

“JESUS ON THE MOVE”
“Jesus Moves through Remembering”

Liturgically, today is the sixth Sunday of Easter; two weeks away from Pentecost. We continue to celebrate the reality of the Resurrection of Jesus and are in that waiting period before the Pentecost, the day we traditionally claim as the birthday of the church. Today’s Scriptures remind us that we are all called to ministry as followers of Jesus; no matter who we are, God wants to use each of us to share His love and grace with others. Paul offered a prayer for us as the church many years ago that is fulfilled as we take that calling seriously and give away ourselves, our talents and our money for the sake of that ministry.

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Things I’d like to remember from today’s sermon: **“Jesus Moves through Remembering”**

Daily prayer:

Lord Jesus, You have given all of Yourself for us through life and death. You have called us to follow Your example of servanthood and love. We are not always aware of opportunities for ministry when You would use us. Too often we underestimate how Your Holy Spirit can work through us. You promise to empower us through Your Spirit as we allow ourselves to be used. So, open our eyes and our ears to heed Your call. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

This week’s sermon may be viewed at <http://sundaystreams.com/go/firstwichita>

Study Guide

Monday, May 27, 2019 Matthew 6:19-24

This passage is a segment of what has been called Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount." While found in the middle of this 'sermon,' Jesus' words may be the foundation of it all. There are many false gods that call for our allegiance, but we cannot serve two masters! *So as you reflect upon your life and your motives for all that you do, ask yourself, "Who am I seeking to serve? Who am I trying to please?"*

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 Matthew 20:20-28

Perhaps one of our most human desires is to be important and get recognized for who we are and what we do. Some of Jesus' disciples were no different – all twelve, like us, were very imperfect. The mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus asking for honor and places of importance in Jesus' new Kingdom. Jesus' answer reminds us that as we are called to ministry, it is not about us, it is about sharing God's love with those around us. *So as you reflect upon your life, ask yourself, of whose kingdom am I hoping to be a part?*

Wednesday, May 29, 2019 Romans 12

There is probably no more powerful passage of Scripture speaking of who we are called to be as followers of Jesus. It begins with our complete submission to Jesus (a living sacrifice) and allowing Him to transform our inner being. Essentially, it's about becoming more like Jesus in the ways that we live and treat those around us. *So as you reflect upon your life, ask yourself, what kind of person are you becoming? Are you becoming more like Jesus?*

Thursday, May 30, 2019 2 Corinthians 4:1-12

So what is the focus of any ministry? The Apostle Paul was so clear that if we focus on anything other than the Gospel of Jesus, we completely miss what we have been called to do. Our focus can certainly not be on ourselves nor is it about the church. Our message is about inviting people into that relationship with Jesus that gives life and peace. We are very imperfect vessels that God uses; but He has called us in our very humanness to serve and love others into that relationship. *So as you reflect upon your life, ask yourself, what message am I sending to others through my life and ministry? Is it about Jesus, or something else?*

Friday, May 31, 2019 2 Corinthians 5:11-24

We have been so loved by God! God sent us His son Jesus and through His life and ministry He enables us to become all that God created us to be. We are new creatures (creatures!) and we are sent into our corners of the world as Jesus' Ambassadors of love and grace. And Paul reminds us that we no longer look at people in the same "worldly point of view." We see them through Jesus' eye of love and grace. *So as you reflect upon your life, ask yourself, how do I look at others and do I treat others as Jesus would?*