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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.

OLD FASHIONED CHURCH PICNIC • TODAY (2/26) | SUNBEAM LAKE | 1-4 PM

After the service today, 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!

COVENANT CLASS • MARCH 5 • EAST SANCTUARY BASEMENT



If you haven't yet signed the CCC Covenant, were recently baptized, or simply want to understand the mission and purpose of Christ Community Church, PLEASE sign up and attend the next Covenant Class March 5th 9-9:50 am

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

This Wednesday (3/1) is Worship, Prayer & Communion night then Ramon Lopez will lead our Devotion & Discussion Night on (3/8) followed by Prophecy Night with Pastor Chris Nunn on (3/15) + 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. If given a choice, after weighing the pros and cons of each, would you prefer the supernatural ability to hear the thoughts of others or that others could read your mind? Considering the obligation or vulnerability accompanying such an ability, would you believe it a gift or a curse?
2. When and where did you first hear the Gospel? Did you understand it right away? What did it take for you to realize that you needed a Savior?
3. What did you learn from the message this week that most surprised you? How would you restate it in your own words? What impact has it made on your faith?

Digging Deeper:

1. What do John 8:44b, Revelation 12:9, 2 Corinthians 11:14, Matthew 13:19, 1 Peter 5:8, and 2 Corinthians 4:4 warn us about Satan's character? What is Jesus' response in John 10:10?
2. Considering Matthew 24:24, 2 Timothy 4:3-4, and 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10, what evidence do you see that Satan is still actively trying to deceive even the elect? How can you identify his lies and prevent being beguiled and ineffectual in the Kingdom of God? (Consider Matthew 4:1-11 and John 10:2-5 in your answer.)
3. What do John 12:31, Romans 16:20, and Revelation 20:10 indicate about Satan's destiny? What do Ephesians 1:7-14, Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 4:17, and 1 Peter 1:4 promise regarding the future of a Christ-follower?

Taking it Home:

1. 1 Peter 5:8 likens Satan to a "roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." What are you doing to protect yourself from his evil schemes? Is there any area in your line of defense that needs reinforcement? How will you bolster those vulnerabilities?
2. Ephesians 4:22-24 speaks of taking off the old and putting on the new. Is there any part of your former corrupt self that still needs replacing? Take a moment to pray about what remains; repent, and let Jesus finish dressing you in His righteousness.

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:



PROTOEVANGELIUM: THE FIRST GOSPEL

ON SATAN

WITH SATAN

OF SATAN

WALTER COLACE

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SCAN TO OPEN DIGITAL SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURES



WEEK OF
February 26, 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

A Roman
Commander
Has Faith
Matthew 8:5-13

Bottom Line

Remember God is
most important.

Activity

Commander Says

What You Need:

Small treat or prize

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game. Say, "We're going to play a version of 'Simon Says,' except today's game is called 'Commander Says.' I am the commander and you're my soldier. When I give an order and say, 'commander says,' you do it. But if I don't say, 'commander says,' you do not do it. Let's see how well you can listen to your commander!"

Give the following commands. Choose certain times to preface the command with, "commander says," and certain times to purposefully not use that preface. Give your child a small treat or prize for "following orders!"

Commands:

- 20 jumping jacks
- march in place for 10 seconds
- run in place for 10 seconds
- 5 burpees
- stand at attention
- 20 mountain climbers
- 10 toe touches
- at ease (stand with hands behind back)

If time allows, switch roles with your child. When you're finished playing, say, "In our story today, we met someone who gave orders, and people did what he told them to do."

Talk About the Bible Story

What was it about the Roman commander that made Jesus so pleased? (*The commander had faith that Jesus could heal his sick servant just by using His words.*)

What did Jesus do? (*He spoke, and the man's servant was healed*)

How did the Roman commander show respect? (*He did not feel worthy to have Jesus in his home; he simply asked Jesus to heal his servant and had faith that Jesus would be able to do it.*)

What are some ways you can show respect to God? (*praying, reading the Bible and doing devotionals, participating in Small Group*)

Parent: Share something you'll do to help you remember God is most important, whether it's reading your Bible before breakfast, posting a verse of Scripture on your mirror, or listening to worship songs in your car.



Prayer

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

"Dear God, You are the one true God. You love us more than we can imagine. You even sent Your Son Jesus to show us how important You think we are. Help us to show that YOU are most important to us. You deserve all of our love and respect. We love You! In Jesus' name, amen."

DEVOTIONS

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Preteen



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Memory Verse

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Luke 6:31, NIV

Bible Story

A Roman
Commander
Has Faith
Matthew 8:5-13

Key Question

How do you show
respect to God?

Activity

Who's the Boss?

What You Need:

No supplies needed

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game. Say, "I'm going to name a place. When I name the place, you tell me who is in charge there."

Using the list below, discuss with your child who is "the boss" of each place. Feel free to add in other places that might personalize the activity for your family.

- church (board, elders, pastor)
- home (parents)
- school (principal)
- city (mayor)
- United States (president)
- zoo (zookeeper)
- store (manager or owner)
- on a bus (bus driver)
- classroom (teacher)
- state (governor)
- public swimming pool (lifeguard)
- the whole universe (God!)

When you're finished playing, say, "In our story today, we met someone who gave orders, and people did what he told them to do."

Talk About the Bible Story

What was it about the Roman Commander that made Jesus so pleased? (*The commander had faith that Jesus could heal his sick servant just by using His words.*)

What did Jesus do? (He spoke, and the man's servant was healed)

How did the Roman commander show respect? (He did not feel worthy to have Jesus in his home—he simply asked Jesus to heal his servant and had faith that Jesus would be able to do it)

What do you think is most important—words or actions—when it comes to respect for God and others? Why?

What are three ways you can show respect to God this week?

Parent: Share something you'll do to help you remember God is most important, whether it's reading your Bible before breakfast, posting a verse of Scripture on your mirror, or listening to worship songs in your car.



Prayer

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

"Dear God, we believe You should have our greatest respect. You showed US that we are important to You when You sent Jesus to be our Savior. Help us show You how important You are by spending time talking to You in prayer, learning to be more like Jesus, and continuing to learn more about You from the Bible. In Jesus' name, 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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