

Water's Edge House Church
March 22, 2020

Call to Worship:

Make the sign of the cross and as a group say:

We begin worship in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Then give each other a rock fist and say, "Jesus is the rock!"

Opening Psalm

Someone read Psalm 23 out loud from a Bible.

Singing

Visit our [YouTube playlist](#) for some songs to sing together.

Confession

Someone read the following:

In the Ten Commandments God outlined how He designed humans to live in relationship to Himself and to one another. These weren't rules to weigh us down. Rather, they are a gift that show us how to live a flourishing life with God and one another. We are going to look the first instruction.

Someone read the following out loud:

The First Commandment says, "You shall have no other gods." This means we should respect, love, and trust in God above all things.

Someone read the following:

What does it mean to have a god? It means to trust in or rely on something or someone to help us in times of need and to give us all good things.

As a group discuss some things that act like a god in your life... money, success, health, security.

Someone read the following:

We all have things in our lives that we respect, trust and love more than God. A lot of the time we take good things that are a blessing from God and make them more important than God. God, God, You know the things we respect, trust and love more than You. Please forgive us for not respecting, loving, and trusting You above everything else. We ask this in Jesus name.

Forgiveness

Someone read the following:

The good news is that Jesus lived a perfect life for you and for me. Every time we don't respect, love or trust God we can remember that we are forgiven because Jesus loved and trusted God perfectly for us. The author of Hebrews says,

"Now that we know what we have—Jesus, this great High Priest with ready access to God—let's not let it slip through our fingers. We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin. So let's walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help (Hebrews 4:14-16, The Message)."

Thank you, Jesus for being perfect for us. Help us to respect, love and trust God in all that we do.

Then go around and tell each other: *You are forgiven and loved by Jesus!*

Giving

God is so generous! God has given us everything that we have. Our health, our friends and family, our jobs and the resources to take care of those who are in need. Take a moment to thank God for all that you have. (Ask each person to share one thing they are thankful for).

God doesn't want just 10% of what we have. He wants all of it! He says, "Watch me take care of you in amazing ways as you live lives of generosity!" As a group take a moment to pray for generosity and provision at Water's Edge in this season.

Then take a moment to give online at:

<https://watersedgefrisco.com/giving/>

Teaching Time

Watch this week's teaching then discuss the following questions as a group.

This Week's Text:

Luke 12:13–21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Discussion Questions:

- What part of your routine do you miss the most and why?
- How do we see Jesus disrupt the rich man's illusion of control?
- Where are you struggling the most with your loss of control?
- Where do you see God moving in this time of uncertainty?

Prayer

After the teaching and discussion conclude your time together in prayer. Take a moment to be still before God and listen to see if he puts anything on your heart. If he does share it with your group. Then spend some time praying for the following:

- Pray over the fears you discussed from the teaching time
- Eradication of COVID-19 and healing for those who are sick
- Followers of Jesus to be a presence of peace and love in our city
- Financial provision for our church and community
- Any needs in your household and community

Sending

When you are done praying say the following together:

May our worship continue as we are sent into the world as witness of our risen Savior!