

AHA!

PURPOSE – EXPERIENCING A LIFE WORTH LIVING

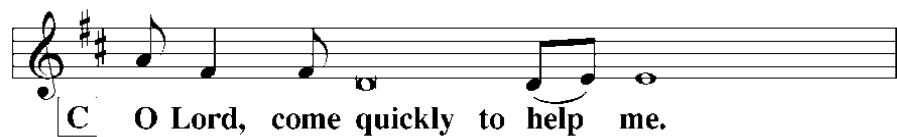
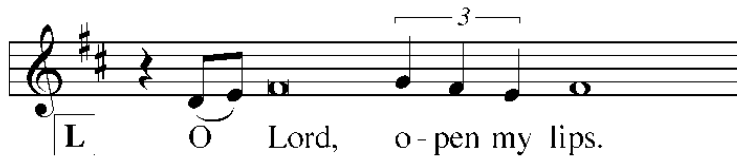
January 21, 22, and 25, 2017

There are many different philosophical life-views out there, none as compelling and life-changing as Jesus' call: Follow me!

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 83

As With Gladness Men of Old



①
Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

②
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

③
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses
1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,

cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,

to Refrain
you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

The people walking in the darkness of sin have seen a great light...Jesus! Hear his voice as he cries, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

C **We repent. So many times we have failed to listen to Jesus' voice. We follow the voices of the world which appeal to our sinful desires. Forgive us and help us see his light and heed his voice.**

M With Jesus there is true forgiveness. He is the only one who has saved humankind from our sinful condition by his perfect life, death, and resurrection. He is the only one worth following, for his footsteps lead to eternal life.

C **Help us to recognize Jesus' loving voice as he speaks his holy message. Open our hearts to hear and our hearts to trust. We want to walk in the light of Jesus. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 8:19-9:2, Bible page 687

Those who look to anyone but God for answers and direction in this life will find only distress, darkness, and fearful gloom.

ANTHEM (Sunday 7:45 am)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Lutheran Elementary School Grades 2 and 3

PSALM OF THE DAY (Saturday, Sunday 9:15 am, and Wednesday)

Psalm 19, Hymnal page 70

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 2:1-11, Bible page 1228

Following Jesus means believing his Word and loving others as he has loved us.

HYMN OF THE DAY 770

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The
3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On
4 O Christ, th' a - pos - tles' Lord, The



rise and fol - low you, For -
truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
roads they'd nev - er trod To
mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To



ven - tures bold and new: Grant
ways of God re - vealed: In -
near - er reign of God: Send
whom the saints be - long: Though



us to hear your call To
struct us now, we pray, By
us on ways where faith Tran -
gen - er - a - tions pass, Our



risk se - cur - i - ty And,
your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
trib - ute still we bring, Our

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bound in heart and will to you, Find
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both
 hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our
 per - fect lib - er - ty.
 light, their life, their Lord.
 life and min - is - try.
 lives an of - fer - ing.

SERMON

Matthew 4:12-23, Bible page 968
 Pastor Peter Panitzke

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Te Deum

Refrain

You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.

To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

Verses

1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
 2. Cre - a - tor of all things, We praise you, we
 3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,

praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, We
 O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God,
 You be - came a man to set us free;

praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly, We
 You have ris - en to free us;

praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your
 To the Trin - i - ty most
 And with all your saints in

ho - ly Church,
 bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise!
 glo - ry, *to Refrain*
to Refrain
to Final Refrain

Final Refrain

You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.

To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise,

all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Saturday*)
 (*Sunday*)

He Reigns, *David Weise*
Go Tell It on the Mountain, *Brass Ensemble*
arr. by Al Schumacher

M Dear Jesus, today we bring our offerings with grateful hearts that long to follow you and your ways, no matter where we may be.

C **Savior, I long to walk Closer with thee;**
Led by thy guiding hand, Ever to be
Constantly near thy side, Quickened and purified,
Living for him who died Freely for me.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M O Lord, so many people search hopelessly for answers to life, looking in all the wrong places. The only reliable source for truth and light is your Word, your inspired message, revealing our sin and revealing Jesus, our Savior from all sin.

C **Help us to follow the light of your Word, where we find your unconditional love and forgiveness. Apart from your Word, there is no hope.**

M "Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Jesus, not only did you reassure us of our personal salvation but you have lovingly invited us to deliver this saving message to the entire world.

