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Church of Christ  
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## **Seeking the Kingdom**

“Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness...” (Matt. 6:33)

We know this verse by heart. Its meaning is clear. We are to prioritize God and his kingdom above all else. We sing these words in worship, but do we mean them? Are we singing them because we know this is what God wants to hear, or are we singing them because it is our desire to seek first the kingdom of God and we do our best to live this every day? If we do not mean it, then perhaps we should not sing it. If our singing does not come from the heart, then it is empty and meaningless.

What does it look like to seek first the kingdom of God?

- ✓ It means prioritizing the kingdom of God over our wants and desires.
- ✓ It means the kingdom of God comes before sport and recreational activities.
- ✓ It means our first concern is what is best for the kingdom of God.
- ✓ It means our loyalty towards God and his kingdom is greater than any political allegiance we might have.
- ✓ It means the most important thing we can do for our families is seek first the kingdom of God.
- ✓ It means prioritizing the kingdom of God in our relationships with people online and offline.
- ✓ It means God is never secondary.
- ✓ It means when the people of the kingdom meet to worship or serve God, we are going to be present.
- ✓ It means always considering the kingdom of God when making decisions regarding time, money, and resources.
- ✓ It means people will know by what we do and say that God is first in our lives.
- ✓ It means our greatest desire is God and his kingdom. He has captured our hearts. Nothing is more important.

- Scott Elliott

**Bible Classes** 9:30 - 10:15am

**Adult Class:** James Greer will teach a class upstairs in the auditorium.

**Children's Class** will be downstairs in the open fellowship area; not in classrooms. Helpers are needed. Please contact the office if you want to assist!

**Worship** in the auditorium begins at 10:30am

Men are needed to help lead our worship by offering a prayer, leading a communion thought, reading the scripture, or preaching a sermon.

Please contact the office to volunteer. If you would like help to prepare, let us know.

**Children's Church** downstairs: Children will be dismissed after communion.

Helpers are also needed here. Please contact the office if you want to assist!

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

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

# Gospel of Luke

Bible Class

Led by Trent Herbert

## Study Questions Chapter 8

1. How would the women have “means” by which to contribute to Jesus’ needs (8:1-3)?
2. Why would the sower let most of his seed fall on unproductive ground (8:4-8)?
3. How can the Word of God be the “seed” (8:11)?
4. If the disciples had seen Jesus raise the dead, how could they be afraid in the storm if He was in the boat (8:22-25)?
5. Why would Jesus allow demons to go into pigs and destroy them (8:26-33)?
6. Why didn’t Jesus let the healed man accompany Him (8:38-39)?
7. If Jesus was going to raise Jairus’ daughter from the dead, why didn’t He want a big crowd to witness it (8:51)?

This week we are still in chapter eight. We have spent most of our time examining the parable of the sower. It should really be called the parable of the soil since it deals more with the recipient of the seed than the seed or the sower.

It is a reminder

- 1) that the sower will sow many seeds but only some will find the good soil and will grow and bear fruit. So, the sower must not lose heart, but rather continue in the mission to spread seed everywhere as you are going (Matt 28:19).
- 2) that we who are in Christ can recognize the different soil types and be ready to pull weeds, turn the dirt and maybe replant.

Jesus often spoke and taught in parables, which means to lay alongside, so that those who would hear would understand, but those who were blinded to the truth would not. They are the roadway, so hard of heart that they are packed, and nothing can take root. Jesus is the light of the world and He calls His disciples to be salt and light. We are not to cover our light but to let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, oh yeah!

I hope you will join us on Sunday nights to explore and learn more about Jesus. This Sunday we will continue in chapter eight and look forward to seeing you there.

Sunday, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Call Laura Fry or

360-876-2604



for Zoom Meeting ID

## Our Prayer List

- Tim Colwell was having some swelling in his legs. Darrell took him to urgent care in Port Orchard, and then to St. Anthony’s in Gig Harbor. After some tests, Darrell brought him home with instructions to help reduce the swelling.
- Rick Velasco’s friend Brad Baliff had an infection in his toe stemming from diabetes. He is in the hospital (3/9) and will have part of his toe removed. Pray for his recovery which will include physical therapy.
- Karen Taylor is requesting prayers for her friend, Debbie Nagel for healing both physically and spiritually.
- Zander Nauman’s nurse & caregiver, William Vanoy, is in the hospital awaiting surgery for an aneurysm. Pray for a successful surgery and recovery, Pray also for Zander and the families. (Zander is Chuck and Rosalie’s grandson.)
- Keep praying for Ken Avery, who was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- Pat Woodrow is home now. She is doing good. She has a home care nurse helping with physical therapy and occupational therapy and will work with her to help gain some strength back in her left arm and to sit up better.
- Darlene is at St. Michael Medical Center in Silverdale. She is doing some better, but having breathing problems, so she is using a bi-pap machine to see if it will help.
- 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.
- Praise that tests show Daniel’s tumor hasn’t grown in a year. Pray for his continued 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.

# 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](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**

 <p>MASK UP. SIX FEET. SMALL GROUPS. It takes all THREE.</p>	<h2>Sunday Worship</h2> <p>There <b>WILL</b> be “in-person” worship on <b>March 14, 2021</b></p> <p>Watch live stream or after our worship time: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ</a></p>	
<p><i>Speaker:</i> <b>Mark McLean</b> <i>Communion:</i> <b>Mark McLean</b> <i>Prayer:</i> <b>Jon Powless</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	

## Happy Birthday!

**March:** 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

<p>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.</p>	<h3>Warming Center</h3> <p>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 &amp; Cindy Snead</p>
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## 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) The collection box will be at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) 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

March 7, 2021 – Tithes & Offerings - \$ 1,235.00

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