twelve...one of Jesus' close friends...the one trusted with the money. Instead of intimacy and trust, this kiss was a betrayal.

During this season of Lent, ponder on how we greet Jesus. Do we sing praises and then hate our neighbors? Do we hear the Good News and pass along gossip? Do we say we love God and then ignore Him when we feel like it? If so, maybe we have betrayed Jesus with a kiss like Judas.

Greet Jesus with a holy kiss. Walk with Him. Be open and build trust with Him. Remember, you are kissing the King.

# LENTEN SERMON SERIES

## ***Seeing Through Jesus' Eyes***, Psalm 22:1-31

"At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which is translated, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?' (Mark 15:34)."<sup>1</sup> Jesus pleaded with His Father as he hung on the cross. These words aren't just spoken vainly in a vacuum. Jesus was pointing back to Psalm 22. This Psalm of David was not only a prophecy of the Messiah giving His life, but it appears David was Seeing Through Jesus' Eyes on the cross! Join us as we move to the season of Lent, preparing our hearts for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Look to the cross from a different perspective. Gain a new appreciation of Jesus' sacrifice. Discover how Psalm 22 can impact your faith!



March 9 – Psalm 22:1-5

- ***Forsaken by the Father***

March 16 – Psalm 22:6-13

- ***Despised by the World***

March 23 – Psalm 22:14-21

- ***Man of Sorrows***

March 30 – Psalm 22:22-27

- ***Praising Through the Pain***

April 6 – Psalm 22:28-31, A

- ***Prophecy for Posterity***



Lessons in *Scriptural*  
**HOLINESS**



*Bishop Jones*

THE MISSIONAL  
MOVEMENT



**Week Let the Journey Begin –  
Chapter 1: The Missional Movement**

This week marks the beginning of our **eight-week journey** through the Assembly of Bishops' teaching series on Scriptural Holiness. In Week 1, Bishop Jones leads us in a discussion on **The Missional Movement**—what it means to live on mission for Christ, how holiness fuels our discipleship, and why we are called to go. As we set out on this journey together, we invite you to reflect on how God is calling you to be a part of His work in the world.

**Teaching Video: Watch and Reflect**

Before diving into this week's reflection, take a moment to watch as Bishop Jones unpacks what it means to live on mission, be fueled by holiness, and step into our calling.

VIDEO TEACHING SERIES

Lessons in *Script*



Chapter 1: The Missional Movement  
Bishop Scott Jones



## Understanding the Mission

The Global Methodist Church is a missional movement—called to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the world. This calling is rooted in the Great Commission:

***“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*** – Matthew 28:19-20

John Wesley taught that Christianity is a faith in action—a call not only to personal holiness but also to social holiness. Being on mission means embracing both, living out our faith by serving others, sharing the gospel, and growing in grace as we seek to transform the world with Christ’s love.

## Holiness as the Foundation

Holiness is not about rigid rule-keeping or human perfection but about being transformed by grace. Wesley described holiness as love perfected—a heart fully devoted to God and lived out in love toward neighbor.

As we grow in holiness, we become **more like Jesus**—not just in what we believe, but in how we live. True holiness compels us to **engage the world, seek justice, care for the vulnerable, and invite others into God’s redeeming grace.**

## Reflection and Application

Take time this week to ask yourself:

- How does holiness, as a work of God’s grace, shape the way you follow Christ?
- In what ways are you called to be on mission - both personally and in your community?
- Where is God calling you to share His love and truth through your words and actions?

## Closing Prayer

*Heavenly Father,*

*Thank You for the gift of Your grace that transforms us into the likeness of Christ. Teach us what it means to live as a holy people—set apart for Your mission, yet deeply engaged in the world. Fill us with the power of Your Spirit so that our love for You overflows into love for our neighbors. Guide us to walk in obedience, to seek Your will, and to share the good news of Jesus with boldness and compassion. May we be a people who embody scriptural holiness in all we do. In Jesus’ name, we pray.*

*Amen*

## Next Week: The Holiness of God

Thank you for joining us as we begin this journey of exploring Scriptural Holiness together. We pray that this week’s teaching has encouraged and challenged you to live on mission for Christ. May you continue to seek His guidance as you walk in holiness and share His love with the world.

We look forward to seeing you next week for Chapter 2: The Holiness of God with Bishop Carolyn Moore as we dive deeper into what it means to serve a holy and loving God.

Don’t forget, you can watch the full extended version of the Lessons in Scriptural Holiness video on the Global Methodist Church YouTube page by clicking the button below.

[WATCH THE EXTENDED VERSION HERE](#)

## 03/9 VOLUNTEERS

### Clean Up

Michelle G., Earl S.

### Fellowship - Coffee & Treats

Michelle G.

### Hospitality

Michelle G.

### Prayer Group

Earl & Sue S.

### Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Earl S.

### Tech - Audio

Lisa S.

### Tech - Video

Holly R.



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## PRAYER CONCERNS

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”  
~ Philippians 4:6*

### Prayers for:

Pam F., dealing with health challenges

Bishop Scott Jones and all those wounded/traumatized during the recent [Central Nigeria Annual Conference](#) violent disruption

Larry, recovery after eyelid surgery to remove cancerous tumor

Jennifer, cancer, and Charles & Marie, her parents, who are caring for her, friends of David P.

Linda S., second battle with cancer, David P's sister

Sara J's mother, Parkinsons & dementia, David's friend

Becky S., stomach cancer, Sue S. sister-in-law

Ruby, in Hospice care, Sheryl A.'s mom

Rick Hard & family, lost everything in the California fires, David P. family

One Hope Church, to find its own affordable and spacious worship location

Global Methodist Church Heartland Conference

Global Methodist Church Heartland Annual Conference 5/28-5/31/2025

Peace for Israel, Ukraine & Taiwan

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Prayer | 8:30am

Worship | 9:00am

Children | 9:15am

Fellowship | 9:50am

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