

Church Requel Sermon Planning Sheet
August 7th - October 30th, 2016

- Aug. 7th** **p. 33 - “9 Principles Of Ministry”** from **Luke 10:1-16**. Jesus sends out 72 disciples to share the gospel of Christ. In preparation he gives them (and us) 9th principles for ministry: #1 The Principle of Partnership (v1); #2 The Principle of The Finish (v2); #3 The Principle of Weakness (v3); #4 The Principle of Focus (v4); #5 The Principle Of Trust (v5-7); #6 The Principle Of Diplomacy (v8); #7 The Principle of Show and Tell (v9); #8 - The Principle Of God’s Judgment (v10-15); #9 - The Principle Of Agency 9 (v16)
- Aug. 14th** **p. 34 - “Shaking The Champagne”** from **Luke 10:17-24**. Do we celebrate spiritual victories? We should! Jesus and his disciples did. What does spiritual celebration look like? #1 It’s a joyous togetherness not of solitude (v17). #2 The victory in battle gives us confidence for the war (v18-20). #3 It is a celebration of revelation (v21,23-24). #4 It is a celebration of God’s sovereignty (v. 22)
- Aug. 21st** **p. 35 - “A Neighbor’s Love”** from **Luke 10:25-38**. What does it mean to love our neighbor as ourselves? And who is our “neighbor” anyway? Jesus answers those questions in his famous Parable of the Good Samaritan. Our neighbor can be anyone we come across - even a stranger. So how do we love other people the way God intends? #1 Real love starts when sympathy moves to empathy (v 33). #2 Real love continues when I take action (v34-35a) #3 Real love flourishes when I follow up (v35b).
- Aug. 28th** **p. 36 - “One Needed Thing”** from **Luke 10:38-42**. At the home of Mary and Martha, Martha worked to get things done while Mary seated herself at Jesus feet to listen to His teaching. Martha angrily asks Jesus to make Mary help her. Jesus responds, “Few things are needed - or indeed only one.” Clearly the one thing needed is to sit at Jesus’ feet. So how do we balance between the understandable feeling of “get ‘er done” that Martha had and the “take advantage of Jesus’ Time” attitude of Mary?
- Sept. 4th** **p. 37 - “The Model Of Prayer”** from **Luke 11:1-4**. The disciples ask Jesus a question we also have: How should we pray? The exact words of Jesus’ model prayer is not as important as the principles behind them. #1 - I start with worship of God. #2 - I align what I want with what God wants. #3 - I count on God to provide for my daily needs. #4 - I ask forgiveness for my own sins. #5 - I forgive others their sins against me. #6 - I ask God for His strength for the challenges of my life.
- Sept. 11th** **p. 38 - “The Audacity Of Prayer”** from **Luke 11:5-10**. We may think of prayer as something we do at certain times, occasionally. Jesus had a very different idea in mind. Prayer is something we do continuously with great effort. Prayer is work. More specifically, prayer is AUDACIOUS work. #1- Prayer is asking. #2 - Prayer is seeking. #3 - Prayer is knowing each “no” is one step closer to “yes.”
- Sept. 18th** **p. 39 - “Two Gifts of Prayer”** from **Luke 11:11-13**. These three verses are easy to read and skip over their deep meaning. Within these verses we discover our two greatest gifts we receive when we pray. #1 - Relationship with the Perfect

Parent. We inherently know that good, earthly fathers want to give good gifts to their children. How much more does the Perfect Parent - God the Father - want to give us His good gift? #2 - Life support of God's Holy Spirit, giving us: [a] Comfort ([John 14:15-27](#)); [b] Counsel ([John 16:5-15](#)); [c] Compass ([Romans 8:1-17](#)); and [d] Confirmation ([Galatians 5:22-23](#)).

- Sept. 25th** **p. 40 - "The Binary Choice"** from [Luke 11:14-28](#). Jesus tells us that we only have two choices - to side with Jesus or to side against Jesus ([v. 23](#)). Even the side of Satan knows its side cannot be divided against itself ([v. 17-18](#)). Choosing no side (guard my own house) is a choice ultimately to lose ourselves - we just aren't nearly as strong as we think we are ([v. 21-22](#)). There is no limit to how badly we can lose ourselves ([v.24-26](#)). How do we make sure we remain on the right side, the side of Jesus? Hear God's Word and obey it. ([v. 27-28](#)).
- Oct. 2nd** **p. 40 - "Proof Positive"** from [Luke 11:29-32](#). We ask for proof of Jesus' existence, deity and purpose. Ultimately our binary choice to follow or not follow Jesus will be based on our faith. #1 - The sign of Jonah is the proclamation of God. ([11:30 and Jonah 3:4](#)) #2 - The sign of the Queen of the South is the seeking out of real answers to hard questions. ([11:31 and 1 Kings 10:1](#)) #3 The sign of Nineveh is the response of repentance. ([11:32 and John 3:6-10](#)) Our conclusion is that Christ never shies away from difficult questions of faith and is always willing to guide the true seeker to Himself.
- Oct. 9th** **VACATION - "To Be Determined"** from [Scripture To Be Determined](#). Todd Pierce will preach this Sunday.
- Oct. 16th** **VACATION - "To Be Determined"** from [Scripture To Be Determined](#). Todd Pierce will preach this Sunday.
- Oct. 23rd** **p. 41 - "Headlights For My Mind"** from [Luke 11:33-36](#). In July the IIHS determined that 2/3 of all 2016 cars' headlamps were rated marginal or worse. Christians also need the best light for their minds. #1 - Do light the light ([v. 33](#)). Keep the light of Jesus bright in my life. #2 - Do aim the light right ([v. 34](#)). What I focus my attention on matters. #3 - Don't be a dim bulb ([v. 35](#)). Keep the light of Christ bright by changing up what I do and how I do it. #4 - Don't shine a black light ([v. 36](#)). The quality of light in my life matters.
- Oct. 30th** **p. 42 - "What Really Ticks Jesus Off"** from [Luke 11:37-53](#). The back half of Luke chapter 11 make it known as the "Woes" chapter of the Bible. It's easy for us to blame the Pharisee without owning the woes ourselves. The truth is that Jesus may say many of the same things about us. What really ticks Jesus off? #1 - When we fake generosity on the outside while really being greedy on the inside. ([v.39-40](#)) #2 - When we follow the letter of the law without the spirit of the law. ([v.42](#)) #3 - When we are more concerned about what people say about us than what God says about us. ([v. 43-44](#)) #4 - When we expect other people to do what we refuse to do ourselves. ([v. 46](#)) #5 - When we refuse to hear God's messengers and persecute and kill them in return. ([v.47-51](#)) (What words do we use about them when they are not around? Do we kill their reputations?) #6 - When we stand in between God's Word and the people who want to understand it. ([v.52](#)) ***[I am thinking this could become a two-part sermon.]***