

Digging Deeper

[Engaging the message throughout the week]

Monday: 10.31.2011

Prayer Focus: Community Safety

Passage: Matthew 22

Insight: *Today's reading is the entire chapter of Matthew that contains the Great Commandment. It's good to read and see what was taking place during the time Jesus spoke these life-changing words. If you were asked, could you summarize the Christian faith any better than Jesus here?*

Questions for consideration:

How does the Great Commandment (34-40) challenge you to live life differently?

Which is easier for you, loving God or loving others?

Tuesday: 11.01.2011

Prayer Focus: Church Leadership

Passage: Matthew 28

Insight: *The resurrection of Jesus changes everything. Until this time, death had always been the vehicle that God demanded for reconciliation between himself and mankind. With Christ, that death debt has been paid once and for all - we are forgiven!!*

Questions for consideration:

What does v. 19-20 tell us we need to do with this understanding?

Who's job is this to make disciples?

Wednesday: 11.02.2011

Prayer Focus: Boost Ministries

Passage: Acts 1:1-11

Insight: *The final moments that Jesus' earthly body is on the ground is recorded here. He reminds them that they can do nothing with the Holy Spirit and they will be the voice of the church moving forward. Jesus left the entire Christian faith in the hands of these 11 men. Scary.*

Questions for consideration:

How well do you allow the work of the Holy Spirit to impact your daily life? Your work? Your family? Even your play time?

How important would it be to involve the Holy Spirit in the business of the church?

Thursday: 11.03.2011

Prayer Focus: Your personal worship

Passage: Luke 10

Insight: *Our chapter today consists of the sending out of 72 followers and a story Jesus tells to illustrate how to live out the Great Commandment. Like today, the culture of Jesus' day was hampered with so many social layers and racial divisions. As we consider God's transforming love, our eyes will see others differently.*

Questions for consideration:

We love to schedule moments to help others (thank you Mercy Team) but what about those moments that just happen ... are you ready?

This story is about serving but it's also about friendship. How can you be a friend today?

Friday: 11.04.2011

Prayer Focus: Our church worship services (11/06)

Passage: Acts 2:42-47

Insight: *Friday is a busy day so we have a short reading today. This peek into the early church must be what Jesus had in mind for the church to look like. There were all kinds of cultural reasons that people met daily and sold their possessions. Even though we have huge cultural hurdles with this today, what can we take from the relationships that we see taking place in the birth of the church?*

Questions for consideration:

How did the Acts 2 church treat one another?

How did the Acts 2 church expand the church?

How did the Acts 2 church accomplish its mission?

In what ways do we function like this ... and in what ways do we not even come close?



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!