

# Community Groups

Join us immediately following the service today if you are interested in learning about joining a group this fall.

## Exploring Church Membership

Our fall session kicks off on Sunday, September 18. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at [harvestcharlotte.com/ecm](http://harvestcharlotte.com/ecm) or at the welcome desk.

## Financial Peace University

The money we have has been entrusted to us by God to manage it well and use it to honor Him -- not just in giving, but also in spending, saving and investing. Author and financial expert Dave Ramsey provides Biblical, thought-provoking, humor-laden and action-inducing messages to help us advance on the journey to financial peace. Harvest is offering the 9-week course on Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8 pm, starting Sept. 15. All classes will be held in the Harvest Cafe.

The first class on Thursday, Sept. 15 is free, so please come and check it out. A limited number of child care spots will be available. Please sign up at [harvestcharlotte.com/special-interest](http://harvestcharlotte.com/special-interest) to sign up for the course and contact Katie to reserve childcare if needed.



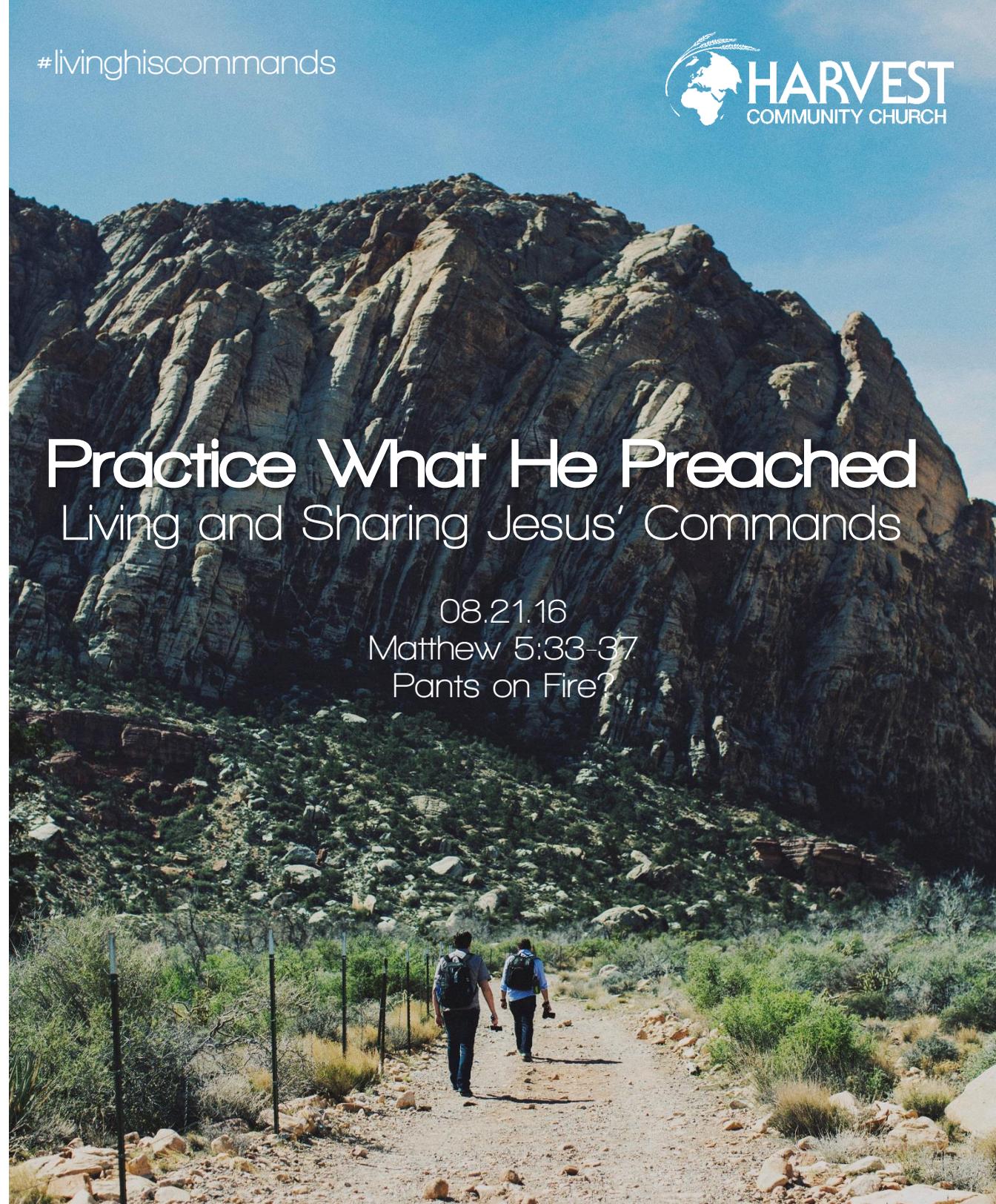
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# Practice What He Preached

## Living and Sharing Jesus' Commands

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Matthew 5:33-37  
Pants on Fire?



