

“The Essential Reality of *Imitation*”
Luke 6:37-45

“For out of the abundance of the heart the **mouth speaks** and our **lives are lived.**”

“Long to be imitation worthy in Christ.”

- Luke 6:43-45
 - The heart produces either good or evil, and what is more abundant wins!
 - The person (good or evil) and the heart (good or evil) are connected!
 - “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21). “Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life” (Proverbs 4:23). “As in water face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects the man” (Proverbs 27:19). “Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart” (Psalm 37:4). “I have stored up Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You” (Psalm 119:11).
 - **Priority, Value, and Love are the “arteries” to the heart.** We cannot prioritize, value, and love God without prioritizing, valuing, and loving what God prioritizes, values, and loves.
 - What we fill our hearts with dictates what comes naturally for us, or what comes naturally for us is what we are filling our hearts with!
 - “And you shall **love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all of your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” (Mark 12:30)
- Luke 6:39-42
 - We need **to be led** and we **need to imitate** someone for our maturity!
 - There is blind leading that leads to destruction and there is seeing leading that leads to eternal life to its fullest.
 - We need to be fully trained to mature and that is a lifelong process.
 - Becoming “happily holy” is the greatest asset to our brothers and sisters in Christ.
 - Who are you submitting to, imitating, and growing with?
 - When we deal with our sin, we become imitation worthy.
 - “What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.” (Philippians 4:9; cf. Philippians 3:17-21)
- Luke 6:37-38
 - The Fruit of this will also overflow towards unbelievers...
 - We will not be critical, harsh, or unloving in our judgements.
 - We will not give up on unbelievers.
 - We will be quick to forgive.
 - We will be quick to help and give.

Worship: Grace Alone — The Modern Post

Be Thou My Vision — Norton Hall Band

Your Cross, O Lord — Joyful Noise

Closing Song: There Is a Fountain — Citizens

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30p/Men 6:30p & 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of March we are collecting monetary donations for the Bobbs. They are a missionary family living and serving in Cambodia, spreading the gospel and meeting the physical needs of the people in their surrounding areas. For more information about the Bobbs and their work in Cambodia, please see the board at the back of the sanctuary. There is a container on the back table to collect your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for the Bobbs. **NEXT SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR THIS COLLECTION!**

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sunday, March 24th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!

★**ANNIVERSARY SERVICE:** We will be celebrating our 7th anniversary as a church **NEXT** Sunday, March 24th. This is a great opportunity to invite someone to join you for church that day, to hear the gospel and to celebrate with us!

★**EASTER SERVICE:** We will be having a Good Friday Service on Friday, March 29th, at 6:30pm. (There will be no Thursday service that week). Our Easter Service will be on Sunday, March 31st, at 10:30am. *There will be no childcare for the Easter Service.* These are both great opportunities to invite someone to hear the gospel as we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.