- C** What a privilege to share your powerful words with all those around us! But we are ordinary people, limited in our abilities.
- M** Lord, help us not underestimate what you can do. Your Son didn't call us because we are so good, but because you are so gracious. We cannot change hearts. Your Holy Spirit working through Word and Sacrament is what works faith in the heart. Teach us to follow Jesus' instruction and trust him to bring results.
- C** **Help our hearts to trust you completely. We willingly submit ourselves to you, Lord. Bless our words and actions that they may reflect your love as we reach out to those around us. Send your Holy Spirit and help us faithfully follow you, Lord Jesus.**
- M** Today marks the 44th anniversary of legalized abortion by Roe v. Wade. Lord, we pray for the violence of abortion to end.
- C** **You are the source and creator of all human life. Guide us as individuals and as a nation to defend life and to treasure the life of all unborn children.**
- M** Oh Lord, you have taught us to pray for our leaders and so we ask for your blessing on President Trump and all our newly elected leaders.
- C** **Give our new president, and all who advise him, calmness in the face of storms, encouragement in the face of frustration, and humility in the face of success.**

Special prayers and intercessions.

- M** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- M** Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, send us out by the power of your Word so that many may hear your voice and follow you.
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

M O Lord, we thank you for the blessing of gathering around your life-changing Word. Take the truths we have heard today and plant them deep within our hearts. Shape us into faithful followers of Jesus whose thoughts, attitudes, and actions are obedient to your holy will and reflect your gracious love. Let us rejoice in the privileged blessing of being children of the Light.

C As we follow the light of Jesus, help us to light the way for many. We look forward to the day when we all gather around your throne in heaven. Amen.

BLESSING



L The Lord bless and keep you.



C A - men.



L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



C A - men.



L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



C A - men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE (*Sunday*) **Lead On, O King Eternal**, *Brass Ensemble*
arr. by Steven Bulla

PRESIDING MINISTER (*Sunday*) *Pastor David Kuehl*

ORGANIST *Nicole Greanya*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of January 23, 2017

MON	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) <i>The Story Bible Study</i> (Grace Room)
TUE	9:15 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Ministerial Team Meeting Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony) <i>Following the Promise Bible Study</i> (Faith Room) Volleyball League
WED	4:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes Traditional Worship Service Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS	6:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) <i>Financial Peace University</i> (Grace Room) Pickleball League (Trinity Gym) Ministry Board Meeting The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
FRI	7:15 am 8:15 am	Lutheran Elementary School Parent/Grandparent Breakfast (Centennial Gym) Lutheran Elementary School Chapel led by 5 th Grade (Church)
SAT	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Grace Room Bible Study Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion

Multimedia Ministry

- **TV:** *Time of Grace*, Sundays at 5:30 am on UPtv, 7:00 am on WBME, and 10:30 am on WDIT. Thursdays at 3:30 pm on TBN. For a complete broadcast schedule, visit timeofgrace.org/waystowatch or call the *Time of Grace* office at (800) 661-3311.
- **Radio:** Lutheran Radio Church Service, Sundays at 7:00 am on JOY1340 AM
- **Online:** Podcast and video sermons at www.stpaulmuskego.org and www.thebridgemuskego.org
- **Live Streaming:** The Bridge, Sundays at 10:15 am at www.thebridgemuskego.org



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

FLOWERS

The flowers beautifying the altar today are in loving memory of David Navarre from his family.

FUNERAL

Wayne Wardin, born November 18, 1936, entered eternal life in heaven on January 15, 2017. The visitation will be at St. Paul's on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm, with the funeral service immediately following. Please keep Wayne's loved ones in your prayers.

HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home, Ruth Kurth at Brenwood Park, and Georgette Meyer at Layton Terrace. Joanne Moths is at Village at Manor Park, Dorothy Hahn is at St. Luke's, Richard Kamnetz and Norman Miller at the Rehab Hospital of Wisconsin, and Payson Vahovick at Children's.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Jodie Crosby, Sharon Dreyer, Rick Drobka, Shelly Eggert, Namine Eiche, Monica Gawlik, Daniel Holtz, Dan Italiano, Dawn Jahns, Pat Johnson, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, and Jeanne Steinbrecher.

ATTENDANCE

1058 attended last week's worship services.

PERSONAL OFFERING STATEMENT

Please pick up your personal offering statement in the church lobby today. Even if you don't use offering envelopes, there is a letter for you. Thank you for saving the congregation postage costs!

