

The Year(s) Of Following Jesus

#154 Dealing With As-Is People

December 9, 2024

Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today

December 14 & 15, 2024

It's Christmas

Welcome

O Come, O Come

Light of the World

Lord's Supper Thought

Gratitude

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

#154 - Dealing with As-Is People - Pastor Ed



Good Stuff To Know

Riverside Services Online- If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering- We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to www.EagleRiverside.com, click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

FAQs - Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.



First Time Visitors

The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place. You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Ask if you need gluten free. Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.

www.EagleRiverside.com

This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- Ignite/Rev - Christmas Party
- Bible Study Wednesday
- Thrive Thursday - Christmas Party
- Service project - Angel Tree due

Need To Talk?...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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Website: www.EagleRiverside.com

Facebook: EagleRiverside

Riverside Happenings

Service Project- The angel tree is ready with tags- please return unwrapped items by December 15 so we can deliver before Christmas. Gift receipts with wearable items are appreciated. See Janet for details.

Christmas Eve Services -Will be held at 2 pm, 3:15, 4:30, and 5:45 on the 24th.

Bible Study - Meeting Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, led by Jake Belford. This is an opportunity to fill up your tank mid-week with Jesus! All are welcome; no experience is required.

Community Group - Alive is expanding to include our entire church family! We aim to encourage fellowship among believers, teach each other new skills, and enjoy life together! Contact Cassie, and text 'alive' to 907-312-2662 for updates.

Ladies Craft Day - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, January 11th, 10 am-4 pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

Riverside Potluck - January 12th after the 2nd service. See Lenea.

Baptism - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism



Write to our missionaries- Contact Hank at 713 548 7446.

Riverside App - Did you know Riverside has its own app? Download here.



Time To Winterize - The sn*w is coming. If you've never winterized your home before there are tips you can find on the Riverside website or FB page.

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, December 16th, 6:00 - 7:30

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional. For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help? See Cassie.



Thursday, December 19th, 6:00 - 8:00

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional. Questions? Like to help? See Aniela.



To get updates, text the following to **907.312.2662**:

"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

Following
The Year(s) Of ^Jesus #154
Jesus On Dealing With "As-Is" People

CLEARANCE
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AS-IS ITEMS

Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

—Luke 14:12-14 (NIV)

WANT TO KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS?

FEED THE HUNGRY, CLOTHE THE NAKED, FORGIVE THE GUILTY, WELCOME THE STRANGER AND THE UNWANTED CHILD, CARE FOR THE ILL, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES.

How To Deal With “As-Is” People:

1. Offer Them Grace.

- *I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.*

—John 13:34-35 (NLT)

- *Accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.*

—Romans 15:7 (NLT)

- *Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.*

—Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

PEOPLE ARE OFTEN UNREASONABLE AND SELF-CENTERED
FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY

IF YOU ARE KIND PEOPLE MAY ACCUSE YOU OF ULTERIOR MOTIVES
BE KIND ANYWAY

IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL YOU WILL WIN SOME FALSE FRIENDS AND SOME TRUE ENEMIES
SUCCEED ANYWAY

IF YOU ARE HONEST PEOPLE MAY CHEAT YOU
BE HONEST ANYWAY

WHAT YOU SPEND YEARS BUILDING SOMEONE COULD DESTROY OVERNIGHT
BUILD ANYWAY

IF YOU FIND SERENITY AND HAPPINESS THEY MAY BE JEALOUS
BE HAPPY ANYWAY

THE GOOD YOU DO TODAY PEOPLE WILL OFTEN FORGET TOMORROW
DO GOOD ANYWAY

GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU HAVE AND IT MAY NEVER BE ENOUGH
GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY

**YOU SEE, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS IT IS
BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR GOD
IT WAS NEVER BETWEEN YOU AND THEM ANYWAY**

~ Found written on the wall of Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta ~

(I made this picture so huge so you could read the paradoxical commands for yourself- I know it's huge... sorry about that)

2. Offer Them Truth.

- *You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*

—John 8:32 (NIV)

**POV: You're reading
Proverbs and notice you
have a lot in common
with this "fool" that
keeps getting
mentioned. 😭💔**



- *“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”*

—John 8:9-11 (NIV)

- *So whatever you say or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law that sets you free. There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have*

been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you.

—James 2:12-13 (NLT)

- *Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

—Romans 7:24-25 (NLT)

- *The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth... For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

—John 1:14-16 (NIV)

3. Offer Them Time.

- *So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold— though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.*

—1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT)

- *Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for Him to act.*

—Psalm 37:7 (NLT)

Follow Through Step:

Pray for the “as-is” people in your life and while you wait patiently for God to change them don’t forget that you are also an “as-is” person who Jesus is also working on.