

MONDAY 8.4.25 - Matthew 26:29

So unlike people of earth, then and now. God, in the holy person of Jesus, at the coming hour of his terrible anguish, thinks of others. This celebration, tying the old testament and the new testament together, was a source of comfort to the disciples and also to Jesus.

But then Jesus gives special significance to two elements of the meal. After offering the wine to the disciples, he says he will not drink it again until doing it in his Father's kingdom. Some consider this fulfilled when he returned days after his burial, when the resurrected Son of God ate and drank with many witnesses. Acts 10:41. And perhaps so, but others consider this to refer to His final return at the end of days. Either way, Jesus offers comfort that even after we die or are translated to heaven, we will be with Him and enjoying Him in comfort and peace. Take heart.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 8.5.25 - Matthew 26:30

When we read this verse, we might wonder why Jesus and His disciples sang a closing hymn following the last supper meal and time of fellowship. The disciples were perplexed and saddened by what Jesus had foretold. Why then did they sing before departing? And what did they sing in light of Jesus's disclosures? Since the purpose of their gathering was to celebrate the Passover, certain songs would have been contained in the rituals for that occasion. But perhaps the they would have included a song that pointed to what Jesus had revealed. We include music in worship for many reasons, but one is our emotional response to God, whether joy, praise, adoration, or sorrow. From their book of songs, (the Psalms), the disciples may have selected Psalm 22, which seems to point to the sufferings of Jesus. Singing would have given the disciples an opportunity to express their anguish over their fears of losing Jesus while preparing them for the

horrors they would soon witness. We praise God for giving us music to help and encourage us.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 8.6.25 - 1 Corinthians 15:42-44

In the United States, each of the 50 states has a nickname. Pennsylvania is known as "The Keystone State." New York is called "The Empire State." The state of Missouri has an interesting nickname. Missouri is the "Show Me State." Missouri's nickname can be traced to a speech made in Philadelphia in 1899 by one of her congressmen. The man's name was Willard Van Diver. Van Diver said, "Frothy eloquence neither convinces nor satisfies me. I am from Missouri. You have got to show me!" That's what Jesus Christ did through His resurrection—He shows us. Through His resurrection, Christ shows believers that they are truly following the right person, that they are truly forgiven, and that they truly have life beyond the grave. Jesus said, "Because I live, you will live also" (John 14:19).

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 8.7.25 - Daniel 12:2

Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

Today's passage, written thousands of years ago clearly indicates that there will be a day when the dead shall rise. Some will be destined to spend an eternity in the very presence of God and others destine to spend an eternity separated from God. We find the same message in several of

the books of the New Testament. If you know Christ as your Savior and you are still here on planet earth, you know that this event has not taken place yet, but that it could take place at any moment. Knowing that today could be the last chance for our friends and loved ones to hear and respond to the gospel should motivate us to be bold in sharing the gospel.

If we love them and want them to spend eternity in heaven with us, we must tell them about Christ. Who in your life needs to hear about Christ. Purpose to tell them about Him today.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

FRIDAY 8.8.25 - Job 19:25-27

In the first two chapters of the book of Job, we read of a discussion between God and Satan. God permitted Satan to tempt and to torment Job. God allowed Satan to take Job's fortune (his business was completely wiped out), touch Job's family (all his children died in one tragedy), torture Job's flesh (he had painful sores covering his body), and turn Job's friends (their initial comfort resulted in accusation).

Despite his personal anguish and pain, Job trusted in the Lord (13:15). Job placed his faith in the coming, promised Redeemer to raise his dead body and to give him everlasting life (19:25-27). Likewise, those of us who have placed our faith in Jesus for eternal life can be confident that He will raise us from the dead at His return. At that time, He will transform our corruptible body into a glorious, resurrected body—never again to experience death.

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E2 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 9:40am

- Kids** CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
NURSERY (through Age 3) *9:40AM ONLY
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- Youth** E2 CLASS (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** **SUMMER QUARTER** - Sunday Mornings at 9:40
LOCATION: B8-10 - Gene Steinruck- began June 1st.
EXPLORE THE BIBLE - Psalms - Let the ancient words meet you where you are. Listen as God speaks to your heart and reminds you how much He cares about you.
LOCATION: B11 - Dave Delcamp - begins July 27th.
BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE (part 2)
Risk Takers: The Adventure of Walking by Faith
Since our character is to match the Lord Jesus we profess to follow, consider the character traits that are critical in the life of every believer.

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

- Kids** MESSIAH KIDS (Kindergarten – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
RESUMES IN THE FALL
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
RESUMES IN THE FALL
- Adults** LOCATION: Worship Center

SUMMER SMALL GROUP

WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY Began July 9th 6:30pm - rm. B8-B10.

FULLY DEVOTED: by: Alex Kendrick & Stephen Kendrick

This powerful, eight-session study will take you on a journey through Jesus's invitation to come to Him as you are, trust Him with your faith, surrender to Him with your heart, follow Him with your life, and then intentionally make disciples of others. Led by Barry Wills.

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THESE GROUPS OR CLASSES,
USE THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

***Where we were.
Where we are.
What we're called to do.***

Hebrews 10:1-25

- I. Where We Were:
The law says be perfect, and we've _____ it.
 - (Hebrews 10:1-4)

- II. Where We Are:
We need grace, Jesus has _____ it.
 - (Hebrews 10:5-18)

- III. What We're Called to Do:
We're part of God's family: _____ it.
 - (Hebrews 10:19-25)

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

~ Hebrews 10:24-25

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



August 4 - August 8

INTRODUCTION:

Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip (E2) every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and small groups (E2 Communities). This devotional is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion.

OVERVIEW:

Monday and Tuesday's readings will be a follow up on Sunday's message from August 3rd, "Where We were. Where we are. What we are called to do." with Rev. Dave Hummel. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on August 10th, "We Believe ... In The Resurrection of the Dead", with Pastor Doug Lyon.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever
Hebrews 13:8