LUTHERAN PRE-K AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY!

Are you interested in learning more about our school for your child or someone you know? Whether this be for 3K, 4K, Kindergarten or transferring into a 1st- 8th grade, all are welcome. Please contact School Administrator Mr. Seth Fitzsimmons at sfzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, to set up a visit. He would love to talk you about our schools. Or, come to our Open House on Sunday, January 29, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. At St. Paul's we offer the following:

- Flexible 3K & 4K programs
- Exemplary Accredited Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade
- Before and after school extended care
- Year-round care for 3K through 4th grade
- Generous tuition assistance
- Participation in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin School Choice programs
- Online application process: www.stpaulmuskego.org

LEARN ABOUT AND LIKE OUR SCHOOL



www.stpmuskego.org



St. Paul's Lutheran School – Muskego, WI

GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

THE STORY

Pastor Panitzke is teaching *The Story*, a 31-week course that provides an overview of the entire biblical story by reading and discussing an abridged version of the Bible. This is a good time for new participants to join. The study happens Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Grace Room. Indicate interest by contacting Pastor Panitzke at ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY

This course is both a Bible introduction study and prepares an individual for membership in the congregation and has just begun a new session that meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Faith Room. It is not too late to join this study. Register by contacting Pastor Panitzke at (414) 350-1436 or ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

This 9-week DVD-based study can help you climb out of debt and put you on a firm financial footing. It is not too late to join. Attend on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Grace Room.

GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY

Stand Firm in the True Grace of God is the current study on Sundays at 9:15 am in the Grace Room. Seminary President Paul Wendland is teaching this 5-week course on I Peter. The letter of I Peter breathes with a message of living hope, aimed at those who feel more and more like strangers in a world that's not their home.

I AM BUILT WORKSHOP – FEBRUARY 4

Discover what God built you to do and be confident that your unique strengths, skills, and passions are all being used to their fullest! Attend the *I Am Built* workshop facilitated by Certified Christian Life Coach Emily Krill on Saturday, February 4, from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm, in the Trinity Cafe. During this 3-hour workshop you will discover, explore, and activate your God-given strengths with intention. In a small group setting, working mostly in pairs, you will unpack how exactly you uniquely reflect our Creator and you will shape a user-friendly mission statement that will transform your life into a mission! Attend with your spouse, closest friend, or co-worker for best results. Register by marking the back of your Connection Card or by contacting St. Paul's member Emily Krill directly at ejkrill@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY FOR PARENTS

The Hurried Family: Help for the Hurried Home

In this age of stress and crazy schedules, you can never have enough help and hope amidst the hurry. This Parents Club, DVD-based study, led by Randy Fink, Director of Operations at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, and his wife, Lori, will empower you and your family with confidence and practical, biblical, stress-saving skills as you take the off-ramp to sanity, peace, and family harmony. Session titles are...In Search of Peace and Quiet, The Lure of the Hurried Lifestyle, Bringing Calm to Your Hurried Home, The Focus of Contented Families, When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough, Little House on the Internet, Giving the Gift of Rest to Your Marriage, Giving the Gift of Rest to Your Kids. Join us in the school Computer Lab, Sundays at 9:15 am, February 5-March 26.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS



You Are Invited!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Saturday, February 25, 6:30-9:00 pm.
Trinity Gym and Café.

PLEASE NOTE: Children not allowed! ☺

If you are one of the hundreds of teen and adult volunteers that have assisted in any of St. Paul's on-or-off-campus ministry or outreach activities, in any capacity and length of time, **YOU ARE INVITED** (along with your spouse/another guest whether or not he/she is also a volunteer).

- Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres
- Soft and not-so-soft beverages
- Delicious desserts
- Door prizes
- Special thank-you presentation by the called and hired staff
- Performance by **COMEDY SPORTZ**



Please come, relax, have a great time, and walk away feeling truly appreciated by St. Paul's for all you have done to help our ministry.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY FEBRUARY 15. Complete the short online registration form on the St. Paul's website homepage, fill out a Connection Card, sign up on the sheets at the church/Bridge welcome areas, or contact Dr. Nelson (jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org, 414-422-0320, ext. 145).



