

SUNDAY 03/24/17

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TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

A STUDY OF THE SEVEN SIGNS IN THE BOOK OF JOHN

The GRAVE ROBBER

HOW JESUS CAN MAKE YOUR IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE

LAUNCHES TUESDAY, APRIL 9



Fill out a "WOW" sheet. Post it on our board or on your fridge!



Please mark the following dates on your calendar:







Invite your family and friends!

FLOODING VICTIMS



Please pray for flooding victims in Nebraska and Iowa.

CONNECTION CARD

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card

in order to "MEASURE" our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.





Apr 07 » Jesus, the Promise-Keeper Apr 14 » Jesus, the Sin-Bearer Apr 21 » Jesus, the Life-Giver Apr 28 » Jesus, the Pain-Taker

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jason G. Ray H. Gearen Family Tom M. Brian H. Karen W. Rick L. Stein Family Benjamin G. Cheyenne W. Mike F. □ Ryan K. Tyler M. Bill S. □
HEALTH ISSUES —
Suzie S. » Health Issues

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Like a tree, a person can't carry the weight of two seasons simultaneously. In the violent struggle of trying, they will miss every bit of joy each season promises to bring." —**Lysa TerKuerst**

METRICS THAT MATTER (03/17/19)

ATTENDANCE ► 35 GIVING ► \$517.26 GUESTS ► 3 VOLUNTEERS ► 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0





13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. 14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. 2 Corinthians 9:13-14

THREE BIG Blessing MISTAKES



Some people Ignore the blessings of God



- · They fail to acknowledge God is the provider.
- · They are "unaware" of the good things he gives.
- · They complain for any small inconvenience.



Some people Apologise for the blessings of God

- · They try to explain them away.
- · The reason we have this: "red tag sale".
- · They have a hard time accepting good from God.



Some people Hoard the blessings of God



- · They think that it's all for them.
- · They think more is better.
- · In God's economy—generous is better!

Studies have shown consistently that in our country, the less that people have, the more proportionately that they give. And the tragedy is that the more that people have, the smaller percentages they give.

3 WAYS WE ARE TO BE A Blessing



⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and

whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

- We are to give with an overwhelming sense of joy.
 - · It's called "hilarious" giving.
 - It's the difference between being mature and immature.
 Immature—I want things. Mature—I enjoy giving to others.
 - · I am blessed because I get to give.



While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in

the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. Mark 14:3



- · The expensive perfume was poured over Jesus' head.
- · Some were angry and thought it was a waste.
- · It was very expensive—a year's wages.
- Jesus commended her: she's done a great thing.
 She will be remembered for generations to come.
- · She gave the way God gave to us-extravagantly!



42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper

coins, worth only a few cents. ⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on. Mark 12:42-44

- · The poor widow gave more than all the others.
- · Why? She gave out of her living—her poverty.
 - · Our giving should cost us something.





This Easter Season we are reminded of Christ's unique mission and spectacular triumph over evil. We invite you to join us as we celebrate during this high holy season.





Palm Sunday -

Remembering Passion Week and the sufferings of Christ.





Good Friday Service -

A thoughtful and moving service. Good Friday reminding

us that a great price was paid for the forgiveness of our sins.





Easter Sunday Service

- A service of music and the Word. Celebrating the victory of the cross through

Christ's resurrection and His power to set us free from sin, death, and bondages.

Easter Egg Hunt - for children and teens at Coleman School following the service. Cool gift cards in obvious and not-so-obvious places.