



Finding the glory of God



Wk 6

TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

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Lev 17:10-14 (p. 117)
& John 6:52-59
(p. 1070)
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Sunday 15 June 2025

Our 9:30am service is live streamed to our YouTube and Facebook Channels.

Welcome! We're so glad you've joined us today—whether you're here exploring faith, visiting with a friend, or have been part of St Stephen's for years.



At St Stephen's, we long to be a church **made beautiful, diverse, and large by the gracious work of Christ**. Each Sunday, as we gather around God's Word, we are reminded of His power to change lives and build His church.

Today we're looking at Leviticus 17 and John 6. These are challenging but rich passages that show us the seriousness of sin, the preciousness of life, and the wonder of Jesus' sacrifice. As we explore how the Old Testament points forward to Jesus, we'll see just how far God has gone to bring us back to Himself.

If you're new to these ideas, you're in the right place—we love questions and welcome curiosity.

Next Steps

Are you new? We would love to meet you. Hear a brief intro on the life of our church at our next **Newish Morning Tea** on 29 June. It runs for ½ an hour straight after the service.

Been regularly coming? If you are a regular member of our church, we encourage you to attend our next **Belonging Course** which runs on 14 September from 12-3pm. Belonging is the gateway to our GaP Groups, serving and deeper connection with the community. Or if you'd like to learn more at another time, you can arrange a coffee with Jill. Simply reach out – she'd love to chat.

Prayers for the Service

These prayers are used during the service. Prayer is a privilege we are given because Christ died for us. His death & resurrection means we can confidently approach God seeking forgiveness (Hebrews 10:22). If you believe that Christ died to deal with your failings then you should be confident to pray with us. If you are still exploring who Christ is then feel free to listen in.

A Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have gone our own way,
and rejected your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you in every way;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

John 6:54

The Lord's Prayer

This is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray (Matthew 6:5-14).

Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever
Amen.

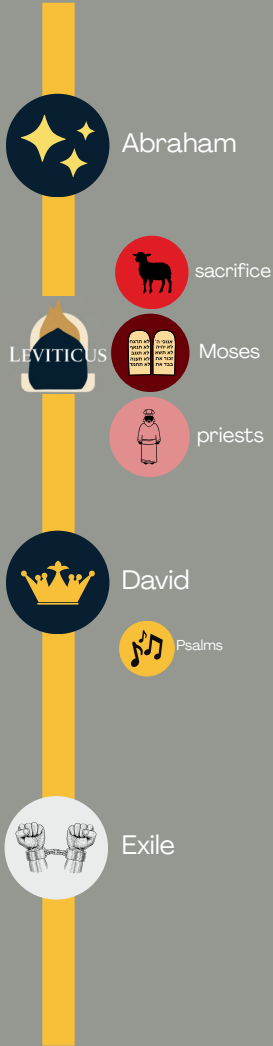
Sermon Notes

The Blood of the Covenant | Leviticus 17:10-14; John 6:52-59

Preacher: Glenn Davies

1. The power of blood
2. Drinking animal blood prohibited
3. The life of the flesh is in the blood
4. Drinking of Jesus' blood required

Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament



Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

Opening Discussion

Who are the great leaders in the history of your nation? What made them great and how did their leadership affect the people they led?

Going deep in God's Word

Read 2 Samuel 7:1-16

1. What does David want to do for God? Why do you think he wants to do this?
2. How does God respond to David's plans? What does it show us about God's character?
3. Draw out God's promise to David about his son (v. 12-16). Discuss in what ways the promises are about Solomon and in what ways they point to someone beyond Solomon.

Read 2 Timothy 2:8

4. Why do you think Paul includes "descended from David" in his gospel?

Praying big prayers shaped by the gospel

You may want to break into smaller groups to share and pray in light of God's Word.

1. Have you ever 'tried to do something for God' like David did, and then realise after that God didn't need what you were doing for Him? How did God reveal His plan and character to you in that moment?

2. Has the Lordship and Kingship of Jesus escaped the gospel you share with others and believe in yourself? How might bringing it back in change your life and your evangelism?

Pray also together for our children and youth:

Heavenly Father,

We thank you that you have given us a good and gracious King, our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for us and for the children & youth at our church, that we would live lives with Him in charge as our Lord and King. Show us the areas of our life that have not submitted to Him. Show us also how good it is to have a King over our lives like our Saviour and Shepherd, Jesus.

In His Name we pray, Amen.

Read the Bible with us! And with your family!

Using some of the questions to guide you.

1. What does this show me about God?
2. What does this show me about myself and my relationship to God?
3. What does this show me about Jesus?
4. How might this shape my heart, mind, life, actions today?

