

IMMERSE

THE POINT

Luke 15:11-31

Pastor Scott

October 8, 2017

Gut check: What is the point of this thing called Christianity?

The Tale of the Two Sons

Two Adventures in Missing the Point:

1. The Younger Son Missed the Point by:

Using the Father as his _____ to get what he _____ now

2. The Elder Son Missed the Point by:

Remaining in the Father's House as an _____ to get a future _____

The Point in two Parts:

The Point is found in the healing _____ of the _____

The Point is found in helping the Father _____ others _____



LifeSpring
Covenant Church

GOING DEEPER WITH **JESUS** FOR THE SAKE OF **OTHERS**

WELCOME!

Whatever has brought you to our church this morning, we welcome you and pray you will feel the peace and grace of God through our worship and through our church family.

Today you'll experience 25 minutes of worship through song, scripture reading, and prayer. We'll have a quick 5 minute update on upcoming events, and we'll take an offering (but as a guest, please feel no pressure to give). A pastor will then share a 30-35 minute message from God's Word. Once a month we also celebrate the Lord's Supper.

GET CONNECTED

If you are looking to get plugged in here at LifeSpring, if you'd like to learn more about our church, or even if you're just passing through, we'd love to connect with you. Please take a moment to fill out a Connection Card, found in the pew backs in the sanctuary. Our Pastor of Connections, Elyse Thornburg (elyset@lifespringchurch.org), will be happy to get in touch with you and answer any questions you have about LifeSpring!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Early Childhood

Loving care is provided in the SE corner of our Connecting Center for children 0-5 years old. Feel free to drop your children off before service or anytime during service.

Children's Ministry

Parents, please check your kids in at the Family Check In Station in the Connecting Center before attending service with your children. Kids K-5th grade start out in service and are dismissed before the message to attend crew252 at 8:45 and/or Sunday School at 10:30.

Attending the 8:45 Adult Growth class? Connect with Melissa to arrange childcare for the whole class.

Student Ministries

1st service: Confirmation (gr. 6-8) in 208 and TACO (gr. 9-12) in 207

Wednesday: Fusion (gr. 6-8) and Pulse (gr. 9-12) combo night this week! It's Roller Skating Night. Eat early or bring money for dinner at the rink. RSVP to Pastor Tom by *today, 10/8*. Cost is \$5.

Check out the Student Ministries page (lifespringchurch.org/students) and follow us on Facebook.

ADULT GROWTH CLASS

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October 8th - December 3rd, in the Fireside room, 8:45 AM
Facilitator: Julie Slayback

During this congregation and denomination-wide Bible reading experience, the Adult Growth Class will take a break from being an instructive space and will instead be a place to process what you are reading in Immerse. Think of it as a book club! The Bible is living and active - you'll be encouraged to hear others' observations and insights as we read the whole New Testament together in 8 weeks! No sign up necessary. Please have Week 1 from the reading plan read before the first class next Sunday.

MISSION FOCUS

To celebrate and bless our missionaries serving around the world, would you prayerfully consider giving to our Mission Offering this year? This offering goes towards Christmas gifts for our missionaries and their families. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 by the end of October so the gifts will reach them by Christmas. You can give in the small envelopes found in the pew back designating it "Mission Offering" or you can donate online on the LifeSpring website. Thank you in advance for your heart for giving and blessing others who serve around the world.

GIVING

Sept Rec'd: \$57,176

Sept Budget: \$53,595

YTD Rec'd: \$525,434

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UPCOMING EVENTS

View our church calendar online at www.lifespringchurch.org

10/8-10/14 - Angel House

We are hosting Angel House this week- a program where local churches take turns hosting families in transition who are in need of shelter and a hot meal. Sign up to serve as an overnight host or as a dinner host. Contact Jan Minturn with questions or to sign up: janminturn@gmail.com.

10/14 - Young Adults & Young Families Fall Fest

All young adults and young families are invited to come for a fall fest at Mehaffey Park from 3-5 on Saturday, October 14. Bring your favorite fall snack to share and a pumpkin to carve if you want! We'll provide hot cider, mini pumpkins for kids to paint, and tools to carve. Join us for the party!

10/22 - Workshop: Building Better Boundaries... What's OK and What's Not?

LifeSpring AVA will be offering a free lunch workshop after 2nd service. It will be fun and interactive, focusing on how to love difficult people when nothing seems to work followed by a panel discussion. Sign up in the connecting center or online at <https://buildingbetterboundaries.eventbrite.com>

10/29 - Business Meeting & Bake Sale

Mark your calendar: On the 29th Women Ministries will be having their annual Bake/ Craft Sale between services and after 2nd service: Homemade with Love. Also after 2nd service, we'll be having our annual business meeting. Lunch will be served at noon, and the meeting will begin at 12:30. We're excited to look back at what God has done here in the last year, and look ahead to what He has in store!

12/9 - Christmas on the Corner

CotC will be here before we know it! Save the date and look at sign ups now in the Connecting Center.

LIFE TOGETHER

Time to Update the Directory Again!

Every fall we like to update our church directory to make sure we have the right names, addresses, numbers, and photos for everyone. Take a family selfie *right now* and send it in! We'd like to have a photo for *everyone* this year. Send photos and updates to office@lifespringchurch.org or 603-831-8145

Immerse: The Bible Reading Experience

Immerse is under way! We are thankful for everyone who is reading through the New Testament with us. There are still books available if you'd like to jump in! Pastor Elyse is happy to answer questions as we continue this 8 week journey together: elyset@lifespringchurch.org

Give to the Helping Hand fund

Our Helping Hand fund is used to support individuals from our congregation and community who are in need of a little extra assistance for counseling costs, electric bills, rent, etc... The fund is low right now, and we know as the holiday season comes more requests will be coming in for fund access. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please mark your giving envelope "Helping Hand" or give online.

It's **Pastor Appreciation** day. Join with us in thanking our pastors for their leadership and wisdom, and pray the Lord's blessing on them as they pour into our church and seek God's vision for LifeSpring!

Join us for pre-service prayer every Sunday, 8-8:30, in the Commons.

Weekly prayer guides are available at the Welcome Center. We also have a prayer group that receives email updates at least once a week. Email the church office if you would like to be added to the group.