

We're glad you've chosen to worship with us! If you're here for the first time, you are our special guest. Fill out the information on the other side of this card and visit The Landing (located just outside the sanctuary in the main hall) where we have a gift for you!

Welcome to Southside Baptist Church!

WORSHIP NIGHT

-- MAY 21, 6:30 P.M. --

We are excited about our worship night on Friday, May 21, in the Maguire Fellowship Center. Join us for a time of song as we praise God for all He has done.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

-- MAY 14, 6:30 P.M. --

Are you a parent or guardian of a child (ages six weeks old through 5th grade) and looking for a night out? We've got you covered from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., on Friday, May 14. Your kids will enjoy Papa John's pizza, crafts, devotions, and time playing Legos, 4-square, and gaga ball. The cost is \$15/child (multi-child discounts available). We will be partnering with our student ministry, so all proceeds raised will help to offset their summer mission trips and camps.

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CLUB 456

-- MAY 16, 11:30 A.M. --

Club 456 is an opportunity for students currently in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade to begin forming relationships with peers, enjoy off-campus opportunities, service opportunities, and growing their faith. Friends are always welcomed and encouraged!



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Mothers and Sons

May 9, 2021

There is a special connection between mothers and sons. As Jesus encountered a grieving mother in the town of Nain, He performed one of His most miraculous signs by raising the widow's dead son. This not only brought the son back to life, it rescued this poor woman from a life of certain destitution. It's not hard to imagine Jesus envisioning His own mother on the day of His crucifixion as He responds compassionately to this hopeless widow. Join us for the first sermon in the **Glass Ceilings** series as we consider Jesus' compassion for the least of these and how His actions should set a pattern for our lives today.

Passage (read it):

Luke 7:1-17

Principles (know them):

God's compassion disregards our _____.

God's compassion transcends our _____.

God's compassion interrupts our _____.

Practices (do it):

How are you bringing God's compassion to those around you?



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Small Group Questions

Use this outline for personal reflection, as a couples or family devotion, or with a small group.

Southside's small groups focus on the neighborhoods in which we live. We have groups that meet on campus, online, and in homes across our city. Visit ssbc.org/SmallGroups to find yours!

HANGOUT (warming up to the topic):

1. What challenges do widows face in our society today? Does the church have a responsibility to care for the needs of widows? If so, what is that responsibility and what are some practical ways the church should fulfill that responsibility?

HEAR (listening to God through Scripture):

2. Read Exodus 22:22-24; Deuteronomy 10:17-19; and Deuteronomy 15:7-11.

- How seriously does God take the mistreatment of widows and orphans?
- Why do you suppose the Bible offers such strong warnings and directives concerning the treatment of widows and orphans?
- Read Mark 12:38-44. Scribes were the religious scholars and theologians of their day. What is the great irony about Jesus' warning about this group? What lessons should we learn from the scribes' behavior and the poor widow's generosity?

3. Read 1 Kings 17:1-10.

- What effects did the corruption of Ahab's government have on the people of the region?
- How does this relate to our understanding of free will and the consequences our choices have on other people?
- What is ironic about who provided for Elijah's needs in the city of Zarephath?
- Studies consistently find that the poor are often more generous than the rich. Why do you think this might be the case?

4. Read 1 Kings 17:11-16.

- What did the widow have and what was her plan?
- What did Elijah ask of her? What promise did Elijah offer the widow? What act of faith was required of the widow?
- Read Luke 6:20-23. How does Jesus' definition of "blessed" describe this widow?

5. Read 1 Kings 17:17-24.

- What was the widow's response to Elijah after the death of her son? What about Elijah's presence could have reminded the widow of her sin? What assumption was the widow making about her sin and the death of her son?
- Read John 9:1-3. What is similar about the widow's reaction to the death of her son and the disciples' question about the blind man? Does Jesus' answer to the disciples' question also address the widow's concerns about the death of her son? If so, how?
- Discuss the similarities between 1 Kings 17 and Luke 7:11-17. Assuming the people in Nain knew the story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath, what might they have thought about Jesus?

HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together - in huddles):

6. Read Luke 4:16-28. How was Jesus' treatment of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17) reflective of His sermon from Luke 4? What are you doing to proclaim good news to the poor, liberty to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and liberty to those who are oppressed? Talk about it, invite accountability and pray together.

Daily Readings:

James describes good religion as caring for orphans and widows. The Bible is filled with stories, examples, and directives related to widows. This week's readings focus on some of these passages. As you read each passage, ask the Holy Spirit to direct your thoughts, prayers, and actions toward the care of widows within your circle of influence.

- Day 1: Luke 7
- Day 2: Deuteronomy 14 & 15
- Day 3: 1 Kings 17 & 2 Kings 4
- Day 4: Ruth 1 & 2
- Day 5: Ruth 3 & 4
- Day 6: Mark 12
- Day 7: James 1

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Suggested Resources:

Books:

The Hole in Our Gospel, by Richard Stearn
Radical, by David Platt

Other sermon series at ssbc.org

Ruth: A Story of Generous Love (2016)
Glass Ceilings (May 27, 2018)

Let's Connect!

Sunday, May 9, 2021

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MEMBERS: Text CONNECT to 904-441-8650 to let us know you're with us today.

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