

Digging Deeper

[Engaging the message throughout the week]

Monday: 11.21.2011

Prayer Focus: The Flushing Community

Passage: Acts 3:1-10

Insight: *As the gets started, we see an excitement among the believers that hasn't been experienced in a long time. They are boldly putting into practice all that they had been taught by Jesus.*

Questions for consideration:

*Can you imagine the emotion the crippled man felt when he had been asking for a handout like he had his whole life?
Is there something in your life you've been dealing with for a really long time? Can you imagine God healing it?*

Tuesday: 11.22.2011

Prayer Focus: FCC Church Leadership

Passage: Acts 3:11-26

Insight: *As the crowd responds to Peter and John's miraculous healing of the crippled man, Peter sees this as a great opportunity to share about Jesus in simple and practical ways. He connects Jesus to the ancestry and doesn't heap judgment on anyone for His death. Notice how he puts their concern to rest.*

Questions for consideration:

*Why do you think many think God judges them harshly?
How would seekers respond to God differently if they didn't feel judged?
Are you confident enough to share the story of Christ with others in a way that they could understand it and be drawn to it?*

Wednesday: 11.23.2011

Prayer Focus: Boost Ministries Final Night

Passage: Acts 4:1-22

Insight: *Peter and John's boldness lands them in a bit of hot water. The same leaders who had Jesus crucified now hold these apostles fait in their hands. Seeing the crippled man was proof enough that this Jesus story wasn't going away quickly enough.*

Questions for consideration:

*Have you ever experienced something that others wanted to deny happening but the proof was too obvious?
Can you imagine what might have been going through the minds of the leaders once they hear the story of Jesus' resurrection?*

Thursday: 11.24.2011 *Happy Thanksgiving!!*

Prayer Focus: Your desire to reach out

Passage: Acts 4:23-31

Insight: *After this moment of persecution and release for Peter and John, they go back to their friends and they immediately pray. Their prayer is one of concern but also the desire for boldness and action. They don't want to be scared of what could happen to them. They want to start a revolution!!*

Questions for consideration:

*Do you notice that they pray for boldness in v. 29 and God responds by giving it to them by v. 31?
What does this say about honestly telling God what scares and intimidates us ... but also what God's authority offers us to defeats those fears?*

Friday: 11.25.2011

Prayer Focus: Our church worship services (11/27)

Passage: Acts 16:16-34

Insight: *This is an amazing scene from the early ministry of Paul. Doing the right thing can often leave us in a heap of trouble as Paul and Silas found out. But even after being flogged to nearly death and laying in a dark and nasty jail cell, they never complained. Instead, they sang to the Lord.*

Questions for consideration:

*Why do you think the jailer was open to finding salvation?
Can you identify with the jailer's joy and excitement about his new belief in the Lord?
When was the last time you felt joy ... deep and lasting joy ... about the gift of salvation God offers us all?*



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!