

The Year Of Following Jesus

#87 The Unforgivable Sin

August 21, 2023

Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today

August 19 & 20, 2023

Lay Me Down

Welcome

See a Victory

Holy Forever

Lord's Supper Thought

Waymaker

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus #86

The Two Dead Beats — 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 (and don't forget to social distance). 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). 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)

- Thrive Goes to the Fair Monday @3
- Service Project - fair funds for Thrive

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

Riverside Service Project - Every year, we take our high schoolers to the State Fair. If you'd like to contribute fair tickets and/or ride or spending money, please see Ed or Aniela.

Riverside Potluck - Next potluck September 10th after the 2nd service. Bring a dish to share.

Save the Date - Saturday, September 9th at 2pm we'll host a welcome event at the church for Cassie and Josh and their new baby, Seth. Finger foods are welcome. Questions? See Becky.

Warriors in Christ - Meeting September 18th. See Nate for details.

Ladies Craft Day - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, September 9th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

Men's Prayer Group - Currently discussing "Praying in God's Word." Contact Hank at 713 548 7446.

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



Write to our missionaries - See the bulletin board for more info.

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, August 28th, 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.



THRIVE

Thursday, August 31st, 6:00 - 8:00

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

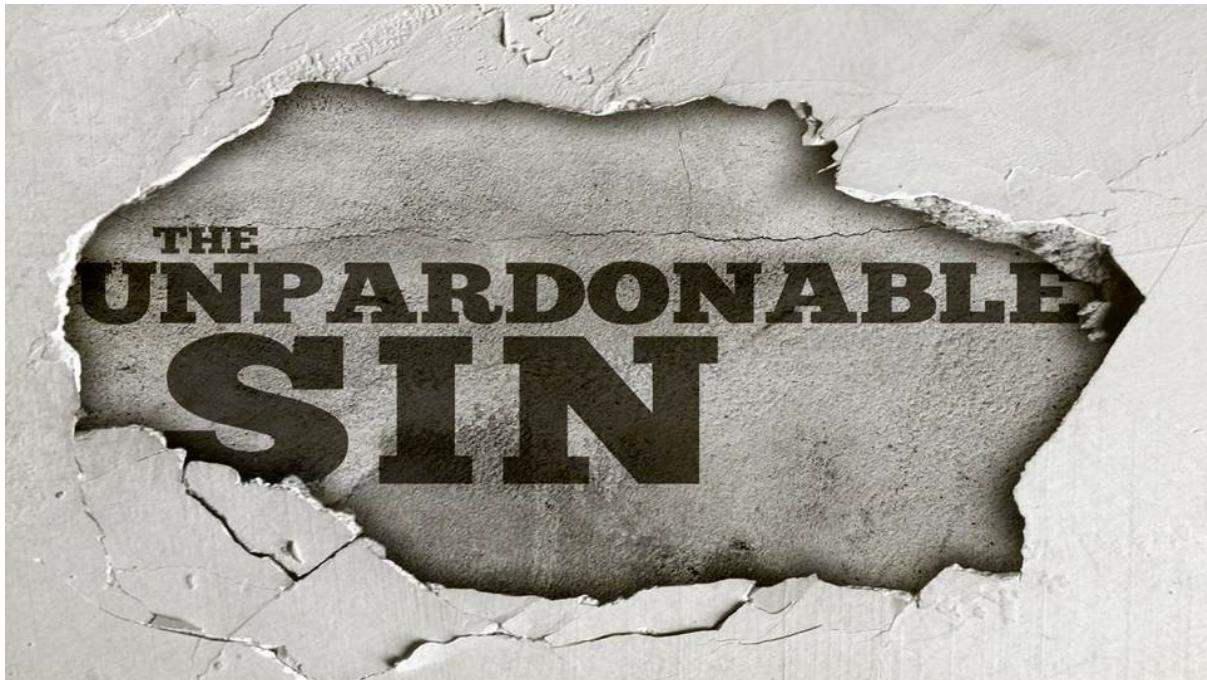
To get updates, text the following to 907.312.2662:
"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

Following
The Year(s) Of Jesus #87
What's The Deal With
The "Unforgivable Sin"?



Then a demon-possessed man, who was blind and couldn't speak, was brought to Jesus. He healed the man so that he could both speak and see. The crowd was amazed and asked, "Could it be that Jesus is the Son of David, the Messiah?" But when the Pharisees heard about the miracle, they said, "No wonder he can cast out demons. He gets his power from Satan, the prince of demons

—Matthew 12:22-24 (NLT)

Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand?

—Matthew 12:25-26 (NIV)

What's This Story About?

1. The Problem Of Forgiveness.

- *So I tell you, people can be forgiven for every sin they do. And people can be forgiven for every bad thing they say. But if anyone speaks against the Holy Spirit, then he will not be forgiven.*

—Matthew 12:31 (ICB)

- *Anyone who speaks against the Son of Man can be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, either in this world or in the world to come.*

—Matthew 12:32 (NLT)

- *Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.*

—Genesis 1:3 (NLT)

- *For all creation is waiting patiently... For on that day thorns and thistles, sin, death, and decay—the things that overcame the world against its will... will all disappear, and the world around us will share in the glorious freedom from sin which God’s children enjoy. For we know that even the things of nature, like animals and plants, suffer in sickness and death as they await this great event.*

—Romans 8:19-22 (TLB)

- *When the other disciples saw what was about to happen, they exclaimed, “Lord, should we fight? We brought the swords!” And one of them struck at the high priest’s slave, slashing off his right ear. But Jesus said, “No more of this.” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.*

—Luke 22:49-51 (NLT)

- *Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.”*

—Luke 23:34 (NLT)

2. The Power Of Repentance.

- *So I tell you, people can be forgiven for every sin they do. And people can be forgiven for every bad thing they say. But if anyone speaks against the Holy Spirit, then he will not be forgiven.*

—Matthew 12:31 (ICB)

- *And when he has come he will convince the world of its sin, and of the availability of God's goodness, and of deliverance from judgment... When the Holy Spirit, who is truth, comes, he shall guide you into all truth.*

—John 16:8-13 (TLB)

- *You will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God.*

—Luke 13:3 (NLT)

- *Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.*

—1 Timothy 1:15 (NIV)

- *"In prayer there is a connection between what God does and what you do. You can't get forgiveness from God, for instance, without also forgiving others. If you refuse to do your part, you cut yourself off from God's part.*

—Matthew 6:14 (MES)

- *Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.*

—Revelation 3:20 (NLT)

Follow Through Step:

Open the door to Jesus and allow His forgiveness to begin flowing into your life again. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your life, then forgive so you can be forgiven.