

Next Steps

1. Memorize Romans 3:22b-24; “There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.” Share with a friend or family member why this truth is important to you.
2. Have you ever said “YES” to God and accepted a right standing with Him? Consider praying a prayer that transfers your trust out of your hands and into Christ’s hands. And if you’ve already done so, ask God to show you someone who needs to hear this message.

New River Prayer Requests

1. Pray for wisdom and financial provision for facilities to be expanded as we continue to minister to our community.
2. Pray for the men and women, boys and girls that that will be baptized in 2 weeks.
3. Pray for our Kidz Kove leaders and children.
4. Pray for God to draw more people to Himself in our Community.

My Community Group Prayer Requests

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Week 2

Believe

April 25th and 26th, 2009

Suggested Scripture Reading This Week:
1 John 3

Message Notes:

My takeaway from this message is:

2. Read Romans 5:8. Since no one is perfect, God had to make a way to have a relationship with Him. How does that shape your image of God?

This week I am going to:

Community Group Discussion

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

My Story

1. Growing up, what were some rules you had to abide by that you thought were dumb at the time? Do you still think they are dumb rules?

2. Think about all the advertising you get for “free offers”. Have you ever actually received anything for free? What hidden catches/costs have accompanied the free offers you’ve pursued?

Exploring

1. From last week, (Matthew 9:13 and Hosea 6:6) did God direct you to show mercy to anyone this week, did you do it out of obligation or because you wanted to?

3. How do people try to negotiate God’s blessings in their lives?

4. Read 1 John 3:1-3. What makes God’s invitation to be in relationship with Him different than other types of invitations we receive?

5. How does God’s unconditional love toward you encourage you to dump religion for the relationship with Him?