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NEWSLETTER

Sidewalk Sunday School



Much with Little

"Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand." Zechariah 4:10

Gideon with only 300 men defeated the Midianite army of 135,000 (Judges 7). The disciples find a boy who has five barley loaves and two fish. They say to Jesus, "What good are these for so many?". Jesus took what little the boy had and fed thousands.

God calls Zerubbabel to rebuild the temple. After much opposition the work ceased for seventeen years. God calls him to return to what he started. In this new beginning, Zerubbabel holds something small and seemingly insignificant, a plumb line.

Years of work had already taken place; plans did not progress the way they anticipated. The work would begin again not with some large or significant tool but with something little. When God's involved little becomes much.

The purpose of the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hands was to keep the walls lined up correctly. Without it, the walls of the temple would not have stood the test of time. Zerubbabel needed this small tool to correctly finish the work God had called him to do.

What God has placed in our hands, regardless of how large or small, significant or insignificant, will we use it for His glory? Great moves of God often begin as seemingly insignificant thoughts, dreams, desires placed in the hands of those who will steward them well.

When starting this ministry, we didn't have significant resources or a large team. Even today we don't have much but the little we have God does much with it. Every small beginning, every small assignment we have in our hands has a purpose.

Small things are happening but these small things are significant. Little things happening are significant in the eyes of the Lord. We must humbly serve the Lord where ever He calls, in whatever He calls us to do, however much it cost. We must not despise the day of small things.

The Lord rejoices in that the work He's called one to has simply begun. God knows we are incapable of completing the work He's called us to do. Gideon didn't have the ability to defeat the Midianites. The disciples couldn't feed thousands with five loaves and two fish.

Zerubbabel, even with the plumb line in hand, couldn't rebuild the temple. God took what little they had as they gave their hearts to Him and multiplied their resources, their efforts, and their ability to accomplish what seemed impossible.

Small things have begun but significant things are happening. Greater things to come are outside of our reach but we serve a great and wonderful God. We're grateful that God will continue to take the little we have and do much with it.

Pastor Nick

MEMORIZE IT

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PRAISE REPORT



1. Every child has received a kid's study bible! Thank you for those who have helped make this possible.
2. We've had a wonderful start to our fall series. New kids have been coming, parents and adults have been joining us regularly, new volunteers have come to serve with us.
3. Almost every child present recently raised their hand saying today, "I believe in Jesus. I want to decide to live for God." Even some of the adults have responded to the gospel. Praise the Lord!
4. Children are hungry and asking really good questions. "Who is Jesus? How do I get to heaven? How do I pray?" Several new kids left before the lesson. I presume they went to play or mess around somewhere. They instead came back with a sign that said, "I love Jesus. He is my Savior!" Wow! I was so impressed.
5. We're literally in a season of new beginnings. By the grace of God, we've officially obtained status as a nonprofit. With all God's been doing we believe this is going to open more doors of opportunity. Soon we'll be sharing with you more information!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

10/7: God Wants to Transform Your Life
10/14: God Wants to Transform Your Mind
10/21: God Wants to Transform Your Heart
10/28: God Wants to Transform Your Actions
11/4: God Speaks
11/11: God will Provide for You
11/18: It's Not Thanks-Taking, it's Thanksgiving
11/25: God Desires to be Your Father

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/18: Sidewalk Thanksgiving
12/2: Fall Series Ends
12/9: Visitations / Outreach
12/16: Sidewalk Christmas

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

10/4: Benjamin
10/6: De'Arianah
10/8: Julieth
10/12: Jose
10/13: Aniyah



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Pray. Participate. Provide. Partner.

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Ongoing Needs: Volunteers, Meals 4 Kids, Prizes for Kids (ages 4-12, under \$10), Snacks for Kids, General ministry and benevolence support.

Sidewalk Thanksgiving: Our goal is to provide a free Thanksgiving meal for the community. We anticipate feeding around 150 people. We need food and/or access to a commercial kitchen, 13 to 15 (8') tables, chairs, a 20 x 40 x 18 tent if possible.

Sidewalk Christmas: Lord willing, we intend on blessing all of the children in our community with Christmas gifts. Many of them have difficulty and/or are unable to provide gifts for their kids. While we bless them with gifts we share with them the greatest gift God ever gave, His Son Jesus.

HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

1. Pray God sends laborers that will join us in our efforts to serve more children and families in Pasadena.
2. Pray God continues to provide resources and everything needed to bless the community with a Thanksgiving Meal and Christmas gifts.
3. We believe in the Spring God will open doors for us to host Sidewalk Sunday School in another apartment complex nearby. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and provision.
4. Pray God continues to soften the hearts of every man, women, and child we serve. We long to see disciples of Jesus discipling others.