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Welcome

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THE WELL IS IN NEED OF MEN'S CLOTHING!

If you are cleaning out your closets or have a few items you could donate, drop them off in the well receptacle in the foyer or at the church office.

DISCIPLESHIP MISSIONS TRIP FUNDRAISER • 2/19 | TODAY AFTER SERVICE

Pick up today's lunch and help support the Discipleship Team's Oaxaca Missions Trip.

BAPTISM SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 26 | NEXT SUNDAY DURING SERVICE

Our next Baptism Sunday will be February 26 - Sign up on the CCC APP -->



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

After service next Sunday (2/26), grab a sack lunch, a blanket, chairs, and a pop-up along with your family, and come join us at SUNBEAM LAKE for games and activities like softball, cornhole, basketball, frisbee, hula-hooping, etc. It's also an excellent opportunity to coordinate with your Life Group for a potluck. PLUS, we will hold the CHAMPIONSHIP CHILI COOKOFF Campus V. Campus!

MEN'S BOWLING • 3/19 | 5 PM • STRIKEZONE (\$15) REGISTER TODAY!

Guys, you are encouraged to register asap for our Men's Ministry Bowling Tournament! \$15 registration covers 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza & sodas!



OVERFLOW • WOMEN'S RETREAT • 3/24-26 • PINE VALLEY

Ladies you are encouraged to register and save your spot for the Overflow Women's Retreat in Pine Valley! \$50 holds your place, payments can be made for the remainder of the \$165 registration cost.



MIDWEEK GATHERING • WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

Scan the QR to ASK ??

This Wednesday is the Pastors' Q&A • submit a question on the CCC APP
Next Wednesday (3/1) is Worship, Prayer & Communion night then on 3/25 it's Prophecy Night and 3/22 is Movie Night + AWANA is at 6:15 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. What literary devices, symbolism, or metaphors have you seen in books, movies, plays, or television? How do they help to move the story forward and illuminate the plot?
2. What comes to mind when you hear about Lent, Ash Wednesday, or fasting? What residual bias or anxiety are you holding onto that could cause you to resist participating?
3. What are you most eager to discover in this series about the typologies of the Cross leading up to our Easter (Resurrection) celebrations?

Digging Deeper:

1. As you read Jonah 3:5-8, Joel 1:14, Esther 4:15-16, Ezra 8:21-23, Daniel 1:8-13 and Acts 13:2-3 what principles and purposes of fasting do you discover? How is Biblically correct fasting different from dieting, asceticism, and other forms of self-denial?
2. Look at the power evoked by Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel 1:10-20 and Elijah's Prayer in 1 Kings 18:36-39 then look at how Paul prayed for the Ephesians in 3:14-21. How does a Spirit-filled prayer life enable us to intercede for others and illicit change in our circumstances and community? As you consider your answer, read 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Taking it Home:

1. What obstacle or hindrance to your spiritual walk with Christ has this study brought to mind that you are now willing to address and surrender? How will you incorporate prayer and fasting into your determination to overcome it?
2. Has prayer become a ritual lately or felt like a task to check off your to-do list? What will you do to break the monotony and once again communicate with your Savior passionately, powerfully, and purposefully?

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 SEASON OF SURRENDER

FOR THE FAST

We are calling CCC to a corporate fast in identification with the suffering of Jesus that we might prepare our hearts to celebrate the cross and empty tomb. It is our prayer that God would use this season in your lives as a time of...

The time you choose to spend in prayer and fasting will reap huge spiritual dividends in your walk with Christ. God will use this time as a...

TIME OF

JESUS' TEMPTATION - MATTHEW 4:1-11, LUKE 4:1-13

TIMES OF

MOSES @ SINAI - EXODUS 19-34

TIMES OF

ELIJAH FLEES FROM AHAB & JEZEBEL - 1 KINGS 19:1-15

OF THE FAST

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SCAN TO OPEN DIGITAL SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURES



WEEK OF
February 19, 2023

Road Rules: Ride with respect

PARENT GUIDE
Elementary



Use this guide to help your family
learn about respect.



