



TRUSTING GOD FOR GREATER THINGS (1999-2024-BEYOND)

NOTE – You can still add a “LIVING STONE” personalized rock to our Altar of Remembrance on Main Street

INTRODUCTION

- ➔ From 1924 to 1999, God grew our church from 52 to 1,500 people!
- ➔ September 11, 2011 (911) – The 21st century got off to a very turbulent start
- ➔ Elk Grove
 - First city in California to incorporate in the 21st century (2002)
 - 2nd largest city in Sacramento County
 - Grew by 100,000 residents from 1990 to 2022

PRINCIPLE #1: Faith helps believers _____ needs & Kingdom _____.

PRINCIPLE #2: Everything we do as a church must _____ with our God-given mission to _____.
(Matthew 28:18-20)

- ➔ “Disciple” Defined: Someone who continuously _____ to _____ & _____ like Jesus & _____ others to do the same.
- ➔ Pathway of Discipleship:
 - CONNECT • GROW • SERVE • REACH
- ➔ Today’s Theme Verse – Isaiah 43:19
See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

PRINCIPLE #3: The Holy Spirit _____ in the same way _____.

LAST 25 YEARS OF CREEKSIDE MINISTRY

LAST 10 YEARS OF CREEKSIDE MINISTRY

VISION FOR THE (NEAR) FUTURE

Luke 19:10 / John 10:16 / John 20:21 / Acts 1:8 / 1 Corinthians 9:22 / Philippians 3:12-14 / John 14:12

PRINCIPLE #4: As long as there are _____ from _____ our mission is _____.

- ➔ Locally (Elk Grove) – God is about to start bringing the people of Elk Grove to our campus!
 - Coffee Shop / Café
 - Family Paly Area
 - Community Sports Areas
- ➔ Globally (Ecuador - 2024)
 - Sponsoring 300+ more children in Ecuador through Compassion International
 - Planting 2 more churches in Ecuador



CREEKSIDE CENTENNIAL—WEEK 3

LifeGroup Discussion Questions / Week of Feb 25—Mar 2, 2024

Prayer

Begin your time by praying with one another. Pray that the Holy Spirit guides your time in conversation and community today.

My Story

What is your favorite memory of someone else's birthday celebration?

Digging Deep

1) Looking back over the last 100 years of Creekside's history, name a lesson or graphic illustration of faith which stood out to you over this past month of celebration.

2) Jesus Christ boldly calls all who would follow Him into whole-hearted, single-minded, full-time disciple-ship. **Read Matthew 16:24-27**. Discuss the requirements of discipleship addressed in these verses. How do you think true disciples will be rewarded in the coming Kingdom of God?

Digging Deeper

3) **Read Luke 19:1-10**. Why would Jesus go to such lengths to rescue a despised man like Zacchaeus?

4) How might Zacchaeus' story challenge us to reconsider our own attitudes toward wealth, generosity, and repentance?

5) **Reread Luke 19:10**. This verse is often considered the "mission statement" of Jesus Christ. Why is it so hard for us to truly and consistently embrace this mission statement for ourselves?

6) Have you ever lost anything of great value? How did you respond? Try to describe the urgency and desperation of your search to find what was lost.

7) **Read John 20:21**. How does the sending of the disciples by Jesus parallel His own mission from the Father? What responsibilities or tasks do you think Jesus is entrusting to us as His disciples in this verse?

8) **Read 2 Corinthians 5:20**. What is it that ambassadors actually do? How does the concept of being sent by Jesus relate to the idea of being ambassadors for Christ?

Taking it Home

9) **Read Isaiah 43:19**. What new things do you see "springing up" around Creekside Christian Church? Can you name something new that you sense God wanting to bring about in your life or family? What kinds of obstacles might be in the way of God as He seeks to do something new in or through us?

10) **Read Philippians 3:12-14**. The best way to impact the world for Christ is for each of us to follow the Apostle Paul's personal example. And Paul allowed Jesus full lordship (ownership and control) over his life. As you dream about the future, list some people in your sphere of influence who could greatly benefit from you living such a surrendered life to Christ.

Praying Together

As you close in prayer today, ask the Lord to give each person in your group a growing hunger for God's kingdom, as well as increased courage to live the "surrendered life" before people who are still far from God. Pray for each other's needs.

QUOTE TO PONDER: God uses tasks to get people done.