

EPHESIANS

PART OF SOMETHING BIG



March 10, 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

GIVING UPDATE

Thank you to all of you for investing in RCC's vision and community. As of 3/6/24 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date
2024 Actual	\$25,031	\$239,258
2024 Budget	\$24,438	\$238,386
Difference	\$593	\$872



First, join us for **Good Friday on March 29th at 5:30pm**. We will gather to say thank you to Jesus for giving His life as a ransom for us and ask God to open our hearts, seeking understanding and forgiveness as we reflect on Jesus' work on the cross.

Then on **Easter Sunday, March 31st**, we will come together to celebrate the joy of the risen Jesus! Services will be at 9am and 10:30am. In addition to services for adults, we will also have lots of fun children's activities for 4th grade and younger.

2nd Monday | March 11th

GOD LOVES ME

MORNING

READ: Psalm 139:13-18

CONSIDER: Is it an uncomfortable thought to you that God knows perfectly and completely? He knows the best about us and the worst, and still He loves us! He knows our distracted prayers and He knows our heart. And He loves us!

TALK TO GOD: Thank God for His love, His acceptance of our efforts through Jesus, and His patient guidance.

AFTERNOON

READ: Matthew 6:25-34

CONSIDER: Think about all the ways that God has shown His love for you over your lifetime: while some may have been favorable circumstances, think also about His forgiveness, the impact of His word, the gift of His Son, His Spirit, and His enduring presence.

TALK TO GOD: Talk/listen to God about how your relationship with Him might grow.

EVENING

READ: Romans 8:31-39

CONSIDER: If God would give His Son to redeem us and reconcile us to Himself, is there anything He wouldn't give toward that relationship? Would there be any cost too great? If the truths of this passage were to sink in for us more fully, how might our view of God change? Our view of life? Our view of ourselves and others?

TALK TO GOD: Ask God to help us in our unbelief.

SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

Ephesians 5:15-21

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,

¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is

debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one

another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and

making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks

always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

NOTES:

Living Our Best Life

Ephesians 5:15-21

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Those who are loved by God live dramatically different than the world around them – they live wisely.

To Live Wisely:

-Don't waste your time.

-Know God's will.

-Be directed by His Spirit.

Life Group Discussion Questions

Ephesians 5:15-21

For the week of March 10, 2024

Reading the Text:

1. What was the big idea of the previous text, Ephesians 5:3-14?
2. In v. 15, Paul says to be careful how we “walk”. What does he mean? What are some of the other ways he has told us to walk and not walk?
3. How do we understand the will of the Lord? What are some of the ways that we know God’s will? How can we be sure it’s God’s will? What are the limits of our knowledge of God’s will?
4. Compare and contrast being filled with wine and being filled with the Spirit. What are the similarities and differences between them?
5. How does speaking to one another with spiritual truths flow from being filled with the Spirit? How does it contribute to it? What is the significance of our heart?
6. How would you state the big idea of Ephesians 5:15-21 in your own words?

Living It Out:

1. What does it look like for us to live wisely? How do work, leisure, Netflix, retirement, and social media fit into a well-lived life?
2. How do we live confidently about the will of God for our lives when many of the challenges we face are not specifically addressed in the Bible?
3. How could our Life Group help us live life filled with the Spirit? What does speaking psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to each other look like for us?

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