

Senior High

Weekly Email: May 6th, 2012

Jesus, Christ for All

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor..." (Luke 4:18 NIV)

JESUS REVEALED HIS Messiah-ship by focusing carefully on His mission to redeem hearts, heal lives, restore hope and nurture faith rather than lead an army and defend an earthly kingdom. He directed his mission to those in society who needed Him most: the dispossessed, the marginalized and the impoverished. A refrain throughout the Gospels is that even when Jesus was exhausted, He was "moved with compassion" by the masses because He perceived them as "sheep without a shepherd." There are at least 2 great truths here. First, Jesus was the Christ for everyone—the prophecy proclaims that he comes to save, heal and give purpose to the lives of common people, including lepers, prostitutes, tax collectors, Gentiles—and even us. Second, if God's example was deep concern for the lost and needy, then at all times—but especially during the celebration of Jesus' birth—we should be so concerned as well. This is the charge for the Church today: to preach the gospel, bring healing, proclaim liberty and proclaim that today is the day of salvation.

Who would Jesus be moved with compassion for today? Pray that you will act upon the opportunities God has given you to share the Gospel, comfort and proclaim liberty to those in need around you.

"Some people feel guilty about their anxieties and regard them as a defect of faith but they are afflictions, not sins. Like all afflictions, they are, if we can so take them, our share in the passion of Christ."

-C. S. Lewis

Tuesday Night Care Group

THIS Week

(May 8th, 2012)

"Do you really love me?"

This Week: May 11th, 2012 (gr. 11&12)

'Wide Games'

Lace up those shoes, throw on those shorts because tonight we will be playing wide games! Our hope is to be able to have our games outside, however if weather is poor we will retreat into the Church to run around and burn off some steam. Please wear gym attire! 7-9:30pm Meet At the Church