

SERMON NOTES

Luke 22:24-27 – A Servant Like Jesus

Questions for family/small group discussions:

1. What are some ways that we most often go with the flow or current of our culture and our own hearts? Why is a life that revolves around me and my little kingdom so destructive? How have you seen this destructive orientation play out in your own life?
2. When you consider Jesus' teaching in Luke 9:23-24, what are some examples of how you might "save" your life and "lose" your life? How does Jesus' teaching make sense here? How can you be a "rebel" who is radically different and goes against the current of your own heart and culture in your relationships?

We see that we are to become a _____ like _____.

Our text answers three questions:

1. What does it mean to serve as Jesus serves?

a. Any _____ to others.

- In various relationships at work, home, marriage or friendships, how have you experienced an exercising of authority and power and how have you experienced a humble service to others? How do you see yourself doing both of these?

b. For the sake of _____, not your _____.

- What do Philippians 2:3-4 and Matthew 20:28 say about the way of Jesus and what are some ways that you could take steps to imitate and follow him in your relationships with others?
- When you consider what Jesus did and who he did it for in John 13:12-15, who might be some of the most difficult people that God may call you to serve?

c. Relentless _____.

- What are some examples of costly sacrificial serving that have most impacted you? Where are you most pushing out with costly sacrificial serving? What does daily "foot washing" look like for you? What is one new way that you could push out with "washing feet"?

2. How do you _____ to serve like Jesus?

a. Relentless _____.

- What do you have to keep remembering so that you will sacrificially serve others? What are some important ways to keep remembering Jesus' sacrificial service for you?

b. Relentless _____.

- When you read Luke 22:31-34 and John 21, how did Peter have to change before he could truly love and serve Jesus? What can you learn from Peter's pride and then humbling experience?

- Do you struggle to receive the love and service that Jesus lavishly offers to you? Why do we struggle to be loved and served by God?

3. Why would you bend down and _____ serve?

- What is often the greatest barrier for you to overcome in order for you to humbly serve others? What needs to happen for you to move from "me" and "my agenda" to following Jesus with his agenda of sacrificial love and service to others?

- How does Jesus act toward you to change your heart and actions?

- What is one key person whom you should begin to love and sacrificially serve in new ways this week? Pray for God's Spirit to fill you with his love so that you will radically serve this person. Use Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:14-19 as you pray for yourself.



Order of Worship

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude	<i>Our Hope is Alive</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Made Alive In Tenderness ** Kids are invited to KidLife downstairs Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery</i>
Offering	<i>Behold Our God</i>
Baptisms	Isabella Lapp, Dylan & Daniel McDonough
Prayer & Message	"A Servant Like Jesus" Luke 22:24-27 (p. 882) Rev Tim Meendering
Response	<i>Take My Life</i>

Join us in the gym for the After-Service Social hosted by Kids Hope.

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: 202 • **Last week's offering:** \$7,191

PRAYER

Polly Johnson's stent came out this week and she is feeling much better. She would like to thank her RRC family for the amazing care you have given her and Kevin during this time. They are truly grateful for your prayer and acts of kindness.

Jean Boyd - pray as she continues through chemotherapy treatments.

Bill Boyd - continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.

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
8/18 10a Worship Service After-Service Social Backpacks Due	8/19 5p Golf	8/20 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast	8/21	8/22	8/23	8/24 9:00a Men's Skeet Shoot
8/25 10a Worship Service After-Service Social 6p RRC @ Praise in the Park	8/26 5p Golf	8/27 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast	8/28	8/29	8/30	8/31
9/1 10a Worship Service After-Service Social	9/2 5p Golf	9/3 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/7

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.



Online Bulletin & Connection Card
rockfordrc.org/sunday
or aim your phone's camera at the qr code to access:



Check your kids in with an email! Send it to rrc.check.in@gmail.com with your child(ren)'s names as the subject line. Whoever is at the check-in computer downstairs will sign you in and have your name tags ready to go.



Men's Skeet Shoot: Men (and boys accompanied by an adult): Darryl DeGood is hosting a skeet shoot at his house (13150 White Creek, Cedar Springs) on Saturday, August 24, beginning at 9am. BYOG and skeet and shotgun shells. Darryl will provide burgers and hot dogs for lunch along with punch and water. Please bring a snack or a dish to pass. If you have questions, you can call Darryl at 616-340-3369.

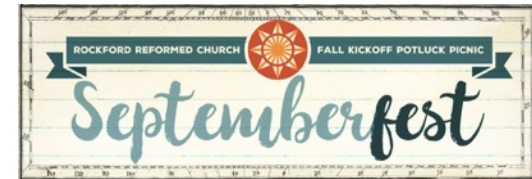
Praise in the Park - Sunday evenings at 6pm. Come out and enjoy Christian music along the banks of the Rogue River in downtown Rockford. Music provided by area churches. RRC plays on August 25.

Monday Night Golf - \$15 for 9 holes and a cart at Cedar Chase Golf Club, 7551 17 Mile Road, Cedar Springs. Tee times start at 5pm. No reservations needed - just show up. Contact Jerry Coon if you have any questions (204-3858).

Men's Prayer Breakfast - Tuesdays at 7am in the Fellowship Hall. Join us any time. Fellowship, prayer, coffee, and maybe donuts!

Next Week's Sermon - 2 Corinthians 3:18 - "Mirror Image of Jesus" - Rev. Tim Meendering

Did you know that **Brian Ellis** is going to seminary in the fall? See the letter in your mail folders for details.



SeptemberFest: Sunday, September 8 is our annual SeptemberFest! We will be having our worship service outdoors followed by an all-church picnic. Details will be posted soon!

Fall Programming Start Dates

Details will be posted in the coming weeks

- 9/10: Tuesday Women's Bible Study
- 9/15: Sunday School
- 9/22: High School Bonfire
- 9/25: Middle School Bonfire
- 9/26: Ladies' Book Club
- 9/28: Single Ladies' Lunch
- 10/2: KidLife Club
- 10/2: Adult Bible Studies

