

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

Chanhasen

8:15, 9:30, 11:00am
& 5:00pm

Minnetonka

9:30 & 11:00am

LIVE WITH OPEN HANDS...

*AND BE AWAKENED,
BE PREPARED AND
BE A BLESSING.*

For stories of God at work in and
through the people of Westwood visit
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The Westwood Annual Meeting was held on September 19

- 135 new members were welcomed into membership
- The 2017 church goals were approved
- Annalisa Mattison, Joe Christenson, Scott Swayne, and Joann Hall Swenson were ratified to the Leadership Board
- Lyle Johnson and Heather West were ratified to the Nominating Committee
- The amended Constitution was approved as submitted
- The 2017 church budget was approved as submitted



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Coming to Grips With the Contradictions of Jesus

Welcome to Westwood!

Is this your first time here? So glad you came!

Welcome to Westwood! If you are unfamiliar with the flow of our service, here's the scoop: We begin with a few worship songs. The lyrics are found on the big screens. The songs are followed by a couple announcements, a time of prayer and offering. The sermon message is given, and the service typically concludes with a song.



Stop by the Info Spot before or after the service. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions you have, and give you some handy information. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. Our Westwood Kids' desk would be glad to help you. Come, let's give our love to God, who first loved us.



FILL YOUR DRIVEWAY

A driveway full of cars means a house full of people who care about you. Fill your home and your heart with a small group. Get everything you need to get going in meeting at Group Connect. Register online.

Chanhassen campus: Saturday, October 8
9:00am–12:00pm. Breakfast is served. Childcare is provided.

Minnetonka campus: Sunday, October 9
12:15–1:45pm. Lunch is served.



BE A BLESSING THROUGH VOLUNTEERING

Share your time and talents by serving in ways that are perfectly suited for you. Check out our Group Search tool on our website to find opportunities to explore. We especially need small group leaders on Wednesday nights for our Student Ministry programs. Contact kevin.klingbiel@westwoodcc.org if you are interested.

TO BE FIRST YOU MUST BE LAST

September 25, 2016

Today's Paradox

Matthew 19:30 (NIV)

But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

- A good guy with a GREAT question Matthew 19:16
- Majoring on the _____ can blind you to the _____ Matthew 19:17-20
- A clear diagnosis: _____ what comes between you and Jesus Matthew 19:21 (NIV)
- There's bad news when you _____ to what you have Matthew 19:22-24
- There's good news when you _____ and follow Christ Matthew 19: 25-29
- The paradox breakthrough Matthew 19: 30

Paradox #4
To Be First You Must Be Last

Small Group Discussion Questions

Matthew 19: 16-30

TODAY'S PARADOX:

Matthew 19:30: *"But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first."*

1. Questions reveal a lot about what is most important in our lives. Just about everybody has questions they want to ask God. If you could get alone with Jesus what question(s) would you ask?
2. Read Matthew 19: 16. This is the story of a guy who has wealth and influence. What does the personal pronoun "I" reveal about his perspective? What is he looking for? How are people today like this young guy?
3. Read Matthew 19: 17-20. What is the danger of this guy's message? Jesus gives clarity to what he is missing. What is it? Jesus takes a creative approach so the guy can see with greater clarity by asking him about keeping the commandments? Why does Jesus go to the Ten Commandments? What commandments does he state? What is Jesus saying about the 'external' realities of life and how they satisfy us as compared to the 'internal' or 'eternal' realities that satisfy?
4. Read Matthew 19:21. What does Jesus prescribe to bring the life this young guy is looking for? It's a stunning prescription. Does this seem fair to you? Jesus is telling us to 'give up' what gets in the way of knowing life that comes from God and is forever. For this guy it is money. What has it been for you in your life's journey? What is at the heart of idolatry? Why is it so attractive?
5. Read Matthew 19:22-24: What is the bad news of holding on tight to what we have? What is Jesus actually saying about money and salvation in his humorous analogy of the camel and the eye of the needle?
6. Read Matthew 19:28-29. Why is there good news when we let go? How do you understand the examples Jesus gives in this passage? What makes you feel uncomfortable or creates tension? Jesus intends to create tension. How is the tension resolved?
7. Read Matthew 19:30. What is the paradox breakthrough? How are the first going to be last and the last going to be first? What implications does this have for the life you live?