

Week 3

April 27, 2008

Mt 5:9-12

The Active Beatitudes

The Greatest Sermon Ever

Intro

We were led in worship this week by our high school students. Rather than one message delivered through a sermon the seniors each shared what they learned through Easter Project as it related to the various elements of worship.

Read

Mt 5:9-12

The students focused on how God worked in their lives and the lives of those they served through Easter Project but they also referred to other ways God is at work in and through them in their daily lives here in Spokane.

Making Peace Together

Easter Project is the most visible activity of our Student Ministries and our students are very appreciative of how the adults of our congregation support this mission.

Are you aware of the many other ways the students of our congregation grow in and live out their faith? **See page 2** for a list of things the students would like you to know about.

Pray Together!

Recall the moments and messages from the worship service on Sunday where you experienced God's presence. Share these with one another.

Order of Worship

Call to Worship – <i>Life as Worship</i>	Molly Oakley
Songs of Worship & Praise	
Pass the Peace – <i>Living Out Praise</i>	Nathan Gill
Pass the Peace – <i>Embracing Community</i>	Sarah Crowley
Children's Message (Hugs)	
Prayer of Confession / Assurance of Pardon – <i>Jesus the Liberating King</i>	Barrett Anderson
Offering and Mission Report – <i>Life as Mission</i>	Corinna Bockstruck
Song of Response – <i>The Remedy</i>	
Prayer of Thanksgiving	
Charge & Benediction – <i>Being Blessed as we make Peace</i>	Josiah Brown

In what ways did you see the students who led our worship realizing themselves as peacemakers?

Do you think of yourself as a peacemaker? Why, or why not?
How can you be a peacemaker in your home, in our church, in society?

In what ways have you experienced the opposition Jesus describes in versus 10-12? How is persecution to be regarded as a blessing?

How have these 3 weeks in the Beatitudes challenged you to live differently?

Share one thing that had a positive impact on your life when you were a high school student.

What might be something your group can do to come alongside our students to encourage their faith and support the ways they are serving?

The teen years can feel like a time of tension between childhood and adulthood. How might you be an instrument of God's peace in the life of a teen that you know?

Pray for the students in our congregation and other teens you know.
Pray for the families, ministries and community in Tijuana.
Pray for peace in our individual lives and in our homes, church, city and world.

Students Living Jesus

Getting God into our lives . . .

Daily Quiet Time with God

Students say that doing daily quiet times in Tijuana helps them develop or strengthen their habit of spending time each day with God at home.

One group of girls is reading the book of James. They read daily on their own and talk about what God is teaching them when they get together for their D-Group meetings.

"I'm reading If You Want to Walk on Water You Have to Get out of the Boat. It's really helpful."

Students from the "Special Ops" group are wearing prayer bracelets to develop the habit of praying continuously. One student shared that she is wearing hers on her writing hand so that she notices it often during the day at school.

Wednesday Evenings

This is a time to hang out with Christian friends. We have fun together and worship together. We also share upcoming opportunities for missions and meet with our D-groups.

D-Groups

These are small groups that meet at least weekly. We talk about how to take what the bible says and live it at home and at school. We ask how to stay connected with God in our daily life and help each other. We also pray together. These groups have student leaders and adult leaders.

Worship

Students worship on Wednesday Evenings and on Sundays at 8:30, 11:00 and 6:05.

The SHOP and Discipleship Classes

About once a month students come to the church for 3 hour workshops. They get to choose from a variety of topics taught by adult leaders. Some of the topics: World Religions (How does Christianity compare), Missions in Africa, Tools for Quiet Times, Justice, The Gospels.

A group of students recently completed a 3-month series of weekly discipleship classes that culminated in joining the church on Maundy Thursday.

Serving God in our World . . .

In our Church

Student Leaders meet weekly to plan the content for Wednesday Evenings and organize mission opportunities. They are always asking how to help other students take what they are learning in scripture and through mission experiences and apply it to their daily lives.

One student helps run the Powerpoint slides occasionally on Sunday mornings.

Two students teach Children's Sunday School classes every week.

One student plays the piano for our Children's Choirs.

At least seven students help with childcare on Sunday mornings.

Several Students teach classes, lead groups, act out skits or lead music for KWAM or VBS.

Some students help with activities and lead groups for KLUB 456 on Sundays or monthly gatherings for preteens.

In our Community and Region

Several students have helped run the weekly LOGOS program in West Central neighborhood.

Students are living examples of Jesus in several of the high schools in our area.

Over twenty students create all aspects of a VBS each summer for children in Westport.

Some students have volunteered with Habitat for Humanity.

In our World

Two freshman girls recently led the way in raising \$1000 in partnership with *International Justice Mission* to free prostitutes in India.

Some of our students who attend Cheney High School were the organizers to raise money for *Invisible Children* through donations from other FPC students and T-shirt sales. They also hosted a presentation during lunch at school to educate their peers about how they could help and have encouraged students to write letters to congress asking our government to get involved.

Students are currently working toward raising \$3000 to provide a well in Africa through *Blood Water*. They organized a fundraising concert and will soon host a Harry Potter Night to raise more money.