

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Romans 7:15-25 "Redemption is in Jesus alone" Find full series synopsis **HERE**.



SMALL GROUPS GO BIG! This fall, small groups are doing something BIG! At Ankeny First, we know the importance of connecting with one another as we grow deeper in faith. The CONNECT step of our method is an essential part of the process that leads

to a life of meaning and purpose. Many people are currently involved in small groups at Ankeny First, and we thought it would be fun to bring small groups together for eight weeks, all at the same time, in the same place, for the same purpose: to grow closer in relationship to God and one another.

Will you join us? It will happen on Monday nights at the CLC, September 22 - November 10, at 6:30pm. These nights will function much like a sermon series small group, where you'll have a chance to talk through the discussion questions around a table. We'll dive into the scriptures and themes that correspond with the upcoming series, "Becoming Israel." And when "small groups go big," you'll also have the opportunity to meet new people, enjoy some snacks, and learn from the pastors.

So talk it over with your small group, and make plans to meet them there on Monday nights. Not in a small group? That's ok! This is the perfect opportunity to give it a try! If you've ever wondered what a small group is like, come try it out in a large group setting. We can't wait to welcome you! Make sure to **REGISTER** and we'll save you a seat!



AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH—URBAN BICYCLE FOOD MINISTRY Our August Mission of the Month will be collecting monetary donations AND having a hands-on mission opportunity to support the Urban Bicycle Food Ministry. On August 21, we will

be heading to DM to help prep food for the homeless population right here in Central lowa, and you can also go out on a route to deliver the food. You are encouraged to assist on a route where UBFM builds relationships with friends on the streets, and you can see the benefit of the work you put in to make the food.

The Urban Bicycle Food Ministry - Des Moines is an interfaith and non-denominational organization. Since 2014, they have been serving radical hospitality one burrito at a time. Every Thursday, they prepare and deliver food and personal items by bike and car to those most in need in the greater Des Moines Area. Visit https://ubfmdsm.com/ for more information.

Sign up for the August 21 work night **HERE**. Give monetarily by writing "August Mission of the Month" in your check memo, or give online.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Children (3 years - 5th grade) are invited to Sunday School Uptown at 9:00am & at the CLC at 9:00 & 10:30am.

NURSERY CARE Nursery care is available at the CLC and Uptown during worship.

YOUTH Our youth group meets at the CLC every Wednesday through the school year. 6-12th Grades: 6:30-7:30pm. *Youth will meet on these upcoming dates this summer: August 13 & 27.*

SPORTS & FITNESS Visit our <u>registration page</u> for the latest sports & fitness opportunities that you can register to participate in!

IN-PERSON WORSHIP TIMES

Uptown: 9:00 & 10:30am (Traditional) CLC: 9:00 & 10:30am (Contemporary)



ONLINE BROADCAST TIMES

CLC (9:00 & 10:30am) & Uptown (9:00am) WATCH HERE ANYTIME

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