

TASTE of Reconciliation

an annual celebration of God's beautiful diversity

TONIGHT

4:30 p.m.

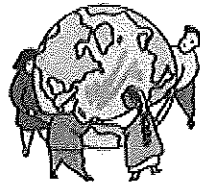
Multicultural Art Appreciation
Outdoor Games for Children

5:00 p.m.

Multicultural food booths

6:00 p.m.

Multicultural Worship Service



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: What do I Do with All this Pain?

BROUGHT BY: Pastor Dave Izenbart

BIBLE BASIS: Matthew 18:21-35

3 Common Responses to Hurt...

- 1) We can _____ it.
- 2) We can _____ it.
- 3) We can _____ it.

- Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. (Matthew 6:12)

Big Idea: Jesus' solution to the problem of our pain is to _____.

- 1) When to forgive... _____ (vs. 21-27)
- 2) Why forgive? (vs. 28-35)

a. Forgive to be _____.
This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart. (vs. 35)
For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But, if you do not forgive men for their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. (Matthew 6:14-15)

b. Forgiveness brings _____.
In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. (vs. 34)

3) How to forgive....

- a. Surrender to _____.
- b. Surrender your _____.
- c. Surrender your _____.
- d. Surrender a _____.

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COMMUNITY GROUPS

Week July 25, 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 26 - July 31, 2010

Breaking the Ice

1. How many credit cards do you have?
2. When does your credit card tempt you the most?

Digging In

3. Share the notes you took during Sunday's sermon. Did any of you have the same thoughts?
4. Read Matthew 18:21-35 and discuss.
5. Do you suppose Peter had a special reason for asking how many times he needed to forgive his brother?
6. What does Jesus' answer say about forgiveness in the kingdom?
7. What is the parable that Jesus told really about?
8. In refusing to be merciful to others, what do we deny ourselves?
9. Do we forgive others so God will forgive us? Or does God forgive us so that we will have a forgiving attitude?
10. What is the principle for you as a Christian in dealing with someone who has wronged you?

Reflect

11. Who is the easiest and hardest person for you to forgive?
12. How can we forgive, yet not encourage irresponsibility?
13. What have you found helpful in dealing with difficult relationships?
14. How can you pass on God's forgiveness to those who have wronged you?
15. What is the connection between forgiveness, health, and wholeness?

Pray

16. Pray that you can forgive those who have hurt you in the past.
17. Pray that you can forgive those who are difficult to deal with.

1 Kings 19

Who threatened Elijah's life? What did God provide Elijah to eat in the wilderness? How long did this food strengthen Elijah? Where did Elijah look for God the first three times? How did God speak to Elijah? Who are the 7,000 God has reserved that have not bent their knees to Baal? Who would be anointed in Elijah's place?

1 Kings 20

Why did Ben Hadad think he was defeated by Israel in the first battle? How did God answer Ben Hadad's challenge? Why did God become angry with Ahab?

1 Kings 21

What did Ahab want from Naboth? Would Naboth give it to Ahab? How did Ahab react after Naboth's decision? How did Jezebel plot to kill Naboth? What was God's judgment against Ahab for Naboth's murder? What was Jezebel's judgment? Why did God postpone the calamity in Ahab's time?

1 Kings 22

What city did Ahab want to take from Syrians? Who did Ahab ask to help him? Who prophesied against the battle? Did Ahab heed his advice? What did Ahab do with him? How was Ahab killed? Who became king in Ahab's place?

2 Kings 1

How was Ahaziah injured? Who did Ahaziah seek to find out if he would recover? Who did God send to tell Ahaziah he would die? What happened to the group of fifty men who Ahaziah sent to Elijah? What happened to the second group of men? What happened to the third group of men?

2 Kings 2

How was Elijah to be taken into heaven? What happened when Elijah struck the Jordan River with his mantle? What did Elisha ask from Elijah? How would he know he would receive it? What was the first sign of Elisha's power? What was his second sign?

Each One Reach One!