COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

For the week of October 15, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Operation Shoe Box Has Arrived!

Pick up a box from any campus and return it by Sunday November 12 at the BP campus. This is a great thing to do with your Community Group!

STF Business Meeting, Sunday, October 22, 12:45-1:45pm

The Business meeting will start at 12:45 at the Ballast Point campus. If you usually attend our Davis Islands or Channel District campus, we hope you will join us after service! At this Business Meeting, we will be voting for the new 2024 church budget.

Candy Trail, Sunday, October 29, 5-7pm

Candy Trail is STF's Trunk or Treat event for the fall! We would love for you to come out to our Ballast Point Campus on October 29, from 5-7 to celebrate together! Wear your best costume and get ready for food, fun, bubbles, music, and of course, CANDY! Register to serve at www.stfchurch.com/events

My Story

1. Think of a habit you would like to establish during this new series, "Win The Day". What is it? What are some practical ways to pursue this on a daily rhythm?

2. Flipping the script of our lives means that we have to change the story. For your life, what about your personal story do you want to change?

Quick Review: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Digging Deeper

1. When things don't work out the way they're supposed to, it can become increasingly difficult to continue doing the right thing. Below are some verses that reveal a very different way of looking at life than most of our world would look at it. After reading each verse, jot down how it differs from the way most of the world lives and thinks.

James 5:16 16 (New International Version)

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Psalm 112:6 (New International Version)

Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

Psalm 25:14 (New International Version)

The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

Psalm 34:15 (New International Version)

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry;

Isaiah 32:17 (New International Version)

The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.

2. How do the following verses help us look at our past and move toward the future in a way that is healthy and productive?

Psalm 139:23-24 (New International Version)

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. [24] See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

2 Corinthians 13:5 (New International Version)

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you--unless, of course, you fail the test?

2 Corinthians 5:16, 20 (New International Version)

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. [20] We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God we're making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

3. Joseph's - *the guy with the fancy coat who was sold by his brothers and later became Pharaoh's second hand man* - grace shown to his brothers is an incredible example of the grace God offers all who commit their lives to Him. Knowing the background to this story and then reading the following passage, what impresses you most about Joseph 'flipping the script' in his life?

Genesis 50:15-26 (New International Version)

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" 16 So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 17 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. 18 His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. 19 But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. 21 So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. 22 Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father's family. He lived a hundred and ten years 23 and saw the third generation of Ephraim's children. Also the children of Makir son of Manasseh were placed at birth on Joseph's knees.
24 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." 25 And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place." 26 So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

Taking It Home

Understanding who God is and how he is personally engaged in our lives is an important part of learning to live out our Christian life. Set aside some time this week to prayerfully list out a couple of habits that you would like to truly focus on.

Prayer Requests