



Notes of Personal Challenge & Inspiration:

Vacation Bible School '12
August 13-16 | 6:30-8:30 PM
Flushing Community Church!

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Digging Deeper

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

Monday: 08.06.2012

Prayer Focus: Our church leadership

Passage: Matthew 5-7 (Jesus as teacher)

Insight: Matthew's account of Jesus' first major teaching experience remains a powerful cross section of the Gospel. As you read this rather large section of scripture today, do you best to hear it from the original hearers perspective. When Jesus declares, "You've heard it said," think about the things you've been taught that might not be exactly correct. Be open to the work of the Holy Spirit guiding you in areas of worry, prayer, hidden sin, and righteousness. This weekend we will be looking at the ministry of Jesus with fresh eyes. We have come out of the darkness of silence and have entered into the era of the Messiah. I hope you see Jesus at work in your life this week!

Tuesday: 08.07.2012

Prayer Focus: The Flushing Community

Passage: John 9 (Jesus as healer)

Insight: Our world is filled with sickness and horrible disease. We all know someone with cancer. We have loved ones who have died battling an illness. We all have prayed for someone to be healed and that healing didn't come—at least the way we wanted it to. We read this story in scripture and think many things ... including did this man deserve this amazing gift? Why didn't the religious leaders accept the power of Jesus? Why did Jesus tell him to not tell anyone? What strikes you as comforting? What leaves you wanting more?

Wednesday: 08.08.2012

Prayer Focus: Our nation and political climate

Passage: John 8:1-11, John 4:1-26 (Jesus shows compassion)

Insight: If you were to ask many today what they think of God, they would say "judge" or "mean old guy." But Jesus throughout his ministry expressed deep compassion toward those who I would have not been able to. John 8—the woman was clearly in sin and never asked for help from what I read. Jesus saved her. John 4— again the woman is living a life that seems unworthy and yet Jesus reveals himself to her and she is transformed!

Thursday: 08.09.2012

Prayer Focus: Intercession (use the iPray Guide)

Passage: John 13, 17-19 (Jesus as servant)

Insight: Today we look at the heartbeat of Jesus—to serve and not be served. Chapter 13 is a powerful expression of servant hood as Jesus washes the feet of his friends. Then chapters 17-19 express His ultimate act of servant hood by surrendering His life for you and me. As you read this familiar story again, do you best to take it in like it's the first time. How do you respond to a God who is willing to strip down from the glory due to him and model being a slave right in front of us? Do we do a good job being Christ-like in return?

Friday: 08.10.2012

Prayer Focus: Our upcoming service (Story of God #7)

Passage: John 20-21 (Jesus as Risen Savior)

Insight: Everything we have talked about to this point in the series culminates in the resurrection of Jesus. The entire Old Testament points to His arrival and His mission was to be our sacrifice—to be what we could not be (the price for our sin). If Jesus had stayed in the tomb, He would have paid for our sins still. But He didn't stay there—He came from that tomb and defeated death for us as well. And in doing so He gives us His power to go into all the world proclaiming the Good News that Jesus is the ONLY way!!

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