

:: Reflection Song ::
Below is the text from an old hymn.
Use these words to reflect on the
condition of your heart and your need
for His work in your life.



“Jesus I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom gladness and light,
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of my sickness into Thy health
Out of my want and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Leaving myself to walk at Your side,
Jesus I come to Thee
Cover my sin and bury my shame
Wash me of guilt and free me from blame
Make me like new and never the same,
Jesus I come to Thee.

Desperate for grace and mercy and love
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Needing the things that come from above,
Jesus I come to Thee
Resting in You I find that I'm free
Living in You and You living in me
Softening my eyes and help me to see,
Jesus I come to Thee.



How do we define “sin”?

What are examples of sin in our world today?



Reflections on David's two hearts ...

What does Jesus say about sin in our heart? (Matt. 5:21-30)

What is your personal commitment in dealing with your secret sin?



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Digging Deeper

[Use these readings to prepare you for worship next week!]

Monday: 10.15.2012

Prayer Focus: Our church

Passage: Numbers 32:23

Insight: This single verse comes in a part of the story when Moses is organizing Israel to come into the Promised Land (a land he himself would never experience). Two tribes were unwilling to cross the Jordan River to settle in this new land (fearing it would not go well for them). So they made a deal to keep their wives, children and livestock on the east side of the Jordan, but the men would cross over and fight for Israel.

Moses is warning these tribal leaders that if they do not follow through with their commitment, they would be sinning against the Lord.

Tuesday: 10.16.2012

Prayer Focus: Our Student Ministry (7-12)

Passage: Joshua 7-8:3

Insight: Joshua is now leading God's people into battle and each time they are victorious but this day, they are routed by only a few men. As Joshua seeks understanding from the Lord, it is revealed to him that there is sin in the camp. Achan had taken some things he shouldn't have and that one secret act of coveting was enough for God to hold back his blessing on all of the people.

Often we think our sin impacts only ourselves but this story reveals that sin that is allowed to go on in the camp (or the family) can have a negative impact on the entire group of people. What does this say about "tolerance"?

Wednesday: 10.17.2012

Prayer Focus: Intercession (use the iPray Guide)

Passage: Matthew 6:5-14

Insight: Today is established as a day of prayer. Reading the Lord's Prayer today in Matthew is a great reminder of the different parts of prayer. God is sovereign, every gift comes from him, help us live within His plan for our lives this day.

How can you pray for others today? Spend time praying for friends who don't know the Lord, those who are sick, those who are grieving, and those who are going through difficult times.

Thursday: 10.18.2012

Prayer Focus: Your School (teachers, admin, etc)

Passage: Matthew 11:2-6

Insight: This Sunday, October 21, Pastor Terry begins a new teaching series looking at Jesus and Politics. In our passage today, John the Baptist is in jail and is about to lose his life. I have always wondered why he sent two of his disciples to Jesus to ask if He is truly the Messiah. Could it be that even though John knew who Jesus was, he also thought Jesus would restore Israel as a nation?

Jesus answers these questions with quoting prophesy about his arrival that highlights the power of Messiah and not the power of the nation. What does this tell us about God's perspective of the nations today?

Friday: 10.19.2012

Prayer Focus: Our Children's Ministry (baby - 6th gr)

Passage: Daniel 4, John 19:10-11

Insight: Daniel is called in to meet with the King who overthrew is nation. Nebuchadnezzar is troubled by a dream and needs Daniel to interpret. What we see is a reminder, that while Daniel is being held captive in a foreign land, he still recognizes that this King could not have done that without God allowing it to happen.

How do we compare that story with what Jesus tells Pilate at His own trial (John 19)? Where does true power and authority remain in our world today?

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