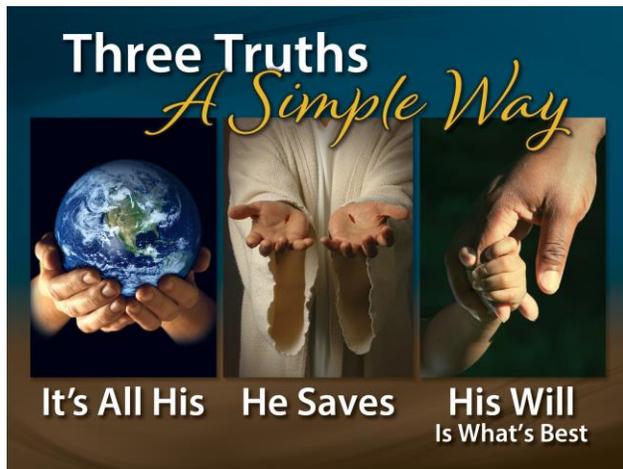


Bible Study: St. John's – West Bend
September 4/5, 2019



*The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,
for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.*
(Psalm 24: 1-2 ESV)

Personal/Small Group Activity

Answer the Poll Question regarding, "It's All His," and then discuss your answer with someone next to you.

Which of these areas of my life is hardest for me to let this truth, "It's all His," guide, protect, and encourage?

1. My Problems/Troubles
2. My Successes/Accomplishments
3. What I see going on in the world
4. My Relationships

Large Group Activity Read Job 41: 1-11

- What jumps out at you?
- What is the Leviathan? (See Psalm 104:26)
- What is God trying to communicate with Job?
- What does God's word stir within Job? (See Job 42: 1-6)

Personal Activity

Reflect upon your answer to the poll and the word, "Owner." Remind yourself of the truth that whatever you listed is included in these words:

"It's all His." Pray silently to God about this... thanking Him, repenting, asking Him for help to be guided, protected, and encouraged by this truth.

Large Group Activity Read Psalm 24 & Colossians 1: 15-20

- What words/phrases confess "It's all His?"
- How are the two readings connected?

Personal/Small Group Activity

Read Luther's explanation of the 1st Article in box below. Discuss your answers to the following questions:

- What words/phrases catch your attention today?
- What are the appropriate life choices Luther teaches for we who "believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?"

Large Group Activity Read the following Scriptures as those who are echoing God's truth and being guided, protected, and encouraged by this truth. Begin each reading with the statement: "God is Owner, its' all His."

- 1 Corinthians 6: 17-20
- Matthew 6: 19-23
- Psalm 50: 1-15

Closing Prayer

The Apostle's Creed: The Head of the Household should teach it in a **simple way** to his household...

The First Article: It's All His (Owner)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.