

TASTE of Reconciliation

an annual celebration of God's beautiful diversity

Sunday, July 25

4:30 p.m.

Multicultural Art Appreciation
Outdoor Games for Children

5:00 p.m.

Multicultural food booths

6:00 p.m.

Multicultural Worship Service



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GOD'S WORD THIS WEEK



19051 South Halsted St. | Glenwood, IL 60425

July 11, 2010
Worship Services
9:00am and 10:30am

TODAY'S MESSAGE: Overcoming Your Dark Side
BROUGHT BY: Pastor Jason Perry
BIBLE BASIS: 2 Samuel 11

Introduction

We all have within us the capacity for catastrophic evil.

Blueprint for the dark side:

And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. (James 1:13-15)

"Temptation" (11:2) -

"Our Own Desires" (11:3) -

"Sinful Actions" (11:4) -

"Sin is allowed to grow" (11:6-15) -

"Gives birth to death" (11:16-17) -

How do we overcome this capacity to be controlled by our dark side?

Live on _____ (2 Samuel 11:1)

Recognize your capacity for _____ (Jeremiah 17:9)

Permit yourself to be held _____ (2 Samuel 12:1-12)

Inspect your _____ and _____ your sin (2 Samuel 12:13a & Ps. 139:23-24)

_____ God passionately (Psalm 51)

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Week July 11, 2010

The Journey

Community Groups exist to promote the development of significant Christian relationships centered around the study of God's Word and meet at various times and places throughout the week. *If you are not currently in a Community Group, stop by the Connection Booth or call the church office: 708-709-0100.*

To assist in your daily readings, here are some questions to help reflect on what is being read each day. These questions will help you apply what is read to your life situation. It is our hope that this journey will help everyone grow in their spiritual development.

July 12 - July 17, 2010

Breaking the Ice

1. What is your favorite summer activity?
2. Where is your favorite place to travel in the summer?

Digging In

3. Share the notes you took during Sunday's sermon. Did any of you have the same thoughts?
4. Read 2 Samuel 11 and discuss.
5. What significance do you see in the timing of David's sin?
6. What progression of thought do you think David entertained upon seeing Bathsheba?
7. Where does this passage record David's first fear of the adultery?
8. What superior character qualities does Uriah exhibit in refusing David's overture?
9. In what ways does one sin lead to another in this story?

Reflect

10. Would you like to share a temptation and how you resisted it?
11. Once fidelity is lost physically, how can it be regained spiritually?

Pray

12. Give thanks for God's grace and forgiveness and his amazing love.
13. Pray for those who need the love of Christ in their life.

Each One Reach One!

1 Kings 7

How many years did it take to build Solomon's house?
Who did all the bronze work for Solomon's buildings?
How many lamp stands of gold were constructed for the temple?

1 Kings 8

What did Solomon place under the cherubim in the temple that he had built for the Lord?
What was still inside of this?
To whom did Solomon know God showed mercy?
In general, what did Solomon ask God to do in any time of Israel's trouble or falling away?
How many bulls and sheep did Solomon offer to the Lord that day?

1 Kings 9

When did God appear to Solomon a second time?
What did he tell Solomon?
What did Hiram think of Solomon's cities that were given to him?
Under Solomon's rule, who were never used as forced labor?

1 Kings 10

Who came to test Solomon with hard questions?
How many did Solomon answer?
What gifts did the queen of Sheba give to Solomon?
Of what were Solomon's drinking vessels made?
Why did all the people want to be in the presence of Solomon?

2 Kings 11

How many wives did Solomon have?
From what people did he take wives for himself?
Into what did his wives lead Solomon?
What judgment did God make on Solomon's kingdom?
Who would take over ten tribes of Israel?
What son of Solomon would reign in his place?

2 Kings 12

What did the people want Rehoboam to do for them?
Whose advice did Rehoboam listen to concerning the people of Israel?
What concerned Jeroboam about the worship of God in Judah?
What did he do to solve this problem?