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

JEANNE STEINBRECHER THANKS YOU

My Dear Friends at St. Paul's,

I wish to thank each and every one of you for your overwhelming generosity in Christ. I especially want to thank my former students who sponsored the soup supper. I love you all. I also want to thank everyone who sent food, cards, and gifts, but I especially want to thank everyone who prayed and continues to pray for me. I tell my doctors and nurses about all your prayers and support. May God bless you all and I thank you for living your faith.

Yours in Christ, with Christian love,
Jeanne Steinbrecher
St. Paul's 3rd Grade Teacher

5TH GRADE EXTRAVAGANZA NEXT SUNDAY

Our mission partner, Wisconsin Lutheran High School, is hosting a 5th Grade Extravaganza on Sunday, January 29, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. The evening is free to all 5th grade students and their parents and includes an Italian dinner and a showcase of what Wisconsin Lutheran High School is all about. Plus, a Chromebook will be given away! Reserve your fifth grader's spot at www.wlhs.org/page/registration. Through your offerings at St. Paul's, \$135,000 is given annually to support the mission and operations of Wisconsin Lutheran High School.

SKATING AT THE PETTIT ICE CENTER

Teens of St. Paul's - come join the fun at the Pettit Ice Center on January 22! Meet at the MUG at 6:15 pm and we will head out from there. It is \$6.50 to skate and \$3.50 to rent skates. You may bring your own skates if desired.



LUTHER PREPARATORY SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

Luther Preparatory School summer camps are designed to impart valuable skills within the framework of Christian fellowship with other young people. In addition to critical skills training, challenging games and fun contests are an integral part of this annual summer experience. To register or for more information about LPS, go to www.lps.wels.net; click "Athletics" tab to find "Summer Sports Camps." For music camps, click "Performing Arts" tab to find "Summer Music Camp."

LADIES AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies Afternoon Fellowship meets Wednesday, February 1, at noon in the Faith Room. Our special speaker is our own Pastor Peter Panitzke. Come and hear all about his trip to China! All are welcome! Bring a lunch and enjoy the provided dessert.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

ROE V. WADE 44TH ANNIVERSARY

January 22 marks the anniversary of legalized abortion by Roe v. Wade. This is a time to reflect on the more than 60 million lives whose time of grace was cut short by abortion. It is also a reminder that many individuals suffer in silence and families are affected because of a past abortion. You or someone you know may be experiencing post-abortion stress, guilt, sadness, anger, or heartache. There is hope and healing in Jesus. We can help. WELS Lutherans for Life offers free, confidential, and non-judgmental help for women and men dealing with crisis pregnancy and abortion-related trauma. Contact Pat at (414) 416-9648 or pat@pregnancy-counseling.com to ask about our Bible-based post-abortion individual and group support and other services.

TESS CORNERS FIRE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATION – OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

On Monday, February 27, the Tess Corners Fire Department will be using our Trinity Gym for a group photo. We thought this would be an excellent time to show a little love to these men and women who serve our community. We'd like to collect homemade cookies and give each firefighter a bag of cookies along with a thank-you note to take home that evening. If you'd like to donate cookies, assemble cookie bags, or provide thank-you notes, please contact Sally Wallner at (414) 218-5197 or swallner@stpaulmuskego.org.



ENJOY TIME TOGETHER AND A GREAT MEAL

Our Annual Chicken Dinner is Sunday, February 19, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, in the Centennial Gym. This is a great opportunity for members and guests to enjoy serving together and eating a meal together. Volunteer to help out by using the sign-up sheets in the church lobby.

ST. PAUL'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

"The doctor said I have cancer. I feel so alone." "The doctor told me someone I love has cancer, what do I do? I feel so alone." Many people feel alone in these situations, but God tells us, "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you" (*Hebrews 13:5*). The St. Paul's Cancer Support Group would also like to offer support. We have members of all ages who have been affected by cancer in some manner. A variety of information may also be found in the Cancer Support Group corner of the church library. If you are a cancer survivor, are currently battling cancer, or have friends or family members fighting the fight and would like to speak to someone for support, please contact Karen Schram at (414) 529-5544 or Judy Schmidt at gjschmidt@wi.rr.com.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREATS

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND



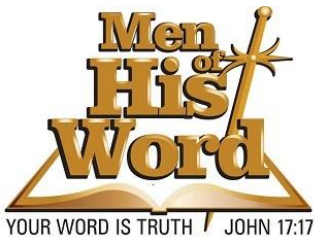
Our church body is hosting two marriage enrichment weekends in the area. Spend your weekend learning how to know each other better, appreciate each other more, gain trust, manage conflict, nurture intimacy, and connect with each other intentionally – all in the light of God’s grace. The first retreat is February 10-12 in Green Lake, Wisconsin, and the second is March 17-19 in Zion, Illinois. For more information and to register go to wels.net/adult-discipleship. Also, like the WELS Marriage Enrichment Facebook page by searching “WELS Marriage” when in Facebook. Registration deadlines are approaching soon so don’t delay.

