

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Matthew 19:16-30

¹⁶Then someone came to him and said, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" ¹⁷And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." 18He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. ¹⁹Honor your father and mother. Also, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." ²⁰The young man said to him, "I have kept all these; what do I still lack?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁵When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁶But Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible." ²⁷Then Peter said in reply, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" 28 Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁸And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my name's sake will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

SERMON NOTES

Gotta Serve Somebody
Third in the Series, "Lies of Little Gods"

An overachiever's problem

The king of little gods

Loosening your grip

The grace and power of God

-WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. LUKE'S———

April Collection

It's time for school supplies for Small Steps, our Community Partner, that provides "an exemplary early childhood program for economically at-risk children and their families." Drop off supplies in the donations bin or order online. StLukesMethodist.org/schoolsupplies

Navigating Modern Parenting Pitfalls with Confidence, Part 2 Today at 4 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Ready to next-level your parenting effectiveness? The Parenting Center is excited to welcome Dr. Kim Swales as she returns with specific and effective steps for tackling challenges all families face. Register: StLukesMethodist.org/ModernParenting2

Astros Watch Party

Today at 12 p.m. | branches building

Come watch the game on the really big screen and meet Orbit! brancheshtx.org/orbit

Field Notes for the Wilderness: Practices for an Evolving Faith by Sarah Bessey Starting Today through June 30 | 4–5:30 p.m. | Chapel

This book guides us through the principles of practicing wonder and curiosity as spiritual disciplines, making space for lament and righteous rage, finding good spiritual teachers and discovering what we are for in this life, and moving in that direction.

Prayer School with pastor and author Brian Zahnd April 27 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | branches Building

Prayer School will help you gain a fresh perspective on the purpose of prayer and will provide you with a sustainable framework for personal prayer using Pastor Brian's Liturgy for Morning Prayer. Register: brancheshtx.org/prayer

Pure Sound youth choir presents The Drowsy Chaperone

May 2-4 | 7:30 p.m. | May 5 | 2:30 p.m. | Rotunda

The Drowsy Chaperone is a loving send-up of the Golden Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another. StLukesMethodist.org/DrowsyChaperone

Women's Spring Dinner

Friday, May 3 | 6 p.m. | Hines Baker Room

How is 2024 going? Is it time for a mid-year check-in? Let's connect...share our stories, and learn from each other. \$25. StLukesMethodist.org/womensspringevents

Women's Spring Creative Workshop

Saturday, May 4 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m. | 3rd Floor Johnson Building

Join us for not one, but two painting workshops! One will include a mindfulness process, and then we will create watercolor florals. It will be a fun morning with breakfast, snacks and great company! Workshop \$30. StLukesMethodist.org/womensspringevents

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