

Encounter these verses today:
*circle words that you identify with,
underline phrases or sentences you'd
like to remember, write questions about
the passage out to the side ...*



Matthew 5:13-16 :: Salt and Light

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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Welcoming the Light of the World!

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Digging Deeper

[Engaging the message throughout the week]

Monday: 11.28.2011

Prayer Focus: The Flushing Community

Passage: John 1:1-18

Insight: *Our new teaching series will be considering that arrival of Jesus as the Light of the World. John 1:5 tells us that Jesus' light shines in our darkness but we have not understood it. There is so much to know and understand about this Christ child!*

Questions for consideration:

What brightens up your day?

What about the world is darkness in your opinion?

Can you see Jesus as your light?

Tuesday: 11.29.2011

Prayer Focus: FCC Church Leadership

Passage: Isaiah 9:1-7

Insight: *Our Tuesdays for this series will focus on Old Testament prophesy about Jesus. Isaiah speaks of the coming Messiah (or Savior) several times but none better than in this reading.*

Questions for consideration:

Do you think that people alive with Jesus could appreciate his "great light" as they walked in their darkness?

Can you imagine the government on the shoulders of a child?

What is your favorite name listed in verse 6?

Wednesday: 11.30.2011

Prayer Focus: Final Night of Upward Evaluations

Passage: Matthew 1:18-25

Insight: *Our Advent Season is all about preparing our hearts for the arrival of the Messiah - Jesus. Can you imagine being the people of Israel who had been waiting for centuries for this arrival? Mary was found with favor by the Lord, stripped of her integrity as a pregnant woman, and given the task of birthing her Messiah. That's a tall order for a young woman.*

Questions for consideration:

Can you imagine the burden that Mary and Joseph felt?

How do you respond to those who falsely accuse you of doing something wrong - when in fact you are just trying to be faithful?

What do you think about the roles of angels used in the birth story?

Thursday: 12.01.2011

Prayer Focus: Your desire to reach out

Passage: Psalm 27

Insight: *Thursdays will be a day to read from the book of Psalms. Today we find strength in the "light of salvation." Our schedules are crazy but Jesus is still there. Our lives are often turned upside down but Jesus is still there. We don't know if we can make it but Jesus is still there!*

Questions for consideration:

What stands out to you as you read this Psalm today?

When the question is asked, "Whom shall I fear?" can you still think of plenty of things or people?

How can we trust in mercy of God for our lives?

Friday: 12.02.2011

Prayer Focus: Our church worship services (12/4)

Passage: John 3:16-21

Insight: *Jesus is speaking with Nicodemus and those gathered in his home when he speaks these powerful words. We love the darkness - our way - our understanding. But Jesus tells us that HE is the light and the light cannot hang out with the dark. We have a choice today ... are we going to live in the Light or love the darkness?*

Questions for consideration:

This Sunday we will look at how the Light reveals, what does Jesus say about this in verse 20?

How does living in Truth connect with living in the Light?



If you are interested in joining our iPray Team that will be interceding our concerns for the church, our community and nation, send Pastor Terry an email or fill out the "Get Involved" insert this morning!