

# I Am Second

Real Stories. Changing Lives.

Park Plaza Church of Christ @ Brookside

Adult Bible Class

January 2015

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- Who? Enjoyed by ... Taught by ...
  - Available to any adult members and guests
  - Tim Manyard
  - Paul Kempe
  - Reece Morrel, Jr.
  - Other guest speakers
- What? “I Am Second” series
  - Website - [www.iamsecond.com](http://www.iamsecond.com) (100+ films, 30+ topics)
  - Books
    - I Am Second: Real Stories. Changing Lives.
    - I Am Second: Real Stories. Changing Lives. Conversation Guide
    - Live Second: 365 Ways to Make Jesus First. An I Am Second Daily Reader

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- Where? Location of class ...
  - Fireside Room of the Brookside Campus of the Park Plaza Church of Christ
- When? Time ...
  - Sunday Mornings (weather permitting) @ 9:00 am
- Why? God loves a good story ...
  - Suggest New Year's resolutions
  - Relevant topical Bible Study
  - Smaller class format allows more intimate participation
  - Entertaining use of technology makes class less boring (Something the Apostle Paul would have tried?)

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- How? Rough outline ...
  - Class Announcements
  - Opening Prayer
  - Weekly Film or Films
  - Weekly Bible Passage
  - Class Discussion
    - What do you like/dislike about the film or films?
    - What do you like/dislike about the Bible passage?
    - How will YOU LIVE what you have learned this week?
    - Who will YOU TELL about what you have learned?
  - Closing Prayer
  - Eventually, class members will be invited to sit in the “white chair” and share their own “I Am Second” story

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- How do we keep the discussion going?
  - Rule 1 – Speak in sentences, not paragraphs (allows more people to share)
  - Rule 2 – No topic surfing
- How does the LIVE and TELL work?
  - Rule 3 – Keep Externally Focused
    - Expect to be challenged. Expect to change.
  - Rule 4 – Challenging but Doable
  - Rule 5 – Action, Date, Time
    - Be as specific as possible.
  - Rule 6 – Avoid “Sunday School” Answers

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- January 4, 2015
- Film: James Munroe – Cancer Survivor
- Bible Passage: Hebrews 9:11-28

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- Jim Munroe - I had to die in order to have a chance to live.

<http://www.iamsecond.com/seconds/jim-munroe/>

Jim entered college with a skepticism about life. The idea of God seemed “silly.” He poured his life into a successful career in magic where a lot of his skepticism was confirmed. There really are “trap doors” and “smoke and mirrors.”

But despite doubts, radical things were happening in Jim’s life to turn his life upside down. And then, just when he thought he had it all figured out: Leukemia.

When faced with the choices of how to proceed, Jim knew his best chance of living was to allow himself to die first. Chemotherapy to destroy blood cells. New blood to replace his own. Yet how could he allow himself to endure the agony? And why was this happening?

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- Jim Munroe – Quotes

- “I said, ‘God, I need you to make this real to me.’ ” [1:42]
- “We found one perfect match.” [5:42 & 5:58]
- “We were elated, and so excited that there was somebody out there who ... was willing to give their blood, and to be brave enough to give me what I needed to live.” [6:00]
- “They would use terminology like, ‘you are going to be born anew. ... You are going to be given a new birthday.’ ” [6:42]
- “I am literally dying a death.” [7:08]

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- Jim Munroe – Quotes
  - “Waiting to get this new blood on the inside of me.” [7:22]
  - “My body accepted this new blood. And it slowly began to build a new immune system [7:44]
  - “It is no longer I who lives, but someone else who lives inside of me.” [8:07]
  - “A substitution of blood on my behalf so that I might live again.” [8:32]
  - “I believe that all of us have a spiritual cancer that is eating us away on the inside.” [8:52]
  - “There is not a doubt in my mind that the only answer for the human condition is Jesus.” [9:10]

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- Hebrews 9:11-14 - The Blood of Christ
- But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

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- Hebrews 9:15 – The Blood of Christ
- For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

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- Hebrews 9:16-22
- In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood. When Moses had proclaimed every command of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. He said, “This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep.” In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

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- Hebrews 9:23-28
- It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

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- Final Thoughts ...
  - When baptized, you come up out of the water as a new creature, with new blood
  - When you take communion this morning, pause and remember .....
    - Your own spiritual cancer – sin – for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)
    - The blood of Jesus purifies YOU from all sin (1 John 1:7-9)
    - The blood of Jesus has overcome Satan (Revelation 12:11)
- For more information on blood, please refer to:  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blood>