

SERMON NOTES

Mark 5:21-43 – Coming to Jesus

Questions for family/small group discussions:

1. Describe a time when you have waited or perhaps still are painfully waiting on God? What has been your response to God? How has this waiting impacted your faith?
2. When you read 2 Peter 3:8-9, what are some of God's promises that you know he has kept for you? Can you recall a promise made where he has "delayed?"

When you come to Jesus, you are really coming to...

1. A gracious Savior whose _____ will not align with yours.

- a. Where has God perhaps most frustrated or disappointed you?
- b. Recall a time when you tried or are trying to impose your time frame, agenda, or schedule on Jesus? What is helpful to remember and understand when God's timing does not align with your timing?

How should we come to Jesus when we struggle through his delays and "no's" in response to our prayers?

2. Simple, humble, and _____ when you see his wisdom, grace and _____.

a. See the _____ of Jesus.

- What would have happened if Jesus hurriedly moved on and did not stop to identify and speak to the woman? What does Jesus see and know regarding the real needs of the woman and how does he provide them?
- What might be some of the information that Jesus has and we don't when we are making our requests to him? How would our increased knowledge of God's Word change the way that we pray and make requests?
- What is going on when you say, "I can't think of any good reasons for this delay, and so there can't be any good reasons:"?

b. See his _____.

- What are some of the contrasting characteristics between the woman and Jairus and what does it say about Jesus and the gospel when he gives the woman his full and immediate attention? What could this "way of the cross"—where the last and the outsider are first—look like in the way that you relate to your neighbors, co-workers, family members, and others?
- Recall some ways that your pride and works/self-righteousness show up in your relationship to God or others. Can you see how you sometimes think and act like God owes you? Has "God owes me" ever caused an infection in your soul?

c. See his _____.

- What do Jesus' words and actions with the little girl demonstrate about who he is? How does this change how you view death? How does this impact how you daily come to Jesus with trust and dependence?
- What has Jesus done to demonstrate that he is worthy of your love and trust? Take time to come to him with repentance and renewed faith in him.



Order of Worship Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude	<i>God is Good</i>
Call to Worship	<i>All Creatures Nothing But the Blood ** Kids are invited to KidLife downstairs He Will Hold Me Fast</i>
Offering	<i>Be a Lamp</i>
Prayer & Message	Coming to Jesus Mark 5:21-43 (p. 768) Rev. Tim Meendering
Response	<i>O Come to the Altar</i>
Closing Blessing	
Next Week	Make Me Real – Deuteronomy 6:1-9

welcome to Rockford Reformed Church!

In this program you will find today's order of worship, along with announcements, a calendar, prayer requests, and more. If this is your first time here, please stop by our welcome table in the lobby and pick up a gift bag!



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ATTENDANCE & GIVING

You can give directly from your phone or computer. Look for the link on the front page of our website. Contact the office if you would like offering envelopes.

Last week's attendance: 217 • **Last week's offering:** \$13,992

PRAYER

Sympathy is expressed to **Eric & Becki Pilko** at the death of Becki's father, Dale Dieleman, on May 5.

Jean Stadt's Memorial Service will be held here at RRC on Saturday, May 25 at noon. Visitation begins at 11am. Luncheon to follow the service.

Jean Boyd - pray as she continues through chemotherapy treatments.

Bill Boyd - continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.

Be in prayer for all military personnel, people searching for jobs, and disaster victims.

Prayer teams are available in the front of the sanctuary following service for anyone who desires prayer.

WHERE DO MY KIDS GO?



If you have children, they are welcome to remain with you throughout the service, or you can choose from different options:

KidLife Worship (3 years - 2nd grade) - Check-in is in the Fellowship Hall, Room 100 (directly below the sanctuary). Kids may start service here, or go after our opening music in the sanctuary.

KidLife Nursery (0-3 years) - Room 241 (upper level of gym).

Parent-Infant Room - available near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers.

Children's bulletins and crayons are available near the lobby stairs.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
5/12 10:00 Worship Service Blood pressure screening Room 211 after service	5/13	5/14 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Softball	5/15	5/16	5/17	5/18 6p Dinner Mixer
5/19 10:00 Worship Service High School @Whitecaps Leave at 1:15	5/20	5/21 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Softball	5/22	5/23	5/24	5/25 1p Single Women's Lunch - Golden Wok. RSVP w/Carol Knox, 866-4845
5/26 10:00 Worship Service	5/27	5/28 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Softball	5/29	5/30 7p Ladies Book Club - <i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> by Mark Twain	5/31	6/1

For a full listing of all of our events, announcements, volunteer needs, and more, be sure to sign up for the eBeacon, emailed weekly. Contact the church office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list. Paper copies are available for those without email.



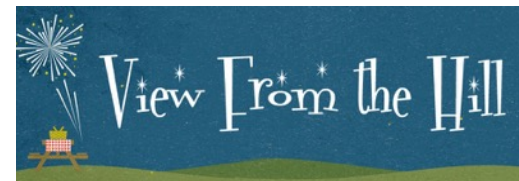
Tuesdays, 6:30pm. Come out and cheer on our team Tuesday nights! The schedule will be published each week in the eBeacon. This Tuesday's game will be at North Kent Bible Church (7210 Courtland Dr).



Saturday, May 18, 6pm in the gym. You are invited! We are hosting a dinner & game night open to all adults and high schoolers (no childcare provided). Why? To have fun and get to know each other! We are hoping to get a wide mix of people. We know it is short notice, but please RSVP by Tuesday if you would like to attend! You can sign up at church Sunday or notify the church office any time before Tuesday night.



Orders due June 2. During the month of May we are taking orders for inscribed bricks for our Memorial Prayer Garden. Order forms are in the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$40.



Saturday, June 15. You are invited to enjoy the Start of Summer Celebration fireworks from the hill at Rockford Reformed Church. Starting at 8pm, come enjoy free popcorn, refreshments, and children's activities. Please bring a chair or a blanket, your family and friends, and enjoy the beauty of the fireworks from the top of the hill at Rockford Reformed Church.



Sunday, June 2. Join us as we celebrate our high school and college graduates! There will be a cake reception following the service. Parents of high school and college graduates - please email laura@rockfordrc.org for instructions on graduation booklet contributions.



June 23-26, 6-8pm. Calling all kids ages 3 years through those who are in (or have just completed) 5th grade! Join us for four nights at ROAR VBS, where kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Registration is open at rockfordrc.org/vbs.