

Kristin's Corner

Today is part three of our series looking at our identity in God. So far we have looked at our identity as God's sons and daughters; our identity as those created in God's image; and our identity as those who are foreknown, loved and called by God.



This morning we will be reflecting on our identities as disciples of Jesus. This is where the rubber really hits the road and things get challenging. In his famous book 'The Cost of Discipleship', one of the few German Pastor's who resisted Adolf Hitler though the 30's and 40's, wrote about how the church in Europe had fallen into 'easy believism' and 'cheap grace'. Bonhoeffer defined cheap grace as "grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ."

The point of discipleship is this: to follow Jesus means *actually following Jesus* - obeying his teachings and following his example. Far too often the Church has reduced Christianity to believing the right doctrines or confessing the right creeds. (Well, even the devil believes and trembles according to James 2:18-19). Jesus said nothing about doing either of these things. Instead his voice rings out through the gospels and down through the ages, speaking to each one of us personally: 'leave everything else and come follow me'.

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Preacher	Nancy Parker
Children's Talk	Bronwyn Bennington
Prayers for Others	Waldir de Souza
Bible Reading	Wayne Harray
Door & Offering	Philip & Clair Scadden
Morning Tea	Colin & Chris F, Debbie G
Sound	Liam Hutton
Data	Mark Lokman
Duty Elder	Russel Elder
Prayer Ministry	Mal & Helen Crossley
Welcome	Bruce & Pauline G
Offering Counter	Rachel Bates
Set up	Jonno's Team
Play-ground	Johnston, Koh, Ross

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Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Welcome! It's great to have you with us this morning for our service. If you are visiting today please help yourself to a WELCOME PACK from the back table.

We'd love you to leave us a contact form so we can get back in touch. Hand this to Kristin, Nancy or Bruce, our duty elder today.

SERVICE LEADER
NANCY PARKER
PREACHER
KRISTIN JACK

DUTY ELDER

BRUCE GEDDES



TODAY'S READING

Matt
7:21-29;
28:16-20

Today's Team

Worship Team:

Interview:

Prayers for Others:

Bible Readings:

Morning tea:

Sound:

Data:

Welcome Team:

Jess Palmer
Ben & Liv Gamble
Fiona Cooper
Bronwyn Bennington
Peter & Camilla Cathro
Barry Clearwater
Fiona Cooper
Judith Forbes

Prayer Ministry: Wayne H & Nancy P

Set up Team: Phil's Team

Playground Supervision

Joseph & Renee Koh
William & Kaaren Phipps

Seeking God's Kingdom Growing Great Community

Opportunities

Orphan's Aid International

The Dunedin Orphans Aid Opshop is expanding to a new location in North Dunedin. We are recruiting new volunteers to come and work in the shop, and also more donations to sell. Please get in touch with Hilary Campbell if you are interested in helping out in either of these ways.

Email: dunedin@orphansaidinternational.org

A Rocha on Mother's Day. Tirohanga Camp, Sunday May 14th, 2.00pm

Take Mum out for a picnic and show her how good you are in the garden! Join A Rocha Dunedin at Tirohanga as we release last winter's plantings from last summer's weed and grass growth. We will provide some garden gloves as well as light refreshments. Tirohanga (Place of far vision) is our ongoing local project which contributes to the education and personal formation of hundreds of children, young people, and adults who use the camp throughout the year. Contact Phil Scadden (027 346 3185) if you need transport.

Operation Christmas Child Otago Conference 2017

Saturday 20th May 10am-2pm, Hope Centre St Matthews Church. With Keynote Speaker Phillip Hausmann speaking on Leadership. Please RSVP by 13th May to philph@samaritanspurse.org.nz
See flier for more detail

1-2-1 with Jesus Men's Seminar

Saturday 27th May 10-2:45 pm

Run by Helen and Wayne Harray this is a hands-on no frills seminar for men to take away some skills in practicing God's presence.

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Notices

Leith Valley Art Exhibition

Our church will be hosting an Art Exhibition at Malvern Street on **Friday the 9th of June**. We would love you to display some of your art, so please get in touch with Ben at the office if you have any that you would like to display.

Change for the better

Thankyou to everyone who gave last week to our 'change for the better' collection. It is not too late to get yours in, just put it in the orange Mitre 10 bucket at the front. Marco tells us that the money Leith raises will be used to buy car booster seats, which will make it easier for mentors to take their mentees out and about.

A Season of Reflection: A winter series of five evening services.

Opoho Presbyterian Church will host a series of five reflective services from May through September 2017. Each monthly service of reflection, involving symbols, prayer, song, scripture, story and silence, will be followed by a time of conversation with each other and with God. Please join us at Opoho Church 50 Signal Hill Road at 7.00 pm Sundays 28th May, 18th June, 16th July, 20th August and 24th September.

CWS World Day of Prayer to End Famine

Christian World Service World Day of Prayer is happening next Sunday (21 May). This will be a theme for our service and there will be an opportunity to give to CWS.

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