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Outreach

THE POWER of TESTIMONY

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ISRAEL TRIP INFO MEETING • SUNDAY JANUARY 29 | 12:30 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

A limited number of spaces are still available. This will be a meeting for registered travelers as we begin to plan for our trip, but if you are considering going to Israel and would like to attend and finalize your decision, you are welcome to join us at 12:30 pm. Hall.

REACH YOUTH FUNDRAISER • IN THE COURTYARD TODAY • \$10/PLATE

Help a student to attend Soulfire Winter Camp with today's lunch!

FREEDOM IN CHRIST • BEGINS 2/5 IN EL CENTRO AND BRAWLEY • \$10 + BOOKS

The Freedom in Christ course is a powerful 10-week series designed to help you fully grasp your identity in Christ and enable you to walk in greater freedom and joy. It is available in El Centro and Brawley Sundays at 1:30 pm beginning February 5. Sign up on the App or scan the QR code>



MIDWEEK GATHERING • WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

This Wednesday (February 1st) classical pianist **Sam Rotman** will be in concert at 6:30 pm! Next Wednesday, February 8, is the Prayer & Communion night of worship. AWANA is at 6:15 pm.

MEN'S BREAKFAST • SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11 | 8:30 AM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUPERBOWL PARTY • SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12 | 3 PM • COURTYARD

A NIGHT TO ABIDE • WOMEN'S EVENT • 2/18 | 5 PM • MAIN SANCTUARY

DISCIPLESHIP MISSIONS TRIP FUNDRAISER • 2/19 | AFTER SERVICE

BAPTISM SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 26 | DURING SERVICE

OLD FASHIONED CHURCH PICNIC • FEBRUARY 26 | SUNBEAM LAKE | 1-4 PM

LUNCH IN THE WORD MEN'S STUDY • TUESDAYS AT NOON • FELLOWSHIP HALL

IMPERIAL VALLEY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY • TUESDAYS 6:30 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

ROOTED YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18-24) TUESDAYS AT 7:00 PM • REACH BASEMENT

YOUNG AT HEART COFFEE • 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00 AM • LIBRARY

REACH YOUTH GROUP (REACH BASEMENT) & AWANA (FH) • WEDNESDAYS 6:15 PM

MIDWEEK GATHERING • WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM • MAIN SANCTUARY

JOY OF LIVING WOMEN'S STUDY • THURSDAYS AT 9:30-11:30 AM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

MOMS IN PRAYER • THURSDAYS 6-7 PM • PRESCHOOL ROOM 4

BETRAYAL & BEYOND WOMEN'S STUDY • THURSDAYS 6:30 PM • IV LIFE CENTER

KITCHEN WITH A MISSION • FRIDAYS AT 5:30 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

ONGOING

You will find the **SERMON & LIFEGROUP RESOURCES** **ON THE CCC MOBILE APP**

Getting to Know You:

1. In less than a minute, describe last night's dinner, giving brief details such as where you were; who was with you; what you ate; how the cook prepared the entree; and why you would or would not have it again.
2. Name your favorite legal drama (TV, film, or book), and explain why you consider it better than the rest.
3. What is your biggest fear when you think about giving your testimony?

Digging Deeper:

1. William J. Thoms wrote, *"Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some person ever reads."* What connection does a well-lived Christian life have with communicating the Gospel? Read Matthew 5:14-16, Mark 5:18-20, 1 Peter 3:15, and Romans 10:14-15 then discuss whether your faithful walk with Christ (your living testimony) is an adequate substitute for verbally sharing your testimony.
2. Do you find it easier to confront sin and call for repentance with friends and family or virtual strangers? 'Friendship Evangelism' stems from the idea that Christians should establish a relationship with people before sharing the Gospel with them. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-22, Mark 6:1-6, 1 Corinthians 1:18, James 4:4, Ephesians 5:11, and John 15:18-20 then discuss the pros and cons of friendship evangelism.
3. Although copious time studying in Word of God is vital to your personal growth in Christ, how much scripture memorization and knowledge of doctrine is required to share your testimony? Consider these passages as you answer: John 9:25, Acts 4:13, and 1 Corinthians 3:6-7.

