

Seaside's Coming Events

Elderly Ministry

Scott Orel is organizing a ministry to serve those in retirement communities. The ministry will be starting in January if you have signed up already check your email if you would like more info or to sign up email Scott at orelscott@yahoo.com

Connecting with God

Today

Unsure of what it really means to follow Christ? This class is an introduction to a life with Christ. You will discuss topics such as God's love and forgiveness and what it means to be connected with Him. 4-5 pm Sign up on a connection card or email seaside@seasidehb.org

Connecting with Spiritual Practices

January 22

Do you desire to develop habits that promote spiritual growth? Then this is the class for you. This class is focused on teaching you different spiritual practices that promote your spiritual health. 4-7 pm with a light meal included. Sign up on a connection card or email seaside@seasidehb.org

Connecting with your Life Purpose

January 22

Ever wondered if you were doing exactly what God created you to do? This class walks you through a process to discover your unique gifts, talents and passions and then helps you identify a place for you to serve. The class is from 4-7 pm with a light meal included. Sign up on a connection card or email seaside@seasidehb.org

Winter Camp 2012

February 10-13

The Youth of Seaside (The Break and EPIC) will be joining forces and journeying up to June Mountain, for an incredible weekend of learning about what it means to live out their faith. Cost \$270. Sign Up between Dec 7th-Jan 26th with a youth leader, \$70 non-refundable deposit holds your spot! Questions, Comments, Concerns contact Becca Wegener at: rebecca@seasidehb.org.

Growth Groups Start This Week

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If you are interested it's time to start thinking about imunizations Questions? seaside@seasidehb.org

BEING RELIGIOUS AND MISSING JESUS

Repent: To change my mind

1. Think that you are better than others Luke 13:10-17 Ephesians 2:1-10; Titus 3:3-8

Two facts

- ▶ We all fall short
Romans 3:23
- ▶ We all die
Romans 6:23

2. Think that spiritual growth is an option Luke 13:10-17 John 15:1-8; Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 5:9; Colossians 1:6, 10-12

Three necessary ingredients

- ✓ Grace
- ✓ Truth
- ✓ Time

3. Think that rules and traditions are more important than people Luke 13:10-17

One key action

- ▶ Compassion

Growth Group Discussion
For the week of January 8, 2012
Luke 13:1-17

Quick Review: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question?

Connecting Questions

1. Do you make New Year's resolutions? If so, give one example from past years. How did it work out?

Exploring the Scriptures

1. Jesus discusses some recent tragedies in Luke 13:1-5, where he contradicts the common belief that these were a punishment for sin. Share your thoughts on why tragedies happen to some and not others (such as bad luck, God's judgment, a wakeup call, etc.). Support your answer with Scripture where possible.

2. In Luke 13:3-5, Jesus tells the people to repent, which is often defined as making a complete turnaround and going in the opposite direction. Read Ezekiel 18:30-31, Joel 2:12 and 2 Corinthians 7:10. What are some attributes of repentance and what are some substitutes that people use for genuine repentance?

3. To Jesus, the circumstances of our deaths are less important than our spiritual state, which has eternal consequences. What do Matthew 13:40-43 and Revelation 22:3-5 tell you about the future of those who reject and accept Christ?

4. In the parable of Luke 13:6-9, Jesus shows that God is patient with sinners, but that his patience has limits. Read Isaiah 48:9, Joel 2:13 and 2 Peter 3:9, and identify some reasons why God delays judgment.

How should this influence our response to his mercy?

5. It wasn't clear yet whether the tree in the parable would be fruitful or was just taking up space. Share some of your insights regarding fruitfulness from John 15:1-8.

6. As in Luke 13:10-17, each of the seven recorded healings on the Sabbath were initiated by Jesus, as a direct challenge to the interpreters of the Law. What is the justification for Jesus' actions? See Matthew 12:5-12 and John 7:23 & 9:13-16.