First, watch
this week's
video!

Respect:
Showing
others they are
important by
what you say
and do

Memory Verse

"Do to others as
you want them
to do to you."
Luke 6:31, NIV

Bible Story

Mary and Martha
Luke 10:38-42

Bottom Line

Take time to show
others they are
important.

Activity

Mime Time

What You Need:

Writing utensil and paper

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game with you.
Say, "I'm going to call out an action. When
I name the action, you act it out!"

Call out the following actions below. After
you call out each action, allow your child
to act it out. Feel free to add in any actions
that might personalize the game for your
family.

- read your Bible
- give a high-five
- play a game with your brother or sister
- pray
- help the grown-ups bring in the groceries
- help a friend clean their room
- give a hug
- listen respectfully in class
- sit and listen to a Bible story
- invite someone to sit with you

Choose a few actions to switch roles with
your child, and let them call out actions
for you to act out.

When you're finished playing, say, "What
do all those actions have in common?
(Pause to let your child try to guess.) They're
all actions that would show others that
they are important. Our story today
reminds us to take time to show others
they are important."

Talk About the Bible Story

Who in our story today showed Jesus that He was
important? (Mary)

What did she do to show Jesus He was important?
(She sat at His feet and listened to what He was
saying.)

What are some ways you can be like Mary and
spend time with Jesus, even though He's not here
physically with us?

Of all the things we acted out, what are two or
three of those actions that you can do this week
to show others they are important?

*Parent: Talk about a time when someone took the
time to show you that you were important. What
did they do, and how did it make you feel?*



Prayer

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

"Dear God, it's amazing to think that You want to
spend time with us! When Mary sat at Jesus' feet
to listen to Him, He said that what she was doing
was MOST important. Wow! This week, Lord, help us
be like Mary and take time to show others they are
important. Help us take time to show our friends
they're important. Help us take time to show our
family here in this home that they're important. In
Jesus' name we pray, amen."

DEVOTIONS

WEEK OF
February 12, 2023

Road Rules: Ride with respect

PARENT GUIDE
Preteen



Use this guide to help your family learn about respect.



**First, watch
this week's
video!**

**Respect:
Showing
others they are
important by
what you say
and do**

Memory Verse

"Do to others as
you want them
to do to you."
Luke 6:31, NIV

Bible Story

Love Your Enemies
Matthew 5:43-47

Key Question

When is it hard
to get along with
someone?

Activity

Basket of Respect

What You Need:

Grab a few sheets of paper each for yourself and for your child.

Say, "There will be times in your life when it's difficult to show respect to someone you don't get along with. The same is true for me—even though I'm an adult.

"Let's write down the initials of people we've had trouble respecting because we don't get along. I won't look at what you write down, and you won't look at what I write down. As soon as we write down the person's initials, we'll crumple up the paper in a ball."

After you write down a set of initials, crumple up the paper. When finished, both of you stand 10 steps away from the empty trash can and take turns trying to throw your paper balls into the can.

For the second round, change the rules to make it easier and only stand five steps away from the trash can.

Talk About the Bible Story

How did Jesus show respect for other people? (*He loves everyone; He treated everyone well, no matter who they were*)

If an adult is hard for you to get along with, who can you go to for help so that you don't make things worse by being disrespectful?

What can you do if you feel like there's someone who's not respecting YOU?

Is it possible to not like someone but still show them respect? Why or why not?

Parent: Talk about how God's Spirit has helped you show respect to someone, even when you didn't get along. Maybe God helped you SPEAK kind words to someone who spoke rudely to you . . . or maybe God helped you DO something kind for a difficult coworker. Maybe God helped you remember to PRAY for someone who cut in front of you.



Prayer

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

"Dear God, help us remember how important it is to show respect to other people—even when they're hard to get along with. Please help us not to be difficult to get along with. Remind us that following You and treating others the way we want to be treated is way cooler than putting others down or saying things that are disrespectful. We need Your help to do the opposite of what we sometimes feel like doing when we're angry or hurt. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

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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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