



SOUTHBRIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Call Pt. V
Sunday, December 30, 2007
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Matthew 6: 10 (TNIV)

... *Your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

Luke 4:18-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Mark 10:17, 19-23

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 19 You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" 20 "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." 21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." 22 At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. 23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

2008: Living The Call

1. Believe that Jesus _____ what he _____.

John 14:6 *I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

John 10:37 *Do not believe me unless I do the works of my Father.*

“The matter is quite simple. The Bible is very easy to understand. But we Christians are a bunch of scheming swindlers. We pretend to be unable to understand it because we know very well that the minute we understand, we are obligated to act accordingly. Dreadful it is to fall into the hands of the living God. Yes, it is even dreadful to be alone with the New Testament.”

Soren Kierkegaard

2. In order to _____ the needs of the poor, we must _____ the poor.

Romans 10:14-15 *How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?*

“We are called not to be successful but to be faithful. We can do no great things, just small things with great love.”

Mother Teresa

3. Any _____ must go.

Matthew 6:33 *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

Matthew 16:24, 26

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 26 What good will it be for you to gain the whole world, yet forfeit your soul? Or what can you give in exchange for your soul?

****Elephant in the Corner: God is asking for our _____ and _____.**

Matthew 7:22-23 *Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'*

Matthew 18: 2-4 *He called a little child, whom he placed among them. 3 And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever takes a humble place—becoming like this child—is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

Community Action Steps

1. How can we meet the needs of others?
2. Is there ‘excess’ in our lives that we can do without?
3. How can we encourage each other to *Answer the Call*?
4. What has God been speaking to us this past year?