

IN TODAY'S SERVICE

If you're a visitor, we want you to feel welcome and know that you can come as you are to grow in Christ. Here are some of the elements of today's Elevation service. Please take a moment to read about each one.

PRAYER

After the message, there will be prayer counselors in the back "Prayer Booth" to pray for you. The world is not a perfect place, and we all have struggles. Make your requests known, and let someone pray with you this morning.

COMMUNION

We'll be offering communion this morning at the stations during response time. We want you to take communion looking to the hope we have in God's comfort as a result of our salvation through Jesus Christ. Remember His death through the bread and the cup.

GIVING

Each week we will pass an offering bag to every seat. We also have buckets at the stations if you would like give during the response time. Please take time after the teaching to prayerfully bring your gift in worship to God.

FAMILY BUSINESS

- **Young Adults** meet every Sunday night in the WC lobby @ 7 pm
- **Elevation Hosts** are still greatly needed, talk to a Host to see how you can get involved.
- **College Table** Today in Fireside @ 12:30 - \$5
- **Men's Retreat** information available today on the patio.

Elevation

Lifting Sacred Worship to the Risen Savior
10:45 am ~ Calvary Church
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Bridge Building Stories
ELEVATION

Our Mission: Real Christianity

Luke 18:18-27

Pastor Josh Matlock
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I. We need to know to whom we come for salvation (vv. 18-19)

Jesus is good

Jesus is God

II. We must know what is required for salvation (vv. 20-23)

A. The two prongs of faith in Jesus - a forsaking and a following Ephesians 5:31-32

B. We are called to make disciples - Matthew 28:18-20

C. The cost is great - Luke 14:25-33

III. We should understand God's role in salvation (vv. 24-27)

The Fruit of a True Disciple

by George Barna, *Growing True Disciples*, 2001

1. Are you certain that your eternal salvation has been determined by your confession of sins and your acceptance of Christ's gift of forgiveness?
2. Do you consistently obey Jesus' teachings?
3. Do you always love other people in practical ways, especially fellow followers of Christ?
4. Have you put the attractions and distractions of this world in their proper place and focused on knowing, loving, and serving God?
5. Do you carry the burdens of following Jesus with joy?
6. Do you live in such a way as to show others what the Christian life looks like?
7. Do you relate to other Christians consistently, in a spiritual setting and for spiritual purposes?
8. Are you sharing your faith in Christ with those who have not embraced Him as their Savior?
9. Are you helping other believers to grow spiritually?
10. Do you consistently seek guidance from God in all you do?

In Response....

1. As a disciple, what is God either calling you to give up or calling you to do at this point in your journey?
2. Consider fasting for one month from one thing that you enjoy (e.g. fast food, internet, soft drinks, t.v.) in order to pray more earnestly for God's grace to respond to what He is calling you above.

This Week's Memory Verse

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

In preparation for next week's teaching read Mark 10:35-45.

Our Series: Encounter

The encounters Jesus had in Israel 2000 years ago act as vivid and tangible examples for us on how to build bridges to engage our local community.

In 2007, our goal is to learn to be a light and a blessing – in ways that will challenge and change us, both as individuals and as a church. We want to embrace those who are already serving in Orange County, and we also want to ignite a desire in others to begin reaching out and provide them with clear paths towards the bridges that are already in place. Through this series, God is calling Calvary to look outward and reach our community with the love and grace of Jesus Christ.