# WELCOME!

## Our vision

Is to develop people into followers of Jesus Christ with a passion to worship God well and communicate his love to others.

## If you are our guest today

Please complete the guest card located in the chair pocket in front of you. After the service, everyone is invited to join us for coffee and connection time in the back of the Worship Center. Guests, we would love to meet you and introduce ourselves.

## Churchwide Prayer

Sundays from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Each week an important part of our church life is gathering as a family to pray. Please join us next Sunday as we seek God together.

## Baptism sign-up deadline 9/4

If you are interested in being part of the next baptism at Harvest, please complete a registration form (available at the welcome desk) and return it by September 4. Please complete the form and return it to a staff member.

## Stewardship

General Fund w/e 8/14 = \$9,696.31  
Giving to Missions = \$1,696.85

## Our six pillars

- Giving worship to God, not entertainment
- Basing everything on the Bible
- Disciple-making
- Prayer as our first option rather than last
- Being grace-oriented, not legalistic
- Community (developing Biblical relationships)

## Groups

Want to learn more about our men's, women's, community or special interest groups? Stop by the welcome desk to talk with someone about your specific interests. We would love to help you get plugged in. You can also view all of our group information at [harvestcharlotte.com](http://harvestcharlotte.com). Click on Groups.

## Harvest Kids classes

Nursery, toddler and preschool classes are available during the worship service. Elementary students join their families for the first half of the service, and then are dismissed to their classes. We are working through "A Sure Foundation" curriculum with the babies and toddlers and "The Gospel Project for Kids" curriculum with the preschool and elementary age kids.

# CHURCH LIFE:

## Harvest Kids

invites you – our church family – to join us Sunday, September 11 for a picnic and ice cream social following the church service. Please bring your own picnic lunch and come ready to enjoy a fun ice cream social, ice cream eating contest, face painting and other fun activities.

## HARVEST STUDENTS (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Our first youth group meeting of the fall will be held Sunday, August 28 from 6 – 8 p.m. in Room 105.

Please use the entrance near the playground.

## Harvest Men

Join us Wednesday, September 7 at 7 p.m. as we continue our study in Jonah.

## Community Groups

If you are interested in joining a community group, attend an investigative meeting immediately following the service. Pastor Jerry will provide an update about our groups that will begin this fall.

## Harvest Ladies

A Bible study for women called Sharing Hearts will begin Monday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Maribell Chittenden's house, 10218 Rocky Ford Club Rd., Charlotte. This group focuses on studying and learning from women of the Bible. Any questions, please contact Maribell at (704) 992-1440 or [mwc@carolina.rr.com](mailto:mwc@carolina.rr.com).

The Shepherding Ministry, a ministry that keeps women connected and prayed for, is in need of 3-4 ladies willing to be Shepherds. Please email Jeanni Bennett at [jeannib@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeannib@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested.

Our last *Broken Together* meeting will be August 23 at 7 p.m. at Paula Grande's house: 10048 Paisley Dr. 28269 (Highland Creek).

## Joy Paulsen – E. Asia

If you can assist Joy while she is in the US (9/13-29) in any of the following ways, (transportation, lodging, storing bags to return to E. Asia, use of a car) please contact Barb Seidel at (704) 502-7200 or [seidelblg@gmail.com](mailto:seidelblg@gmail.com).

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## Foundation:

Isaiah 45:18-19 \_\_\_\_\_

John 14:6 \_\_\_\_\_

John 16:13 \_\_\_\_\_

John 17:17 \_\_\_\_\_

## Two ways to honor God in how we communicate:

1. By ensuring that our communication does not \_\_\_\_\_ (34-36)
  - a. Outright \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Telling \_\_\_\_\_ of the truth
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_

2. By simply \_\_\_\_\_ (37a)

## Principle:

\_\_\_\_\_ what you mean; \_\_\_\_\_ what you say; \_\_\_\_\_ what you say.

## Why is this important?

1. Because God witnesses \_\_\_\_\_ (34-35)
2. Because dishonesty originates with \_\_\_\_\_ (37b)

To honor God, simply tell the truth rather than

## Areas in which we can apply this:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended Reading: Bill Hybels, *Honest to God*

## How I can put the Word into practice this week:

## How to help disciple others:

1. Lead your disciples in reading the book of Proverbs. Together, maybe you can create a notebook that records what Proverbs teaches about truth-telling, integrity, and honesty.
2. Pray with and for those you are trying to help develop spiritually about this area (for you and them).