

EPHESIANS

PART OF SOMETHING BIG



February 18, 2024

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At RCC, the Bible tells us that God wants us to find our greatest joy in Him and that He desires for us to share this experience with others.

So our mission is - To encourage people to **Enjoy God Together**.

And our vision is - To **build joy-filled communities of faith** whose very existence inspires individuals to live an abundant Christian life, **made up of three key relationships - r1, r2, and r3**.

r1 – A deepening relationship with God

r2 – A life-changing relationship with other believers

r3 – An engaging relationship with those yet to believe

To get there, we have a few things that matter to us:



WE FIND OUR GREATEST JOY IN JESUS



WHAT WE THINK ABOUT GOD MATTERS



WE HELP PEOPLE HELP PEOPLE



WE CELEBRATE QUESTIONS



WE EMBRACE INEVITABLE TENSIONS



THIS IS FOR LIFE

SPECIAL MEETING AFTER 2ND SERVICE

March 3rd

Please join us on **Sunday, March 3rd after 2nd Service** for a Special Meeting, called by the Elders, to hear updates on the Lead Pastor search process.

Since the announcement on 10/29, the process of identifying prospects began and during this time we have received questions from the congregation. At this meeting on 3/3, the Elders will share their response to the congregation's questions and share the plan for moving the process forward.

Childcare will be available.



Come join other men from RCC for breakfast on Saturday, March 2nd. We'll eat, chat, and get encouraged during our time together.

Date/Time: Saturday, March 2nd

Location: Student Building at RCC

Cost: \$5

You can register at richfieldcc.org/events. For any questions, contact Steven at stevenh@richfieldcc.org.

GIVING UPDATE

Thank you to all of you for investing in RCC's vision and community. As of 02/14/24 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date
2024 Actual	\$65,942	\$163,411
2024 Budget	\$52,971	\$157,229
Difference	\$13,006	\$6,182

HOW TO GIVE

At RCC, we believe that giving comes as a natural, joyous outpouring of worship for what God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives. So whatever is received, we are grateful and truly believe God is honored through our giving.

If you'd like to give, you can:

1. Give at richfieldcc.org/invest
2. Give through "giving" on The Church Center App
3. Give by text to 84321 (and text an amount to get started)
4. Give by cash or check in any of the "for God" boxes"

SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

Ephesians 5:1-2

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

NOTES:

Loved People Love People

Ephesians 5:1-2

Todd Chapman - February 18, 2024

We are loved people.

Loved people love people.

Life Group Discussion Questions

Ephesians 5:1-2

For the week of February 18, 2024

Reading the Text:

1. What was the big idea of the previous text, Ephesians 4:25-32?
2. What does it mean to "*imitate*" someone or something? What about God are we to "*imitate*"? Why did you choose those particular characteristics/actions of God to imitate?
3. Where do you see the theme of "*love*" and/or "*being loved*" appearing in these verses? How do you think Paul defines "*love*"?
4. What evidence does Paul give in these verses to show that Christ loves us? What is "*a fragrant offering*", and how does it relate to Jesus? (Consider Leviticus 1 & 2 - specifically 1:9, 1:13, 1:17 and 2:2 for more background)
5. How would you restate the big idea of the Ephesians 5:1-2 in your own words?

Living It Out:

1. Many suggest that 4:17-5:2 is one consistent thought contrasting the way we used to walk/live (and think) before treasuring Jesus, and how we are to live/walk (and think) now. Which of the ideas presented in this section stands out to you most? Which is most challenging for you? Why?
2. Has there been a time when you felt overwhelmed with love? What was it like? Now think of God's love. What would it feel like to be overwhelmed with His love?
3. How can this Life Group encourage each other to walk in the love that God has for us, as well as the love He has for us to share with those around us?

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