

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 ...

Titus 3 | Saved in order to do Good

¹ Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, ² to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.

³ At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. ⁸ This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

Matthew 10 | Jesus sends out the Twelve

¹ Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, ^[a] drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.



August 28, 2011 | "Pay it Forward"
Pastor Terry Bate

Has someone you didn't know ever do anything exceptionally kind for you and not want anything in return?

How does the idea of "pay if forward" work? (draw it out)

List some biblical references that point to the idea of Paying It Forward being rooted in Christianity:

What does Titus 3 tell us?

According to Matthew 10:8, we are to pay _____ forward!

What are some common hindrances to paying God's kindness forward? What do you struggle with the most in this area?

Look inside to learn more about the P2i2 action steps.



Digging Deeper

[Engage the message throughout the week]

Monday: 8.29.2011

Prayer Focus: Seymour Elementary

Passage: 2 Samuel 22

Insight: *Saul was the first King of Israel. His son Jonathan was best friends with the shepherd boy David who was now grown and anointed the new King of Israel. See how these two showed kindness to each other in the midst of a challenging circumstance.*

My Reflections: _____

Tuesday: 8.30.2011

Prayer Focus: Early Childhood Center + Springview Element.

Passage: Job 10

Insight: *Job had everything. Then, Job lost everything. Read his prayer in this chapter and see if you can identify with his emotions, questions, and moments of faith.*

My Reflections: _____

Wednesday: 8.31.2011

Prayer Focus: Elms Elementary

Passage: Galatians 5

Insight: *Though we are called to freedom in Christ, we are also called to serve the Lord and one another. How does the Apostle Paul balance that fine line in this chapter?*

My Reflections: _____

Thursday: 9.01.2011

Prayer Focus: Flushing Middle School

Passage: Jeremiah 31

Insight: *The prophet Jeremiah had a tough message to give to the people of God. These words from the Lord Almighty speak of his faithfulness.*

My Reflections: _____

Friday: 9.02.2011

Prayer Focus: Central Elementary

Passage: Titus 1-2

Insight: *These 2 chapters are remind us to do good for the sake of the Gospel but also that we cannot ignore our spiritual development. Have you grown this week?*

My Reflections: _____

Saturday: 9.04.2011

Prayer Focus: Flushing High School

Passage: Titus 3

Insight: *As you end your week, consider who is like you used to be ... foolish and ignorant of God's love. How can you share that eternal story with them.*

My Reflections: _____

The Greatest Gift

Praying | Preparing | Investing | Inviting

Throughout the week, list at least one person per day who you feel that God is placing on your heart to reach out ... to pay it forward. Who needs to hear about God's love? Who needs to see God's love in action?



Take some time to write down your story of grace. How did Jesus save your soul? How will your friends whom you love respond best.

At the end of the week, send your names to Pastor Terry (first names only) so that he and the Pastoral Team can join you in praying for your loved one.

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