
READING

We believe that regular Bible reading is the most important step we can take to grow spiritually. If you need a tool to help you be consistent, check out the options at the Resource table in the foyer.

PRAYING

This information is intended to help you pray for specific needs in our congregation and the world. Updates to prayer requests for individuals will be added as information is provided.

Psalm 73:26, 28

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.

For Our Mission

Out of our worship grows a knowledge of God as He speaks to our hearts. Out of His words to us grow works expressing love. And so, we worship, serve and grow.

- Pray for everyone engaged in our regular ministries of hospitality and the upcoming Fun Fair in particular.

For Our World

There still remains only God to protect man against man. Either we will serve Him in spirit and in truth, or we shall enslave ourselves ceaselessly, more and more, to the monstrous idol that we have made with our own hands to our own image and likeness. The cause of so many miseries is indeed the ignorance which men have of an important message: they no longer know that a Saviour is born to us. - Étienne Gilson

For Our Congregation

- For the following people who continue to struggle with a variety of health issues: Dennis Salhani; Pat Dermenjian; Lynda Weber (Dave Weber's wife); Steve Field
- Jim Warren had bypass surgery on Monday and is recovering well
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WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

August 6, 2017

Speaker: Dr. Deven K. MacDonald

GRACE

GOOD NEWS FOR MESSY PEOPLE

HEARING:

Do We See Ourselves as Needing God's Grace?

Luke 18:9-14 (pg. 1051)

God, in his grace, wants and pursues the messed up people.

1. He _____ the unworthy

📖 In election - Ephesians 1:3-5

📖 In the Old Testament (God calling a people for himself) - Deuteronomy 7:7-8

📖 In Jesus (not a reluctant savior) - Hebrews 12:2,3

1. He _____ the unworthy

 In Genesis (Creation, Fall, and God's pursuit of man)

 In the Old Testament

 In Jesus' crucifixion - Romans 4:25; 5:9)

APPLYING

It's one thing to hear God's Word, it's another to apply it! Answering the questions on your own before your group meets will help you be fully engaged in the discussion.

Community Group Questions

1. Read Luke 18:9-14. Talk through this passage. Why is it so moving? Who do you identify with in the passage? What's happening here?
2. How does election show us God's grace? God wanted you knowing full well what a mess up you'd be! How does this cause us to worship and rejoice?
3. Read Genesis 3:1-13. What do we see revealed here about God's character and pursuit of unworthy, messed up people?
4. God not only wants, but pursues, the unworthy. Think about this. God wants and pursues messed up people like you! Take some time as a group and pray together. Pray and thank God for his incredible grace and love.

DEEPENING

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REMEMBERING

Memorizing is one of the best ways of making truth stick. You can memorize something if you repeat it enough times. Try reading the verse 5 times a day until it sticks! Choose a part of it for your kids if needed.

"God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

Luke 18:13b^{NIV}