



genesis church

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begin. believe. become.

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THIS WEEK TUESDAY

5:30 Pastor's Bible Study
at the Church

WEDNESDAY

NO Worship Team Practice
this week
6:30 Youth Group
call Libby for Details

SATURDAY

8:00 Ladies Reflective Walk
at Memorial Island

PRAYER

changes things

Lynn Lindsey
Ken & Celeste Freeman as they continue
their travels
Gloria Thomas
Diane Margolis & Family as they mourn
the death of Diane's husband, Alan
Susan Jones
Carl Volgarino & family as he recovers
from an accident

*Devote yourselves to
prayer, being
watchful and
thankful.
Colossians 4:2*



A Message from Pastor Derrick

Discern. Test. Evaluate. Redeeming Simplicity: An Exposition of 1st John #9 1 John 4:1-6

We've come to the critical turning point passage in the Epistle of 1 John; one that begins the application of the simple truths about Jesus, fellowship, and love that we've just studied in the first three chapters. With this passage, John switches to the application portion of his letter.

How can we live victoriously and love others the way Jesus loved us? John's answer to this question isn't what you would expect. He doesn't start with prayer or Bible reading; both of which are important. He starts with one concept: discernment.

1. What is discernment? (4:1a)

"The ability to correctly judge what is beneficial for obtaining Christian guidance and understanding"

- The type of judgment the Lord abhors
- The type of judgment the Lord approves
- Examples - Bereans (Acts 17:11; Ephesians (Rev. 2:2)

2. Why discernment? (4:1b)

- b/c it intersects the Christian life in a fallen world at every point
- b/c it forces you to protect and maintain your Christian freedom

3. How to practice it? (2-3, 5)

- The Motivation Test - Can I be at peace with what the Lord shows me?
- The Jesus Test - How is the character of Jesus magnified in this?
- The Apostolic Test - What NT principle is illustrated in my decision?

4. What happens when you start practicing discernment? (4)

- One word: overcome





MERRY CHRISTMAS

You are cordially invited to attend the 3rd Annual Ladies Christmas Outreach Luncheon **to be held at the Church** on 12/7 from 11:30 - 1:30.

The music will be provided by the Indian River Charter High School String Quarter

Please RSVP to Connie Poppell (conipop45@gmail.com) by or before **November 30th**

We are limited to 160 (plus servers).

When you email your reservations to Connie, please let her know what you will be providing as a side dish.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

with preparation, decorating, set-up and clean-up
for the Ladies Outreach Luncheon



Wednesday, December 4th from 1 - 3:00 PM - Decorate the Sanctuary

Thursday, December 5th - Calling all Men-

Setting up Tables & Chairs in the Sanctuary (Time TBD)

Friday, December 6th 9:30 - Table Decorations

11:30 - Table Setting & Prayer

CONTACT: Pam Barker-910-620-8900 (voice or text) or sign up at the church - Sign up sheet next to offering basket



Birthdays

FOR DECEMBER



3rd - Holly Clemons & Roger Grabach
6th - Gaylord Hansen
8th - Rachel Walker
10th - George Kmetz
11th - Pat Powers
26th - David Jones
28th - Lynn Lindsey
29th - Larry Irvin



**Your Offering Envelopes for 2020
are in the Church Sanctuary ready for pickup.**

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
(2 Cor. 9:7)

One More Thing...

You have shown your people desperate times... (Ps. 60:3).

I have always been glad that the Psalmist said to God that some things were hard. There is no mistake about it; there are hard things in life.

Some beautiful pink flowers were given to me this summer, and as I took at them I said, "What are they?" And the answer came, "They are rock flowers; they grow and bloom only on rocks where you can see no soil." Then I thought of God's flowers growing in hard places; and I feel, somehow, that He may have a peculiar tenderness for His "rock flowers" that He may not have for His lilies and roses.

--Margaret Bottome

The tests of life are to make, not break us. Trouble may demolish a man's business but build up his character. The blow at the outward man may be the greatest blessing to the inner man. If God, then, puts or permits anything hard in our lives, be sure that the real peril, the real trouble, is what we shall lose if we flinch or rebel.

--Maltbie D. Babcock

Heroes are forged on anvils hot with pain,
And splendid courage comes but with the test.
Some natures ripen and some natures bloom
Only on blood-wet soil, some souls prove great
Only in moments dark with death or doom.

God gets his best soldiers out of the highlands of affliction.

--Streams in the Desert

i can do all things through *Christ* who strengthens me
philippians 4:13