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Welcome

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MISSIONS BBQ FUNDRAISER • TODAY AFTER CHURCH • DRIVE THRU OR CARRY OUT

It's hard to believe you can still get a plate of tri-tip & cheesy potatoes for only \$10!

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

Guys, \$15 registration covers 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza & sodas!



IVSOM • CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP • 3/21 | 6:30 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

Instructor: Leo McKissick | Orientation & Registration at 5:00 pm

LIFEMARK MOVIE NIGHT • 3/22 | 6:30 PM • MAIN SANCTUARY

We are excited to be airing the pro-life film by the Kendrick Brothers and Provident Films - LIFEMARK. Join us in the sanctuary on Wednesday March 22 at 6:30 pm.

SEXUAL INTEGRITY:101 • 3/28 | 6:30 PM • MAIN SANCTUARY | 18 YEARS+

This 8-Week Bible Study will be held on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. This course will help you to find freedom in relationship purity and disciple others in sexual integrity.

HOPE OUTREACH • 4/2 | 5 PM • PARKING LOT

Come join us in the parking lot! We will have jumpers for the kids, live music, games and giveaways. It is a great opportunity to reach out to our neighbors with the love of Christ.

RESURRECTION WEEK CELEBRATIONS • APRIL 2-9

4/2 | 10 AM • **Palm Sunday** 4/5 | 6:30 PM • **Last Supper Presentation**

4/3-5 **Prayer & Fasting** 4/7 | 12:15 PM • **Good Friday Service**

4/9 | 10 AM • **Easter Sunday**

MEGAFORCE WITH STEVE "THE STRONG MAN" CARRIER • APRIL 16 | 10 AM & 6 PM

MIDWEEK GATHERING • WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

This Wednesday we are showing the Pro-Life movie LIFEMARK. Next week (3/29) is Worship and Communion night with a focus on fasting,

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 6:00 PM • REACH BASEMENT

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

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 5:00 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

ONGOING

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

Getting to Know You:

1. List some of our culture's most recognizable logos, symbols, or icons (e.g., the Nike swoosh or McDonald's' golden arches), then discuss why you think the Bible is so rich in symbolism.
2. Name two of God's most astonishing miracles in your life, and then list three less notable ones. Why is it important to remember even the small ways God is working every day?

Digging Deeper:

1. What does the story of the Bronze Serpent teach us about God's provision for our salvation? What do we learn about God's mercy and grace from Ephesians 2:4-8, Titus 3:4-5 and 1 John 1:9?
2. Read John 3:14-15, then 2 Corinthians 5:21, Galatians 3:13, 1 Peter 2:24, John 1:17, and Isaiah 53:4-6; now put into your own words what Jesus accomplished on the cross for your sake. What are a few modern metaphors you've heard or can suggest that might fit to compare it today?
3. 2 Kings 18:4 states that the people of Israel began to idolize the Bronze Serpent rather than the God who forgave their sins. What are some modern examples where a person might focus on the icon to the point of idolatry and miss God amid the miracle? How will you avoid falling into that trap? Consider Exodus 20:3-6, 1 Corinthians 10:14, and 1 John 5:21 as you formulate your answer.

Taking it Home:

1. How has what you've learned about the Bronze Serpent illuminated your understanding of the Cross? Give a specific example and explain why you find it enlightening. How will you utilize that information to boost your faith this week?
2. What has been your experience with God's grace and forgiveness? How has it impacted your relationship with Him? If there are any areas where you have resisted God's mercy, what steps will you take today to embrace His healing forgiveness fully?

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 BRONZE SERPENT

BE _____ AGAIN
JOHN 3:1-15

_____ THE BRONZE SERPENT
NUMBERS 21:4-9

_____ OF THE PEOPLE
_____ OF THE PEOPLE
_____ OF THE LORD
_____ FROM THE LORD

_____ FROM ABOVE
JOHN 6:35-69

LOOK AND _____

THE LORD _____

LOOK TO HIM FOR _____

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SCAN TO OPEN DIGITAL SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURES



March 2023

Week Three

K-5th Grade

Forgiveness is deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay.

DAY 1

Read Ephesians 4:32

Raise your hand if forgiveness is easy? Let's be honest. It's not easy to forgive someone that hurts you, even when they say they're sorry. But forgiveness can be easier when you remember one big truth. We don't forgive others because they ask for it. We forgive others because God forgives us.

When it comes to forgiveness, God went first! Jesus made a way for everyone who believes in Him to be forgiven.

Think about someone who might have hurt you this week. Are you still holding on to your anger? Take time to pray and ask God to help you replace that anger with kindness and forgiveness. Thank God for choosing to forgive you too.

DAY 2

Read Colossians 3:13

Today's verse gives us a plan for how we can think about others. Others might annoy us, but we get to choose how we respond. Instead of staying annoyed, we can choose to let it go.

Finish It

Finish each word of the verse with its correct ending from the box below. Use another sheet of paper if needed.

"P u wi o an"

For on anot i y"

a hold some again"

some Forgi j a t"

L for yo " Colossians 3:13

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f	he	ve	give	ust
p	st	ord	gave	
s	re	one	thing	
u	ut	her	other	

DEVOTIONS

DAY 3

Read Luke 17:4

Multiples of Seven

In the space below, fill in the blank multiples of 7:

7 14 42

..... 70

When it comes to forgiveness, is there ever a limit?

If someone is consistently being unkind without apologizing or trying to change their behavior, then it's time find a trusted adult. But for everyday mistakes that most everyone makes, Jesus wants us to forgive. Why? Because God forgives us! God's forgiveness has no limits. If we mess up 7 times or 77 times, God will forgive. All we need to do is ask! So instead of keeping score this week, ask God to help you forgive.

DAY 4

Read Psalm 130:3

Have you ever played a game of Taboo? In Taboo, if you say one of the words listed on the card, a fellow player gets to push the red buzzer. That annoying sound lets you and everyone else know that you messed up.

Imagine if God had a buzzer like that. What if God pushed it so that everyone could hear it every time you messed up?

Thankfully, that's not what God does with us. Instead of keeping track to punish us, God chooses to forgive us when we need it most. Because of Jesus, forgiveness is available to everyone.

The next time you do something wrong and you need forgiveness, think about that annoying buzzer sound. Be honest with God about what you've done and be thankful God forgives you.

Forgive others because
God forgives you.

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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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