

Welcome to Faith

April 30, 2023

Church Family Night

Join us May 7 at 5pm at Faith East for Church Family Night. New member/update photos will be in Jeremy Vegter's office from 4:15-4:45pm.

Caleb's Kin

Senior adults - Join our monthly fellowship at 10am on Monday, May 1 at the Senior Living Clubhouse for an uplifting musical concert presented by Faith Christian School's Ministry Chorale and a delicious catered meal. The cost is \$5 for the meal, but first-time guests eat for free (as do any seniors for whom the cost is a hardship). Questions? Contact Alisha Vegter (765) 350-0919 or Roseanna Beecher (765) 337-1699.

Introduction to Faith

Intro to Faith is a great opportunity to get to know others in the church, connect with the pastors, learn key doctrine, and ask questions. Class continues this Wednesday, 6:30pm, at Faith East in the Music Suite.

Spring Women's Seminar

Ladies, we ourselves have experienced or we know of others who have experienced unjust suffering. Often, this trial challenges our minds and hearts when we try to reconcile how God allows this in His sovereignty. At the spring women's seminar, May 6, we will learn about the Hese love of Christ and how this helps us respond well to unjust suffering. All ladies are welcome to attend! Bring your Bible! Sign up online at faithlafayette.org/women, at a table in the foyer, or contact Lorri Wiegand at lbwiegand@comcast.net.

Children's Ministry

2^{YR} - 5TH grade

Pastor Trey and his friends will be uploading encouraging videos at faithlafayette.org/kidsvids.

You can find this week's online children's Sunday School lesson at blogs.faithlafayette.org/faithkids. You can use the ideas below to discuss the lesson as a family.

JESUS CALLS THE DISCIPLES

READ: Matthew 4:12-25

ASK YOUR CHILD:

- What did Jesus ask His disciples to do? *"Follow Me."*
- What did Jesus promise to make His disciples? *Fishers of men.*
- What was Jesus' message? *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

EMPHASIZE THIS PRINCIPLE: Jesus calls people to Himself.

Therefore, we should follow Him and urge others to do the same.

PRACTICE:

- Follow Jesus as Lord and obey His Word.
- Cultivate a relationship with Jesus through Bible study and prayer.
- Share the hope Jesus offers with others.

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK: Matthew 8:18, 23-34

MEMORIZE FOR APR 30-MAY 28: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins** and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:8-9** (ESV)*

*Preschool verse in bold

Last Week's Offering - \$112,797.12
Weekly Budget - \$74,195
Last Week Sunday Worship - 1,971

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Hope in Everyday Suffering
An Approach to Suffering that is Both Surprising and Superior
1 Peter 4:7-11

3 principles for handling trials that are dramatically different than our natural instincts

I. Understand the _____ Nature of Your Suffering

1 Peter 4:7 - *The end of all things is near...*

A. How could this statement be _____?

1. Because of their pending martyrdom
2. By comparing a full life filled with trials with the length and glory of eternity

2 Corinthians 11:23-29

2 Corinthians 4:7-11 - *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.*

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 - *Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

3. Jesus may return for His children at any moment

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 - *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

4. God's timing is not our timing

2 Peter 3:8-9 - *But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*

B. What is the _____ of this understanding?

1. sound in judgment
2. sober in spirit
3. fervent in prayer

II. Use Your Limited Times and Resources to _____ in Others

A. Keep _____ in your love for another – v. 8

1 Peter 4:8 - *Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another...*

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B. Be _____ to one another – v. 9

1 Peter 4:9 - *Be hospitable to one another without complaint.*

C. _____ your gifts in serving one another – v. 10

1 Peter 4:10 - *As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

1 Peter 4:11 - *Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies...*

1 Peter 2:24-25 - *...and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.*

III. Rejoice That Such a _____ Brings Glory to God

1 Peter 4:11 - *...so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*