

2021 Spring Retreat at Faith Church

Beauty instead of Ashes

Isaiah 61

“Jesus meets us ...to entirely fill us ... for His purpose”

***As daughters of the King,
we are to be expectant,
joyfully anticipate meeting Jesus,
willing and desiring to be filled with Jesus
through the Holy Spirit, and being transformed,
LIVE FOR HIM***

Friday evening

- 7:00 pm Welcome and greeting
- 7:10 pm Worship
- 7:30 pm **Session 1:** Jesus fills our bucket for “love and acceptance”
- 8:45 pm Worship
- 9:00 pm Dismissal

Saturday

- 8:00 am Coffee & Goodies; Fellowship time
- 9:00 am Worship
- 9:30 am **Session 2:** Jesus fills our bucket for “safety and security”
- 11:00 am Worship
- 11:30 am Lunch
- 12:30 pm Worship
- 1:00 pm **Session 3:** Jesus fills our bucket for “value and significance”
- 2:15 pm Worship
- 2:45 pm Communion
- 3:30 pm Dismissal

Friday evening session:

Jesus fills our bucket for “love and acceptance”

Primary needs of being:

- **Loved and accepted**
- Safe and secure
- Valued and significant

Isaiah 61:1-4, 10 “Empty buckets”

Past history:

Present history:

Who are you? What is your history?

Luke 4:16-21

John 4:1-42 Samaritan Woman

How has Jesus met you in order to **fill you**?

Isa 61:2-3

"...year of the Lord's favor; beautiful headdress, oil of gladness, garment of praise"

See how Jesus lavishes love on us!

Isaiah 61:4 [Then] "They will **rebuild** the ancient ruins and **restore** the places long devastated; they will **renew** the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations."

Isaiah 61:10 "I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with **garments of salvation** and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels."

New identity

1 Peter 2:10a *Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God*

1 John 3:1-3 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

"I am" handout

Reflection:

Saturday Morning session:

Jesus fills our bucket for “safety and security”

Primary needs of being:

- Loved and accepted
- **Safe and secure**
- Valued and significant

Isaiah 61:1-4 “Chains”

Spiritual Warfare handout

God has provided what we need for safety

2 Peter 1:3

John 10:27-30

1 Peter 5:6-11

John 8:2-11 Woman taken in adultery

Zechariah 3:1-5

2 Cor 5:21

Propitiation: **Jeremiah 25:15; Isaiah 51:17-22**

How has Jesus rescued you and restored you, like this woman?

Isa 61:1-2 "...bind up the brokenhearted, liberty to the captives, opening the prison to those who are bound"

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New identity; **1 Peter 2:10b** "*Once you had not received merc, but now you have received mercy.*"

Reflection:

Saturday afternoon session: Jesus fills our bucket for “value and significance”

Primary needs of being:

- Loved and accepted
- Safe and secure
- **Valued and significant**

Isaiah 61:1-4 “Ashes”

John 2:1-11 Water into wine

Matthew 9:17

New identity; **1 Peter 2:9** *“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”*

Matt 13:44-46

How has Jesus restored your significance?

Isaiah 61:3 “They will be called **oaks of righteousness**, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.”

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Reflection:

Saturday afternoon session:

Communion

Communion's context is the Passover Seder

1 John 4:7-11

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 Corinthians 11:21-26

for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. ²² Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter!

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.