Taking it Home:

1. Compose one or two sentences that describe: 1. your life before Jesus changed it, 2. how you came to know and trust Jesus for your salvation, and 3. how your life of faith differs from your life before Christ (keeping in mind that suffering is still part of your walk with Christ, be realistic about what is genuinely changed.) Then, practice sharing this simple before and after testimony aloud to one another.
2. List up to three people you can share your testimony with this week and pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare them to listen and respond to the Gospel.

SIGN UP FOR A LIFE GROUP TODAY!

SIGN UP TODAY to join a **LIFE GROUP!** On the CCC Mobile App - or scan the QR code for a link:



THE POWER OF TESTIMONY

TESTIFY TO WHAT _____

THE MIRACULOUS

THE SUFFERING

THE GLORY

TESTIFY TO WHAT _____

SYNAGOGUE TEACHINGS

SERMONS

WORDS ABOUT RELIGION

WORDS ABOUT LIFE

PLANS FOR SACRIFICE

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

TESTIFY TO WHAT _____



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SCAN TO OPEN DIGITAL SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURES



WEEK OF
January 29, 2023

Think Tank: Put your knowledge to the test

PARENT GUIDE
Elementary



Use this guide to help your family learn how God can give us knowledge.

First, watch
this week's
video!

Knowledge:
Learning
something new
so you can
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whatever you do

Memory Verse

"The Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth."

Proverbs 2:6, NIV

Bible Story

John the Baptist
in Prison
Matthew 11:1-6
(James 1:5)

Bottom Line

If you don't understand something, ask.

Activity

Who Am I?

What You Need:

No supplies needed

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game. Say, "I'm going to read a list of clues that describe an animal. Let's see how many clues it takes for you to guess each animal!" Read from the list of clues, allowing your kid to make a guess after each one.

Animal Clues:

I am black and white.

I am a bird.

I can swim, but I can't fly.

(penguin)

I have two arms.

I have two legs.

I have a tail.

I have big feet and can hop very fast.

I have a pouch.

(kangaroo)

I have thick gray skin.

I eat grass, bushes, trees, bark, and fruits.

I have big ears and a long trunk.

(elephant)

I am black and white.

I have four legs.

I have stripes.

(zebra)

When you finish, say, "You are so smart! You figured out what the animals were. In our story today, we learned about a man who trying to out who Someone really was."

Talk About the Bible Story

When John was in prison, what question did he ask Jesus? (To paraphrase: "Are you the Savior, or is someone else coming?")

How did Jesus respond? (He told John about the miracles He had done.)

John had questions about Jesus. Is it okay for us to have questions about Jesus? (Yes!)

What can we learn from the way Jesus responded to John's question? (If you don't understand something, ask.)

If you could ask God any question, what would it be?

Parent: Share about a time when you struggled with wanting to know something about God, Jesus, or the Bible. How did you handle it?



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, thank You for this reminder that it's ALWAYS okay to ask You questions. You are there to help us when we're confused or don't understand something. Lord, please help us understand when we have questions about what we believe. Help us to keep looking to You for our answers. We love You SO much, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

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Key Question

What questions
do you have?

Think Tank: Put your knowledge to the test

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Preteen

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Activity

20 Questions

What You Need:

Scrap paper, writing utensil

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game. Say, "I'm going to write down a person's name on this piece of paper—but you won't be able to see it! Instead, you'll have 20 questions you can ask me to figure out whose name I write down. But your questions have to be 'yes' or 'no' questions."

Write down a person's name, keeping the paper hidden so your child can't see what you're writing. Turn the paper over. Allow your child to ask 20 questions to guess whose name you wrote down. Then, switch places, and YOU become the guesser.

When you're finished, say, "This game reminds me of John the Baptist in our story today. He was trying to figure out who Jesus really was."



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John knew about Jesus, yet he still had questions about Jesus. Just like John, we are always learning and growing, and thinking about Jesus in new ways. Imagine that you're sitting with Jesus. What questions would you ask Him?

Since Jesus isn't sitting here with us, who can you ask your questions to?

What are some things that you know are true about God? How can knowing these truths help you when you have questions that are hard to answer?

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VOLUNTEER

Several ministries are looking for help, including the Tech Team, AWANA, Kids Ministry, and KWAM.

WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?



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