

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

## FALL KICK-OFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00 A.M.

FOLLOWED BY A BBQ

Bring your children with you to this special family-orientated worship service. Join us for our Elder/Deacon sponsored bbq to continue our celebration of ministries kicking off!

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GOD'S WORD THIS WEEK



19051 South Halsted St. | Glenwood, IL 60425

August 29, 2010      Worship Services      9:00am and 10:30am

TODAY'S MESSAGE: Finding Your Spiritual Pathway

BROUGHT BY: Pastor Dave Izenbart

BIBLE BASIS: Mark 12:28-34

The Most Important Thing: \_\_\_\_\_! One size fits all spirituality?

**Big Idea:** To help each one of us discover our primary spiritual pathway(s) to better connect our heart with Jesus.

### 8 Spiritual Pathways:

1. Naturalists: Meeting and loving God in his \_\_\_\_\_.  
Scripture: Psalm 19:1-2    Example:
2. Sensates: Meeting and loving God with all your \_\_\_\_\_.  
Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-4    Example:
3. Traditionalists: Meeting and loving God through \_\_\_\_\_.  
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:25-26    Example:
4. Ascetics/Contemplatives: Meeting and loving God through \_\_\_\_\_.  
Scripture: Mark 1:35    Example:
5. Caregivers: Meeting and loving God as we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for others.  
Scripture: John 13:14    Example:
6. Enthusiasts: Meeting and loving God in \_\_\_\_\_.  
Scripture: Psalm 108:1-2    Example:
7. Activists: Meeting and loving God through \_\_\_\_\_.  
Scripture: James 1:22    Example:
8. Intellectuals: Meeting and loving God through \_\_\_\_\_ and in exercise \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Scripture: James 1:22    Example:

### Some Possible Next Steps:

- Reflect on the various spiritual pathways and seek to identify one or two that fit most naturally for you.
- Spend some time in prayer thanking God for the unique way he has made you. Thank him for the many wonderful ways you can connect with him.
- Commit to being intentional about trying some of the spiritual pathways you have never explored.
- Consider studying the book *Sacred Pathways* by Gary Thomas.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

Week August 29, 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. What subject is guaranteed to spark a debate in your house? Sports? Politics? Religion? Other?
2. Are your debates "spiritual"?

### Digging In

3. Share the notes you took during Sunday's sermon. Did any of you have the same thoughts?
4. Read Mark 12:28-34 and discuss.
5. Why are these 2 commandments the greatest?
6. How do the Ten Commandments relate to these two?
7. What does Jesus' response to this man teach you about Jesus? About the Kingdom?
8. Why do you think Jesus' answer silenced his enemies?
9. What else were they thinking but did not say?

### Reflect

10. In the three possibilities of love relationships (with God, neighbors, and self), where are you the strongest? The weakest?
11. What have you found that helps love to grow in each area?
12. What is your spiritual temperature?

### Prayer

13. Pray that your love for God would be foremost in your life.
14. Pray that you would love your neighbors into the Kingdom.

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.

## August 30 - September 4, 2010

### Acts 1

Who wrote the book of Acts? From what mountain was Jesus taken up? Where did the apostles go from there? How long did it take them to get there? Where did they meet when they got there? At that time, what was the approximate number of disciples with the apostles? What was the purpose for the meeting that Peter was conducting? What qualification did the new apostle have to meet? Who was chosen?

### Acts 2

What happened to the apostles on the day of Pentecost? Why did the multitude marvel when they saw the apostles? What nationality were the apostles? How many people were there with Peter? Did David ascend into heaven? What did David say about God's Holy one? What is the gift of the Holy Spirit? What other words was Peter telling the people concerning the perverse world? How did the people continue steadfastly in the apostles doctrine? How did they continue steadfastly in fellowship? What did the believers do with their possessions?

### Acts 3

Who did Peter and John heal going into the temple? Who did they give credit to for this? In verse 19, what does "repent" mean? What does "be converted" mean? What are the times of refreshing? What

would the refreshing do for us? Why is Jesus waiting in heaven?

### Acts 4

What group of people confronted Peter and John? By what authority did Peter say they had healed the man? What did the priests and elders notice about Peter and John? Could the elders of Jerusalem deny the miracle that had been done? Why did the rulers and elders fear Peter and John teaching any more about Jesus? What was the importance of Barnabas selling his land and giving the money to the apostles?

### Acts 5

What did Ananias and his wife do that was wrong? Who did Peter tell Ananias he has lied to? Peter told him he was not lying to men but to whom? What happened to Ananias & his wife? What did Peter and the apostles perform among the people? What did the Sadducees think of this? What did the Sadducees do to the apostles? What happened to the apostles when they were in prison? Where did the apostles go? What did the Sadducees want the apostles to do? What was the apostle's answer to the Sadducees?

### Acts 6

Who are the Hellenists and what did they complain about? How did the apostles solve this problem?