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NEWSLETTER

Sidewalk Sunday School



A Call to Service

“And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.’” Mark 16:15

In Mark 16, we read that Jesus defeated death and He’s risen from the grave. The disciples hear the Good News but they didn’t believe what they heard. Jesus appears to them as they sat comfortably at a table, hiding from fear of being persecuted. He rebukes their unbelief and hardness of heart.

For three years the disciples had walked with Jesus. He prepared them for such a time as this. All of what He told them would happen has happened. Jesus appears to them to remind them of the call He placed on their lives. He didn’t call them to be comfortable. He didn’t call them to be isolated from the world. He didn’t call them to fearful of man.

Jesus called them to a life of service. He tells them, “Go”. Go out from here into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Tell the world about what you’ve witnessed. Don’t worry about what they’ll say, how hard it’ll be, how you’ll provide for yourself, or what they’ll do to you. Believe in Me and trust Me.

Let me draw the world to Myself through you as you share with them the greatest news that will ever be heard. Death has been defeated. The devil has been defeated. Sin has been defeated. Your sin has been forgiven. Here I stand before you to show you what I’ve been telling you that in Me there is abundant life.

Jesus calls each of His children unto a life of service. Service unto Himself for His glory and none other. Everything we do must be about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Whatever job we have, if we aren’t pointing people to Jesus, our work is in vain. If we exercise at the gym without pointing people to Jesus our effort is in vain.

If children in our homes and in our community don’t hear about Jesus and see His glory displayed through us our parenting and influence is in vain. After this final encounter with Jesus in person the disciples went out and preached everywhere. The Lord worked with them to complete what He purposed for their lives.

All of them, in service unto the Lord, would be martyred for their faith and believe in Jesus Christ. What’s the gospel worth to you? When you look back on 2023 does your life reflect a life of self-centered service or that of Christ-centered service? Pray and consider whether the Lord is leading you to serve alongside us in 2024.

I believe God is calling His children to step outside of their comfort zone in 2024. He’s calling them to heed to the voice of the Lord Jesus that says, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” Whether through us or another ministry, consider where the Lord is telling you to Go and respond to His call to service.

Pastor Nick

MEMORIZE IT

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- 3/2: Who Are You Living For?
- 3/9: The Word of God is a Treasure
- 3/16: Be Careful What You Say
- 3/23: Jesus Had to Die
- 3/30: Live the Life God Wants You to Live
- 4/6: Everyone Needs to Hear the Word of God
- 4/13: You Have No Right to Judge
- 4/20: The Devil is a Liar
- 4/27: Be Faithful to God
- 5/4: Prayer is Powerful
- 5/11: God Requires Your Obedience
- 5/18: Your Time is Now

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/2: Spring Kick-Off!
- 3/31: Empire Village Outreach
- 4/28: Oak Pointe Outreach
- 5/18: Spring Series Ends
- 5/26: Weston Oaks Outreach

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

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| 2/5: Victor | 2/15: Yamileth |
| 2/9: Maria | 2/20: Aaliyah |
| 2/9: Moises | 2/20: Esaud |
| 2/10: Abdiel | 2/23: Daniella |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



PRAISE REPORT

- Throughout our break parents and children have reached out anticipating our return. God allowed us to have significant influence in the community last year. The fruit of which we continue to see.
- Some of our families continue to attend services of churches that partner with us. Part of our vision is to be a bridge in the community. How beautiful it is to see families who didn't go to church attending a local Gospel centered church.
- In advance of our official return to the community God continues to make provisions necessary for us to bless children and families. Praise the Lord that He is Jehovah Jireh and shows us continually His faithfulness.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Pray. Participate. Provide. Partner.

Scan me!



Volunteers: We need people who are willing to help us serve children and families in the community.

Meals: We prepare food for at least 50 people every week. Sponsor a meal and help us feed families in need.

Prizes for Kids (ages 4-12): Children compete in games to earn prizes. Purchase a prize and pray for the child who will receive the gift.

Snacks for Kids: Kids earn snacks for good behavior. Sponsor a weekly snack.

General Ministry & Benevolence: General ministry is operational expenses and benevolence goes specifically to meet needs in our community (i.e. rental assistance, food, etc.)

HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

- Pray for every child, man, and woman God has paved a way for us to minister to this year.
- Pray for families we serve who are struggling monetarily, emotionally, spiritually, and mentally as times are difficult for many.
- Pray for provision of resources and volunteers that will allow us to complete the work God has called us to do in 2024.
- Continue to prepare for us as we move forward in effort to obtain official tax exemption status as a 501(c)(3) organization.