

# Southeast

CHRISTIAN CHURCH



WEEKEND MESSAGE NOTES

## WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST

Southeast provides relational environments where you can find  
**Jesus, community, and purpose.**

## GET CONNECTED

God created us for community. If you are interested in serving, participating in a life group, or would like more information about an upcoming event, visit [southeastcc.org](https://southeastcc.org) or send an email to [connect@southeastcc.org](mailto:connect@southeastcc.org).

## NEED PRAYER?

We are honored to pray with you or for you. Join us after services to pray with someone at [southeastcc.org](https://southeastcc.org). You may also submit a prayer request at [southeastcc.org/prayer](https://southeastcc.org/prayer).

## INDICTMENT - DAY 1: ARRIVAL AT BETHANY

### NOTES | 2.28.21

#### What is Lent?

You can't have resurrection without death.

7 weeks of asking the question, "What in me needs to die so that something new can be raised to life?"

#### Mark 11:12-14 | New International Version

The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. Then he said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it.

Fig tree is symbolic of rabbinic spiritual leadership.

#### Proverbs 27:18 | NIV

The one who guards a fig tree will eat its fruit. And whoever protects their master will be honored.

## **Court of the Gentiles**

Temple worship corruption

- Purchase of offerings for those who have travelled a long distance.
- “Unblemished” offerings
- Roman money – money changers and exchange rate

### **Mark 11:15-17 | NIV**

On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. And as he taught them, he said, “Is it not written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’”

### **Isaiah 56:1-7 | NIV**

This is what the Lord says:

“Maintain justice and do what is right,  
for my salvation is close at hand  
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

Blessed is the one who does this—  
the person who holds it fast,  
who keeps the Sabbath without desecrating it,  
and keeps their hands from doing any evil.”

Let no foreigner who is bound to the Lord say,  
“The Lord will surely exclude me from his people.”  
And let no eunuch complain,  
“I am only a dry tree.”

For this is what the Lord says:  
“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,  
who choose what pleases me  
and hold fast to my covenant—

to them I will give within my temple and its walls  
a memorial and a name  
better than sons and daughters;  
I will give them an everlasting name  
that will endure forever.

And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord  
to minister to him,  
to love the name of the Lord,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it  
and who hold fast to my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain  
and give them joy in my house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for **my house will be called**  
a house of prayer for all nations.”

**GEZARAH SHEVAH**  
“My house called”

### **Jeremiah 7:1-11 | NIV**

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:

“Stand at the gate of the Lord’s house and there proclaim this message:

“Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah who come through these gates to worship the Lord. This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place. Do not trust in deceptive words and say, “This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord!” If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your ancestors for ever and ever. But look, you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless.

“Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to Baal and follow other gods you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which bears my Name, and say, “We are safe”— safe to do all these detestable things? Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching! declares the Lord.

- Eunuch's and foreigners will have their name in the temple, better than sons and daughters.
- Oppression, who's out and who's in, is not our work.
- God intended for the world to see how we worship. How are you putting our God on display?

### **1 Corinthians 13:1-3 | NIV**

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

- 1. As followers of Jesus, who's out and who's in is not our concern; putting our God on display is.**
- 2. Righteousness is not revealed by our rightness; it is revealed when we join God in his restorative work.**
- 3. The world is watching. How are you putting God on display?**



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