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TUESDAY

6:00 Pastor's Bible Study in person at Church & Zoom Link forthcoming

WEDNESDAY

6:30 Worship Team Practice at the Church

6:30 Youth Group
Meeting at the Church
Snacks will be Provided
Contact Chris for details

THURSDAY

NO Ladies Bible Study

SATURDAY

8:00 Reflective Walk Memorial Island



Carl Volgarino
Barbara Van Arman
Karen Gupton
Jimmy Morrison
Lynn Lindsey
Linda Napier

Henny H. Raams - Mother of Marieke Dam Billie Brooks, her daughter, Angela and her granddaughter, Rebecca..

Jim Sanderson, Gloria Thomas, Jeannie Jenness, Bobbie Parris & Harold and Linda, friends of Carl Volgarino. Heather Kmetz, daughter of Debbie & George.

Please add Don Jones-Brother in Law of Tom Adrean, to your prayer list.

Don suffered a stroke this past week. News from today indicates improvement over the weekend.

Message from Pastor Derrick

Finding Healing in the Words of the Lord 8 Questions We're Scared to Ask #5

How God's Words Healed Job:

- (1) He stopped asking "why" and started listening to the lessons in the storm from "who." (Job 38:1-4)
- (a) Lesson One: God uses unusual things to teach us what we need to know, not what we want to know: (1) a burning bush for Moses; (2) A donkey for Balaam; (3) A whale for Jonah; (4) A rooster preaching a sermon to Peter; (5) Paralysis by analysis for Job
- (b) Lesson Two: Storms are made worse when you continue to ask why instead of turning your attention to who.
- (c) <u>Lesson Three:</u> If you don't stop asking why and you don't start asking who, then you are venturing beyond your place in creation.

 Just be still and know that God is God.
- (2) Neither pleading his case or blaming God and others quieted Job's soul. Acceptance of the situation the way the Creator of the Universe presented it to him did.
- (a) Before God spoke: "Let me plead my case" (Job 31:35-37)
- (b) After God spoke: "I'm not in your league" (Job 42:3)
- (c) The reason Job changed his tune (Job 38:33-35)

Acceptance of circumstances as God, the Creator, has presented them to you is the first road to healing.

- (3) He learned that pain, no matter the form, was providentially designed to show him that the devil is a liar and a deceiver. He has been defeated.
- (a) The Devil's Plan for Us (Job 1:11)
- (b) God's Plan for the Devil (Job 41:1-3)

Sorry Devil, you are wrong. We won't curse God if he removes his blessings. We will praise him instead, just like Job.

- (4) No weapon formed against him prospered. But others will prospered through his story. And continue to. (Rom 8:35-37)
- (a) Satan attacked Job to get him to curse God: "he will curse you, God, I'm sure of it.
- (b) <u>But Satan's attacks furthered God's purpose</u>: Job's experience has yielded a book that has provided encouragement to countless believers through the centuries. Is that what the devil planned?

Your story of pain and triumph will spark hope in other's lives.



YOUTH GROUP 6:30 Wednesday at the Church Call Chris for Details



Snacks will be Served



One More Thing---LEARNING FROM THE GREAT TEACHER Matthew 16

ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

Did you ever sit in class and become nervous when a teacher asked you a question you didn't know how to answer? Teachers know there is an art and science to asking purposeful questions. Closed questions require a "yes" or "no" answer or a factual reply. Open questions require more content in the explanation. Asking closed questions is only the starting place for helping a student think more deeply.

As we learn from the Great Teacher, we should understand the art of asking purposeful questions. Good questions help us get to know a person and can open the door to faith conversations. God set an example with the first question He asked Adam in Genesis 3:9: "Where are you?" God gave Adam a closed question. He knew exactly where Adam was-both his literal location in the Garden and his figurative location-where Adam was in relationship to Him. So why did God ask the question? To reveal truth. Often God asks questions to get people to examine their motives and actions.

In Matthew 16 Jesus asked His disciples a closed question, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" He then immediately followed this question by asking Peter an open question, "But what about you? . . . Who do you say I am?" Christ's question was aimed at Peter's heart by asking for his personal declaration of faith. Peter gives not just one answer but two (v. 16), clarifying his answer to Jesus with more explanation. Jesus' question to His disciples was intended to engage them in a spiritual conversation, to help them understand His identity. Because we desire to serve others, we must be prayerfully willing to ask loving but sometimes tough questions.

>> As you read Matthew 16, ask yourself, what is God's intention with each question? Consider the conversations you might have today. How might God use you as His servant leader to ask important and needed questions that will lead others to know and follow Jesus Christ?

PRAY WITH US

Imagine yourself in Peter's sandals, facing Jesus' question in today's reading: "Who do you say I am?" As you pray, tell the Lord who He is in your life and thank Him for your salvation.

-- Today in the Word