

Welcome to New River!

Come on in and look around a little. Take some time to ask some questions. If you'd like something to drink or eat, stop and pick that up as well. While you are here, relax. We hope you feel comfortable, accepted, engaged, and inspired.

Wondering what happens in worship?

We usually start our time of worship together by singing. Don't know the songs? Don't worry. We didn't know them either at first. After we sing, one of our pastors will teach from the Bible. If you didn't bring a Bible with you, and you'd like to follow along, we'll project the scriptures so you can. After our time of teaching we usually sing another song or two. If there is anything we can help you with, please swing by our Information Desk in the Lobby. Our Mission is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Want to know what we have for kids?

Kidz Kove is for your **Preschool** aged children. It's a clean and secure environment where your children will be well taken care of and taught a practical and easy to understand lesson from the Bible.

River Kidz is for your **Elementary School** age children in grades K-5. Here your children will sing, play games, and learn the Bible from well trained leaders in small groups.

Middle School or High School, bring them on into worship with you. We have The Plunge for Middle School Students and The Well for High School Students on Sunday Nights. Be sure to check www.nrcc.net each week for specific dates, news, and info.

NRCC Prayer Requests

Community Group Prayer Requests

Service Times

South Campus
6pm Saturdays
10:15am Sundays

North Campus
9:15am Sundays
11:15am Sundays

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Community Group Questions

Sermon Notes:

Growing

Jan. 2nd & 3rd 2010

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God has done more than we can ask, think, or even imagine at New River in 2009, and we believe He has even more in store for us in 2010. How will we respond to what He has for us in 2010? Will we just sit and watch or will we grow in our faith and trust in God? This weekend we'll see how important our personal faith is to God.

Quick Overview

My takeaway from this message is:

This week I am going to:

Looking back over your sermon notes, was there any particular point or passage of scripture that most challenged, confused, or caught your attention?

Introduction

Imagine how different your outlook on life would be if you had absolute confidence that God was with you. Imagine how differently you would respond to difficulties, temptations, and even good things if you knew with certainty that God was in all of it and was planning to leverage it for good. In other words, imagine what it would be like to have perfect faith.

Begin by reading the story of the Centurion with the sick servant in Matthew 8:5-10.

My Story

1. Do you know people whose faith in God is so strong that at times you would describe it as *amazing*? What is it about them that makes you think their confidence in God is so strong?

Exploring

1. How would you describe the relationship between *obedience* and *trust*?
2. As you think back on your childhood, how was the *obedience/trust* relationship manifested in your home? Did you trust your parents? How did that impact your response to their authority?
3. What is more important in a relationship: *trust* or *obedience*? Answer this question within the context of several types of relationships. If you are a parent, how would you answer this question as it relates to your children? What about within the context of marriage?
4. Arthur listed five ingredients to developing HUGE faith. Which ones do you remember? Of these five, which one has made the biggest difference in your confidence in God? Why?

Exploring

5. Has there ever been a time in your life when your faith in God hit a really low point? Would you be willing to share that story with your group? If so, describe the events surrounding your loss of faith, as well as what happened that helped you regain it.

6. Based on this discussion, what advice would you give a friend who had lost faith or who would describe his or her faith as weak?

7. Based on your personal experience, if a close friend were to share with you that he was at one time a person with great faith in God, but had lost his faith, what questions would you ask? What advice would you give?

Next Steps

Sermons come in all shapes and sizes. But if you listen closely, you'll hear God saying the same thing in most sermons—*trust me*. That's not to say that the message in the Bible is shallow and simplistic. Rather, in all the ways that you could respond to God, the most important thing that God is asking you to do is to trust Him. When things are going well, it doesn't require a lot of faith to trust God. But when life turns messy, is your faith leading you to depend on God, or do you put your trust in something else?

1. For this week, reflect on what have been the most faith-building events/relationships in your life. How have these things affected your confidence in God?

2. Memorize Matthew 8:10

New River News

Financial Learning Experience

Sunday January 17th from 3:00-5:00 pm at our North Campus as Best selling author Joe Sangl, writer of "I Was Broke, Now I'm Not" will be here to lead a free seminar to show you scriptural principles for getting rid of debt and growing in generosity and in your relationship with Jesus. Joe is AWESOME! Block off this day on your calendar so you can lose the burden of financial difficulty.

Don't Put Away That Cell Phone Yet...

Join the NRCC texting community by texting "NRCC" and your first and last name to 646-342-7033. We'll use this great tool for several different things; you can send us your prayer requests throughout the week and during sermons we can use it for quick crowd polls, and just to send you quick updates on info.

Married Life Live

Save the date! Our next Married Life Live is Thursday February 11th at Tega Cay Country Club. Registration is open! Check our website for more details.

20+ Ways to Read the Bible in 2010

<http://www.youversion.com/about/reading-plans>