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## **Christian Conversations**

"For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:14) We live in a polarized world. People have opinions about everything. We judge people on where they get their news, which athletes they cheer for, and which products they buy. We accuse people of being fearful if they are wearing a mask. We accuse people of being calloused if they are not wearing a mask. Everything has become political, and we are not better off for it.

In a divided world, the focus of our conversations can easily become about winning. We demonize the other side. We think the worst of others. We set out to prove people wrong and ourselves right. We see this behavior every day on social media, the news, and in our interactions with others. It is not righteous or good. We are not treating others as we would like to be treated.

The goal of Christian conversations should always be to love our neighbors. This is our first priority. We are not to look down upon others or treat them disrespectfully. We are to listen and understand. We are to exhibit the fruit of the Spirit. We are to encourage and uplift and seek peace wherever we can. Winning an argument is not a victory. Loving our neighbor is a victory.

The church comes to the table of the Lord each Sunday. We are a gathered people that come with different backgrounds, beliefs, and opinions. We look different and we were raised differently. We do not unite around the table because we have the same politics. We unite around Christ. He is greater than anything that might divide us. He is greater than any differences we have. In a divided world, it is important that we keep our eyes on Christ. - Scott Elliott

# Delano Bay Christian Camp Summer Camp Registration is Open!

Visit our website to register your camper today! We are not sure what camp will look like, or how many campers will be allowed at each camp, but we are going to do everything we can to encounter Jesus at Delano Bay this summer!

https://www.delanobay.org/camps More Info

#### On March 7th we plan to have our first **Bible classes of 2021!**

James Greer will teach a class for the adults upstairs in the auditorium, subject title to be announced! If you are interested, please call James Greer and let him know.

We will be in the formulation phase for the children for a little time but to begin with we plan to gather downstairs after communion with the children starting **March 7th**. We will hold our class in the open fellowship area and not in classrooms. We will need helpers, please contact the office if you want to assist!

We think it's important for the children to come together again and we will be following all of the protocol necessary to do that!

If you have concerns or suggestions please do not hesitate to share!

#### Gospel of Luke

Bible Class Led by Trent Herbert

#### **Study Questions Chapter 7**

- 1. Why did Jesus decide to help the Centurion?
- 2. What make this healing different from others?
- 3. Jesus made a statement about the Centurion's faith. What was it?
- 4. In the greater context of the text, how did he know to ask Jesus?
- 5. Jesus in Nain comes across a woman. What did He feel for her?
- 6. What you feel if you show the boy raised?
- 7. Why did John question who Jesus was?
- 8. How does Jesus describe John to the crowd?
- 9. How did the woman enter the house of the Pharisees to anoint Jesus with her tears?
- 10. Why give the attitude of the Pharisees about the woman; how does it help set the narrative?
- 11. Jesus then tells a parable, who was it for (context)?
- 12. In vs 48 Jesus makes a statement or claim, what is it?

## Additional Study Questions for start of Chapter 8

- 1. Who are the characters in the parable of the sower?
- 2. What is the context of the parable, what prompted Jesus to teach it?
- 3. What can we take away from the parable?

After the sermon on the plain in Luke 6, Jesus returns to Capernaum, where He made His home. However, He was sought after. Many people wanted to meet Him and have Him heal their sick. It was on His way back that a group of men, representatives of a Roman Centurion met Him. This where chapter 7 starts. Jesus is fulfilling His ministry and He is amazed by the faith of a gentile. Luke highlights these interactions to show his audience that the gospel message is for everyone. Remember when Jesus was in His hometown of Nazareth and speaks (ch 4). He brings up the reception of the gentiles and they want to kill Him. The gospel is for everyone who will hear and obey. Please join us as we continue to study the gospel of Luke to know our Lord better.

Sunday, 6:00 – 7:00 pm Call Laura Fry or 360-876-2604 for Zoom Meeting ID

### **Our Prayer List**

- Ken Avery was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer. His plan is to have the surgery. He will update us when it has been scheduled. Pray for his healing.
- René Powless' mom Irene recently had a stroke which is affecting her eyesight.
   She can only see from the right side of each eye. Pray for her recovery.
- Pat Woodrow is at St. Joseph's on the 10th floor, room D3. They found that she does not have cancer.
- Darlene Woodrow is at St. Joseph's in room 801. She is getting wound care twice a day. She has been up to walk and has been in her wheelchair. She has her phone with her.
- Darrell Fry's brother Norman recovering from a fall.
- Charlotte Hahn grieving over the passing of her son, Lou.
- Rosalie Palmer grieving over the passing of her husband, Chuck.
- Penny DelBarto (Bonnie's daughter) had surgery at Madigan on Tuesday which went very well. Thank you for your prayers.
- Darrell and Laura spending time with Daniel and Lisa in Arizona.
- Praise that tests show Daniel's tumor hasn't grown in a year. Pray for his continual healing.
- Pray for Trent and those who are involved in the Zoom study of the Gospel of Luke on Sunday evenings.
- Pray for our nation and all our leaders worldwide to help bring peace through prayer and God's guidance.
- Lynn (Tuck) & Virginia (Ginny) Chapman's new email address is tuckchapman1@gmail.com. A Short note stated they are doing well. Keep them in your prayers.



#### **POCOC Web Site** ( http://pococ.weebly.com )

- Weekly Bulletin Click on Bulletin & Newsletters
- Current newsletters from Trent Herbert, Tristan Herbert and Roy Merritt. Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel Previous recordings too:
   https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ
   then click on the video.

   Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.
- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online Click on **Teachings**
- Current Event Calendar Click on News & Events

## MASK UP. SIX FEET. SMALL GROUPS.

It takes all THREE.

#### **Sunday Worship**

There WILL be "in-person" worship on

February 28, 2021

Watch live stream or after our worship time:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL\_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ

Speaker: Forest Gatewood
Communion: Forest Gatewood
Prayer: Jon Powless

You may also worship from the Parking Lot:

Tune your radio to 93.1 FM You must be in the parking lot to tune in.

#### **Happy Birthday!**

**March:** Ariana Avery – 4, Charlotte Hahn – 4, Lynn Chapman – 5, Lydia Gerard – 10, Brad Orser – 12, Troy Hill – 15, Jason Hooper II – 21, Darrell Fry – 25, Faith Wichman – 28, JT Keagle – 29, Mallory Hall – 30, Lilly Harris – 30, Roger Taylor – 31.

#### Note: Be sure to check the bulletin each week for Sunday morning assignments

The Ladies Prayer Group meets online using the Zoom app.

The meeting starts at 10:00am on Tuesdays. If you would like to participate, contact Laura Fry for login information.

#### **Warming Center**

Along with baked goods, clothes are needed; coats, socks, heavy shirts. I even had a guy ask me for a belt. (I took him an extra one I had); clothing that will help keep them warm in the winter.

God Bless each one.

Please bring with you on Sunday morning, or Jim will pick them up and deliver them. - Jim & Cindy Snead

#### Tithes and Offerings

Since we are once again meeting inside the building, but not able to pass the offering plate, there is a tithe box at the entrance to the auditorium. However, the other options are still available:

- 1) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 2) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address. We have a lock mailbox.

Church Address:

Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 February 21, 2021 – Tithes & Offerings - \$ 2,170.00

If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104