Sermon Notes

October 18 Luke 5:12-16
Like Jesus: Learning to pray

✞ A shift in focus

✞ A foretaste of heaven

✞ Enrolling in the school of Jesus

Points to Ponder to Prepare

October 25 Matthew 26:47-56
Like Jesus: Turning the other cheek

Meekness is an old-fashioned word that is no longer even considered a virtue in our society. This week we learn from Jesus' words that "Blessed are the meek" and we see it in his example.

Meekness means having it within you power to make yourself seem big and make others seem small and then choosing not to use it. Meekness means neither abasing yourself nor seeking grandeur, instead just being yourself and contenting yourself with your place in the world.

Tragically, our world is filled with people who seek to puff themselves up by putting others down. When we are on the wrong side of this, it is very hard to turn the other cheek. But this week we consider the example of Jesus and how he handled opposition and even violence.

Below are some passages to consider:

- ✞ Isaiah 53:1-12
- ✞ Matthew 5:3-12
- ✞ Matthew 5:38-48
- ✞ Matthew 26:47-58

How can we live this out in our lives?

Scripture readings for the week

Sunday October 18	I Chron 21-22
Monday October 19	I Chron 23
Tuesday October 20	I Chron 24
Wed October 21	I Chron 25
Thursday October 22	I Chron 26
Friday October 23	I Chron 27
Saturday October 24	I Chron 28-29
Sunday October 25	II Chron 1-2

Prayer Focus

Take some time this week to pray for our boys' and girls' clubs, Cadets and GEMS.

- ✞ Pray for our leaders and volunteers, thanking God for their love and service to the children of our church and community.
- ✞ Pray that families both in our church and the broader community experience God's grace and love through the difference these programs make in the lives of children.
- ✞ Pray for the right balance of fun, learning, skills, friendships and spiritual impact.