

# THEREFORE: THE ONE ANOTHERS

Romans 12.1-21 // December 17, 2023

## THEREFORE: A RIGHT RESPONSE

We've looked so much at our adoption and the reality of us being grafted into the True Israel, Jesus Christ. We've seen that Christ came to usher in a new Kingdom, one that is reigning now, but one that we are still eagerly waiting for its *full* envelopment of creation.

Over the course of **Romans 1-11**, Paul builds the momentum until he finally reaches a state of ecstasy as he considers the very things he is writing, when he exclaims his own response to this in **Romans 11.33-36**. **But then he moves into what he considers to be our reasonable service; our right response in worship.**

Romans 12.1-21 // Ephesians 4.1-7, 25, 29-5.2

1 Thessalonians 5.11 // James 5.16 // Colossians 3.16, 17

1 Peter 4.8-11 // 1 John 4.7, 11, 12 // Ephesians 5.18-21

Hebrews 3.13 // Romans 15.5-7 // Galatians 5.13-15, 6.1, 2

## P.R.A.Y. TOGETHER

### **Tim Keller:**

C.S. Lewis says, "it takes a community of people to get to know an individual person." Reflecting on his own friendships, Lewis observed that some aspects of one of his friend's personality were brought out only through interaction with a second friend. That meant if he lost the second friend, he lost the part of his first friend that was otherwise invisible. "By myself I am not large enough to call the whole man into activity; I want other lights than my own to show all his facets." If it takes a community to know an ordinary human being, how much more necessary would it be to get to know Jesus alongside others? By praying with friends, you will be able to hear and see facts of Jesus that you have not yet perceived.

- **Preach the Gospel to Yourself:** We already began our morning praising God and having the Gospel preached to us through the songs we sang and the Word preached, but this posture of praise is what leads us into the next movement towards confession and repentance.
- **Repent and Confess:** James 5.16 specifically tells us to repent to one another. When we get our sin into the light and have others in our corner, we walk in freedom.
- **Ask:** We want to specifically ask the Lord for equipping power as His church, as His people. We are asking for strength and for a filling of the Holy Spirit to empower us to be salt and light in the life that He has given us.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving:** We'll yield today by taking communion together, and then giving Him thanks and praise as we close our worship service as a church family singing His praises.

## NOTES:

### Announcements:

**Christmas Eve Service:** Will be at 4pm on Sunday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>. KOM practice will be TODAY, after service.

**New Years Nerf War!** The Wargos will be hosting a Nerf War on January 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm. They will have plenty of darts and guns, but feel free to bring your own nerf gun if you'd like. They will also have tacos and drinks in dart-free zones. Details and RSVP:



<http://evite.me/n1H8MPQxpg>

### This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

**Psalm 99: 1-5**

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**Romans 8:13**

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

**Our Community Groups will be on break  
over Christmas and New Years  
until the week of January 21<sup>st</sup>.**

During Christmas, spend some time as a family reading through the story of Jesus' birth in **Luke Chapters 1 and 2**. Additionally, enjoy a bit of fun trivia.

**See how many you get right!  
The answers can be found by scanning the QR code!**



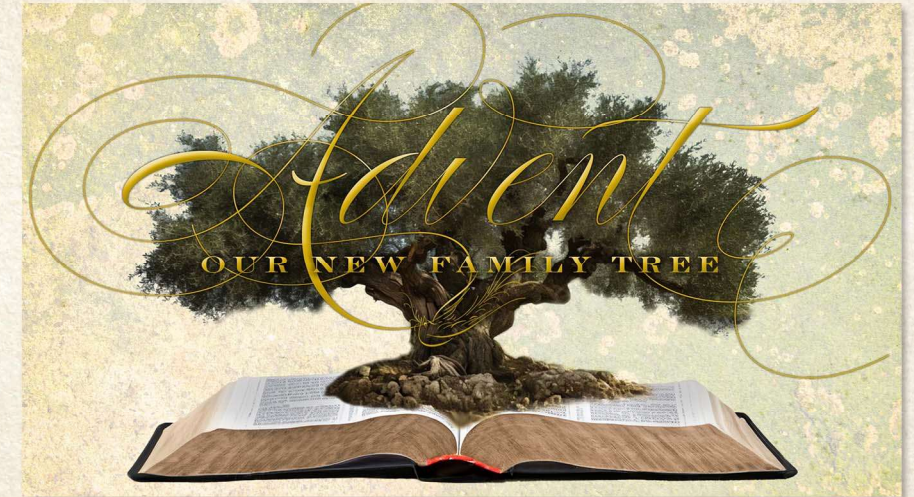
- The bible tells us that Jesus' birthday is December 25th.**  
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- The bible says Mary rode to Bethlehem on a donkey.**  
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- The bible predicts Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.**  
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- The wise men came to bring Jesus gifts at His birth.**  
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- How many wise men were there?** \_\_\_\_\_
- The bible says Jesus was born in a stable.**  
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- What did the innkeeper say to Mary and Joseph?** \_\_\_\_\_
- The wise men found Jesus in a**  
a) manger b) house c) cave d) Nativity Scene
- Herod had all boys under age 2 killed to "take care of" this "King of the Jews."**  
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- Santa Claus was a Christian.**  
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- Giving gifts is a tradition because of**  
a) magi giving gifts b) St. Nick c) capitalism
- "Xmas" is an anti-Jesus attempt to take "Christ" out of "Christmas."**  
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE



# LIFE MISSION

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**MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.**



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### SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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