

# 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 18, 2010

Worship Services  
9:00am and 10:30am

TODAY'S MESSAGE: Betwixt and Between

BROUGHT BY: Pastor Mark Prestriedge

BIBLE BASIS: Matthew 16:13-19 & Galatians 2:11-14

In order to see ourselves in spiritual formation, we need to see things realistically. And realistically means that the bottom line is that the Christian life is hard and every believer is inconsistent and meandering. Every believer struggles with being consistent, feeling guilty, and feeling like a spiritual failure. A great example is the apostle Peter. What was it about Peter's life that made him so loved of Jesus, so used of Jesus, and yet far from perfect?

### Peter Was Unpretending

\* Spiritual people are striving to tell the \_\_\_\_\_ and live the \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Peter was an honest man, even when he failed. That's what gave him \_\_\_\_\_ spirituality.

### Peter Was Unfinished

\* Spirituality isn't about being perfect; spirituality is about \_\_\_\_\_ God in our unfinishedness.

\* Peter realized his \_\_\_\_\_ and accepted his imperfection.

### Peter Was Incompetent

\* Spirituality describes our \_\_\_\_\_ incompetence.

\* We are not magically given the \_\_\_\_\_ ability to live Christ-like.

\* Jesus cares more about \_\_\_\_\_ than he does competence.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

Week July 18, 2010

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.*

### Breaking the Ice

1. If God was like Santa Claus, checking his list twice to see "who's naughty or nice", would you get "your heart's desire" or a "lump of coal" for this week?
2. How do you live from the inside out?

### Digging In

3. Share the notes you took during Sunday's sermon. Did any of you have the same thoughts?
4. Read Galatians 2:11-14 and discuss.
5. How is the word "justified" commonly used today?
6. How does Paul use the term as compared with his opponents?
7. Why do these differences matter?
8. What is "justification by faith"?
9. How does Paul turn the tables on his rule-keeping opponents?

### Reflect

10. What "additions" to faith might outsiders sense in your Christian circles, regarding what they should do to be approved?
11. How can you help break down these barriers and avoid the performance trap?

### Pray

12. Pray that you might follow God's direction in your life.

Each One Reach One!

# The Journey

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 19 - July 24, 2010

### 1 Kings 13

What did a man of God come to tell Jeroboam? What did God tell his messenger not to do? How did the man of God disobey God? What happened to the man of God when he left?

### 1 Kings 14

To whom did Jeroboam send his wife to find out about their sick son? How did he send her? How did the prophet recognize Jeroboam's wife? How bad was Judah in the eyes of the Lord?

### 1 Kings 15

Who is the good king of Judah who reigned for 41 years? Why did Asa remove his grandmother as queen? Who killed the household of Jeroboam?

### 1 Kings 16

Who killed the household of Baasha? Who did Israel want as king in place of Zimri? Who challenged Omri as king? What city was built by Omri? Who tried to rebuild the city of Jericho? What prophecy of Joshua was fulfilled?

### 2 Kings 17

What prophecy concerning the land came through Elijah? How did God feed Elijah? After the land dried up, where did God send Elijah for food? What was the first miracle done at the widow's house? What was the second miracle done at the widow's house?

### 2 Kings 18

What had Obadiah done because he feared the Lord? Who was trying to rid the land of the Lord's prophets? Why did Obadiah fear telling Ahab where Elijah was to be found? What test did Elijah do with the prophets of Baal? What did Elijah pour over his altar? What happened when the prophets of Baal called on their god? What happened when Elijah called on God? What did Elijah send his servant to tell Ahab when he saw the cloud rise in the sky? By what means did Ahab travel to Jezreel? By what means did Elijah travel to Jezreel? Who arrived first?