WOMEN’S RETREAT – MARCH 17-19

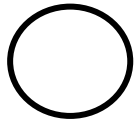


The Christian Woman Today Retreat, planned by a committee of women from Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Brookfield, will be held March 17- 19 at the Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield. Retreat brochures with registration forms are available at ChristianWomanToday.org. Registration deadline is March 3.

MEN’S RETREAT – FEBRUARY 11



The *Men of His Word* conference uses God’s Word to empower and equip men to carry out their God-given mission in their homes, churches, communities, and the world, with this year’s theme being - *Be Strong and Courageous*. Whether you attend for the keynote speaker (Pastor Mike Novotny from The Core in Appleton), the relevant, thought-provoking sessions (20 to choose from) or the worship experience with 600 other men (led by Koiné worship band), God’s Word will speak to you. The 8th annual *Men of His Word* conference will be held at the Oshkosh Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Additional details and online registration are available at www.menofhisword.org.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters based on today's message

AHA! PURPOSE AND CLARITY MAKES LIFE WORTH LIVING

1. Who am I? What's my purpose in life? These are really the biggest two questions anyone could ask. They come to you first in adolescence. Finding clear answers is vital to healthy adulthood.
 - When did these questions first start concerning you?
 - How do you think you've done answering them?
 - What advice would you give to someone still seeking clear answers to these questions?

2. In this week's video, NFL wide receiver, Brandon Marshall, a man who had almost everything he wanted in life, found his marriage and life falling apart. He lacked clarity relative to his identity and purpose. For four years, he prayed for clarity. The video said of Marshall, "Through his own personal darkness a light was beginning to shine."
 - How did God answer his prayers and bring light to Brandon's darkness?
 - In what area(s) of your life are you praying for clarity and light?

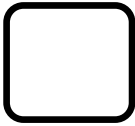
3. Read Matthew 4:12-17. The northern portion of Israel (Galilee) was often overrun by invaders. At the time of Jesus, it was an area despised by the religious leaders in Jerusalem. Why was this place of darkness and defeat a good place for the light of the kingdom of heaven to shine?

4. Read Romans 14:17.
 - How do the words of this passage describe what Brandon Marshall experienced?
 - Share a personal story of when these kingdom benefits became clear to you.

5. Read Matthew 4:18-22. Jesus called his disciples and he calls us to be fishers of men.
 - How did Brandon Marshall's wife "fish" for him?
 - How did Brandon himself fish for others?
 - What individuals are you currently "fishing" for? (Add names to your group's prayer list.)
 - What dark and scary fishing spots might God be calling you to enter so others can see the light of the gospel and have clarity brought to their lives?

PRAY The Lord is my light; then why should I fear? By day and by night his presence is near.
He is my salvation from sorrow and sin; This blessed assurance the Spirit doth bring.

The Lord is my light; tho clouds may arise, Faith, stronger than sight, looks up thru the skies
Where Jesus forever in glory doth reign. Then how can I ever in darkness remain? *James Nicholson*



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points

Aha! Finding My Purpose: "Follow Me!"

Matthew 4:12-25

1. Follow Jesus into the darkness.

- a. The darkness of unclarity
- b. The darkness of Galilee
- c. The darkness of the denial (Matthew 8:22; 10:38; 16:24; 19:21)

2. Follow Jesus into the light.

- a. The light of the Kingdom (Romans 14:17)
 - 1) Righteousness
 - 2) Peace
 - 3) Joy
- b. The light of a new purpose
 - 1) Fishing at home
 - 2) Fishing in the "boat"
 - 3) Fishing everywhere

"By every possible means we bring every person within our area of influence closer to Christ."

3. Follow Jesus back into the darkness.

My Next Steps

- Fish on your knees: Make a list of people in your area of influence who don't know Jesus. Put the list into your Bible and pray for them daily.
- Pray for clarity. Ask Jesus to help you see an area of "darkness" into which you can bring the light of the gospel.