Monday - [Acts 17:10-15](#)

Tuesday - [Acts 17:16-34](#)

Wednesday - [Acts 18:1-28](#)

Thursday - [Acts 19:17-20](#)

Friday - [Acts 19:21-41](#)

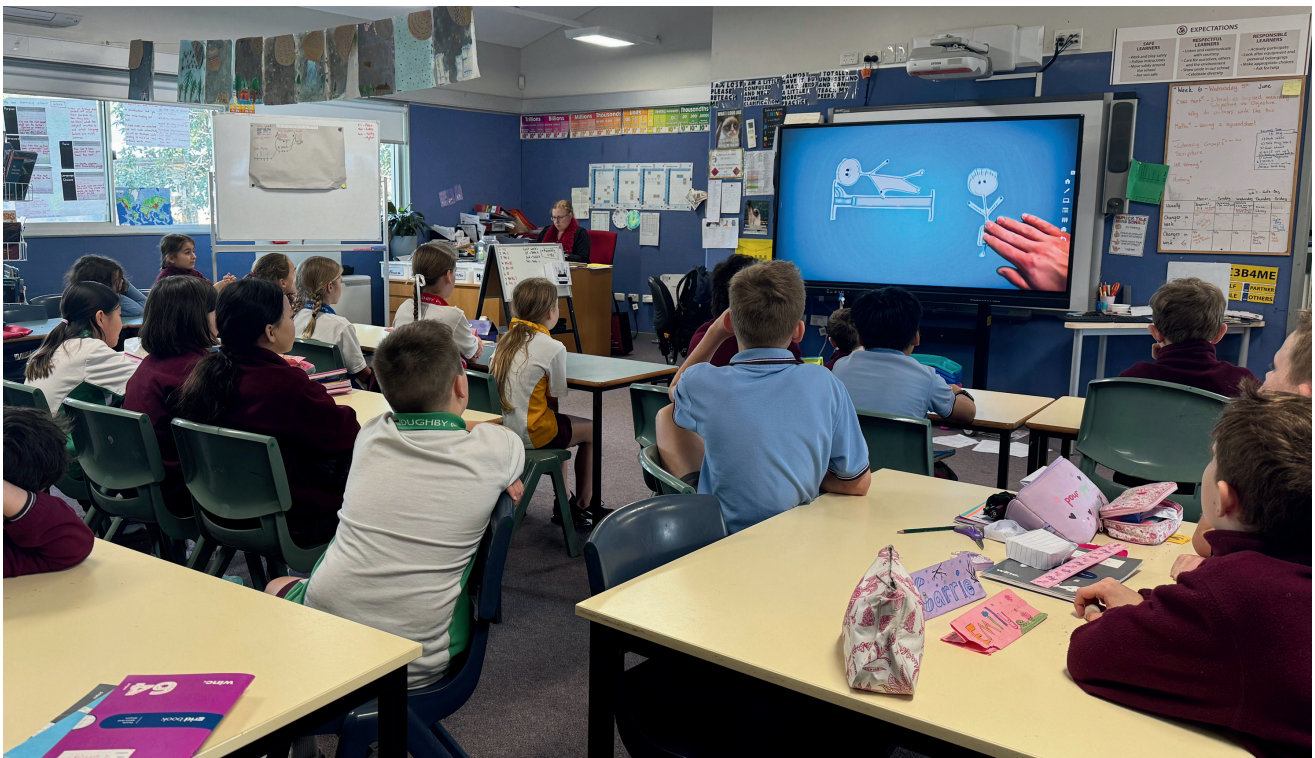
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SRE

Each week in SRE, we open the Bible with kids who've never heard the gospel—what a privilege!

One boy often seemed distracted in class, rarely paying attention. Each week, we gave him a flyer for Friday Kids, and each week he wasn't interested. But last week, something changed. He listened closely, asked questions, and at the end said, "I really want to come on Friday!" It's a joy to see hearts softening as the good news of Jesus is shared. Kids ministry like SRE is planting seeds in lives that may never hear the gospel anywhere else.

Want to be part of it? You don't need experience—just a love for Jesus and a desire to pass it on. Speak to Pippie for more information.



Bible Reading

How's your Bible reading going? Have you been reading through Acts? God's Word is living and active (Hebrews 4:12), a lamp to our feet (Psalm 119:105), and the way we grow in knowing and loving Jesus (2 Timothy 3:16-17). As winter sets in, it's easy for our hunger for the Word to fade—but let's not drift. Let's keep going, even in the cold and the busy, because God meets us in His Word, strengthens our hearts, and equips us for every good work. Whether you're reading one verse or a whole chapter, keep opening your Bible. It's worth it. Let's be people shaped by the Word and built up in Christ.

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Square One Camp Update

At the end of May, we took a group of kids to Square One Camp, joining with 21 other churches and over 300 kids!

We had an incredible time learning that Jesus is the solid rock we should build our lives on. There were games, pet rocks, singing, and even a moment where our girls led actions up the front! Kids ministry matters—these early years are when many first hear and respond to the gospel. What a joy to see young lives growing in faith.

We long to see even more kids and youth following Jesus—please keep praying for this beautiful work!



What's Coming Up

16 June	Come and See
19 June	Alpha for Seniors
29 June	Newish Morning Tea
22 July	Crafternoon
27 July	Vision Sunday

For more on what's happening this winter at St Stephen's, visit st-stephens.com.au/winter

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