

Succeeding in Life and Love: Unearthing our Gift
Matthew 25:14-30

Prayer Link

Prayers for the Community

American Troops and their families; all families, tribes and nations to know and experience God's peace.

Additional Requests: _____

SUGAR RIVER'S PRAYER MINISTRY IS SEEKING REQUESTS

Did you know that Sugar River UMC has an active E-Prayer Chain? A group of people have covenanted to pray for special requests they receive periodically via email. If you have a request you would like the E-Prayer Chain to pray for, please send it to: amberw@wisconsinumc.org. Amber will send out the request as soon as possible to activate our circle of prayer.

If you would like to become a "Link" on our E-Prayer Chain, please send your email address to Amber at the address listed above. New "links" are always welcome!

Inspirational Link

Thoughts and Insights from Worship

STUDY GUIDE**Monday, June 2 - We have heard**

Jesus said many things during his earthly ministry, and those words, transformed countless people into believers of his message, and his claim to being God's very Son. Perhaps the greatest teaching on the power of hearing the Word of God, is the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13. Here Jesus lays out what it means to Hear and Receive God's Word, and what that Word produces when it takes root in our hearts. **Read the parable of the Sower, Matthew 13:1-23.** Take a moment to examine your life, in light of the spiritual fruit listed in **Galatians 5:22-25.**

Tuesday, June 3 - We have seen and touched

Jesus did many public acts, he performed numerous miracles, one sticks out in my mind, the moment he addresses Thomas' doubt, and allows him to see and touch the scars left by the crucifixion. **Read John 20:24-31.** Why is it important for us to have to see in order to believe? What was Thomas' reaction to touching the Side and Hands of Christ? What did Jesus say about us, who would not have that opportunity?

Wednesday, June 4 - Paul also addresses light and darkness and how they are to be separate. He challenges us to avoid darkness, and sin, and to purify ourselves for God's purpose. It is hard to balance being separate from darkness and live around people with darkened hearts, who do things that do not please God. **Read 1 Corinthians 6:14-7:1.** Where is God calling you to purify yourself? How can the church and our Christian community help us in living pure lives?

Thursday, June 5 - Being separate from Sin is not the end of our spiritual Journey; to get rid of the stuff in our lives that separate us from God, means we are now available to be made into a new creation. **Read Romans 12:1-2.** What are some of the things, which keep you from fully giving your life over to Christ? How can you be a living sacrifice for God? What patterns of this world are in need of transformation in your life? If you need a starting point, take a look at Galatians 5:16-21.

Friday, June 6 - So we are called to live by the spirit (remember Galatians 5)? Let's draw it all together; John calls on us to remember who Christ is, and for us to work at eliminating sin in our lives. We don't eliminate sin so we are empty, rather, so we can be filled with a new creation, through the Holy Spirit. Then, we, who are filled with the same spirit, become, the Body of Christ. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31.** What is it that you do in the body? Where is your place? Don't know? Contact Betsy Forester at the church office and learn about how you can unearth your giftedness in significant ways. Seek to serve the body by serving somewhere in the church, and seeking to discover your spiritual gifts. Don't merely erase the patterns of sin in your life, but now, take on the patterns of Christ.

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