

Redeemer

BAPTIST CHURCH

May 11, 2025

Welcome and Prayer

Song

Build Your Kingdom Here

Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 24

Offertory Song

God the Uncreated One

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 5

Children's Message

Song

O Worship the King

Sermon

Pastor Logan Mauldin

"Secrets in Plain Sight"

Matthew 13:10-17

Song

Let Your Kingdom Come

Benediction

Like the songs we sing but need to practice?

<https://bit.ly/RedeemerWorshipMusic>



Sunday School 9:30am

Sunday Morning Service 10:45am

Wednesday Night Dinner and Prayer Service 6:00pm

Upcoming Events

Happy Mother's Day! – Today we celebrate all the moms and mother figures who have loved, supported, and cared for us. Whether you're a mom, grandma, aunt, or someone who has stepped into that role, we're so grateful for you. Thank you for all you do! May you feel loved and appreciated today!

Ladies Night – Tuesday, May 20th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Breaking Bread Groups – Church doesn't stop when we walk out these doors, it is just beginning. Do life together with other believers in a Breaking Bread Group this week. You can find the map and information sheet on the back table.

Wednesday Night Dinner - Please join us on Wednesday evening for dinner starting at 6pm. At 6:30pm we have a children's class and some break off for a time of prayer. We always need volunteers to help with serving in the kitchen as well as for crowd control and cleanup. Please come and support this ministry that Jesus has given us.

Operation Christmas Child - We are still collecting donations of sewing kits for the shoe boxes. Please see Kelly Deitrick for more information.



If you are a visitor, want to get plugged into a community group, are interested in membership, or maybe just need prayer or assistance, please scan the code and fill out a Connect Card so we know how to help.

<http://bit.ly/RedeemerRomeoConnect>

Discussion Questions

I. The Problem of Parables – Why Jesus Spoke in Stories

Why do you think Jesus chose to teach in parables, even when it confused people? What does that say about the kind of learners He's looking for?

Jesus said some people "have ears but do not hear." What does spiritual deafness or blindness look like in our culture today? How might we unknowingly fall into it ourselves?

II. The Gift of Perception – Blessed Are Your Eyes and Ears

How has familiarity with the Bible or church life ever made it harder for you to really "see" or "hear" God? What helps break through that over-familiarity?

In what ways is the Kingdom of Heaven more than just a place we go when we die? How does seeing it as the "Kingdom of the Skies" change how we live here and now?

III. The Invitation of the Kingdom – Secrets in Plain Sight

What does it mean in your life right now to "seek first the Kingdom"? Where are you tempted to seek other things first?

Jesus says the parables reveal truth to those who are truly listening. What spiritual practices help you slow down and actually listen to God?

What one thing might need to change in your life to reflect that you're living for the Kingdom of the Skies today? How can the group help you walk that out this week?

Family Discussion

1. What does it feel like to be blindfolded while you try to find something? (Try it! Was it easy or hard?)
2. Why do you think Jesus said the Kingdom of the Skies is like hidden treasure? (Not something you can always see with your eyes?)
3. Have you ever found something you didn't notice before, like a toy, a coin, or even something in a Bible story?
4. What kind of treasure do you think God wants us to look for this week? (Can we help each other look for it as a family?)

Pray for Missions – Ecuador

Largest Religion – Christianity, 94.5% **Population** – 18.3 million

Percent Evangelical – 8.5% **Area** – 109,483 square miles

The native Quechua people make up about 86% of Ecuador's population, and the gospel impact on them is a modern miracle. In 1967, only 120 people out of 3 million followed Christ. Today some Quechua areas are over 50% evangelical! Pray for Avant Ministries that has worked among them for over 100 years. Over 240,000 people go to churches planted through Avant. False teachings seemingly prosper as marginal sects and Catholic syncretism rapidly spread, usually at the expense of traditional Catholics or evangelicals. Pray for the error of these groups to be made known; pray for ministers and laity to be equipped to address them with truth and love.

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