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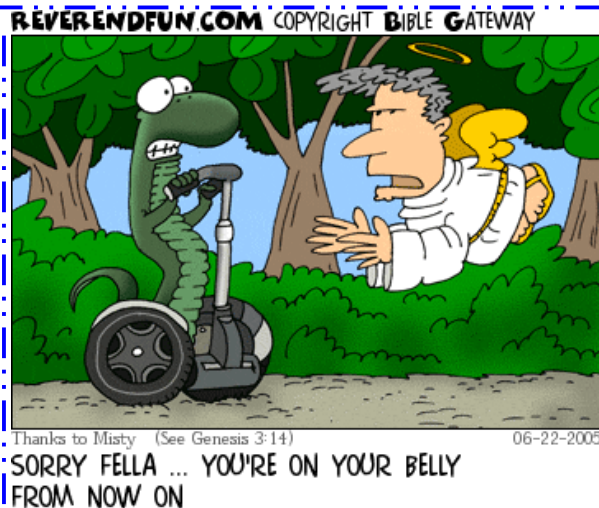
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Yearly Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday: Deuteronomy 11-13
Monday: Deuteronomy 14-16
Tuesday: Deuteronomy 17-20
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 21-23
Thursday: Deuteronomy 24-27
Friday: Deuteronomy 28-29
Saturday: Deuteronomy 30-31

Bible Reading Questions

1. What was God's very specific commandment to start out chapter 12?
2. What was the purpose of tithing?
3. T/F – it was alright to eat whatever you wanted during the Passover week.
4. What was not allowed to be eaten?
5. What was the purpose of establishing three cities of refuge?
6. How often did the law have to be read?
7. What was God's prediction about what would happen to the people of Israel after Moses died?



“So the Lord God said to the serpent: ‘Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.’”

~ Genesis 3:14

Put your nose into the Bible everyday. It is your spiritual food. And then share it. Make a vow not to be a lukewarm Christian.
~ Kirk Cameron

Discovering Truth

Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth” – Psalm 86:11

Partnership in Evangelism

One of the constant themes of my preaching is that membership in a local church is more than a name on a roster and a seat on a pew. There is teamwork involved, and every *team member* must pitch in and contribute. I define “team” as *Together Everyone Accomplishes More*. A flock of geese flying together adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone. Aviator Charles Linbergh had the backing of 9 businessmen from St. Louis and the Ryan Aeronautical Company that built his plane. Jesus had 12 apostles. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 says, “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

The idea is embedded in the Greek term, *koinonia* (“fellowship”). There is “partnership” or “joint participation” that must be established and constantly nurtured if people are to work together successfully in the cause of Christ. The whole body, “joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love” (Eph. 4:16). Preachers, teachers, people with encouragement skills, and elders must constantly emphasize, “We’re in this together, and everybody’s contribution counts!” In the New Testament, the apostle Paul and others mention about 40 of his co-laborers by name. Congregations that succeed are able to tap into the power of teamwork.

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Our Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am
Worship: 10:45 am
Evening: 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class: 7:00 pm

Our Elders:

Calvin Cooper.....408-258-3607
Lalo Enriquez.....408-270-7327
V. R. Hogan.....408-629-3055
Charles Williamson.....408-926-9957

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Lenard Boesch.....408-226-0867
Gus Rodriquez.....408-914-5762

Our Evangelist:

Kevin Harrington.....714-364-7428
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2013 Theme:

“Seek and Save”

“For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost”
– Lk. 19:10



“You are near, O Lord, and all Your commandments are truth.” – Psalm 119:151

Interested In More Information on Evangelism?

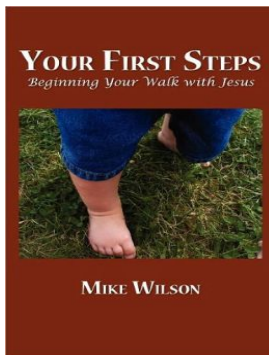
“Evangelism Toolbox” ~ Mike Wilson

“This book promotes the concept of TEAM Evangelism, using small, Bible study groups as entry points for unbelievers’ exposure to the gospel. It also contains much practical, ‘how to’ material based on lessons from Ecclesiastes, Luke and Acts. The booklet is designed for personal study, adult Bible classes, as well as mass distribution to every member in a congregation. It is jam-packed with useful tools to transform a local church into a cohesive team of saints, doing the Lord’s work together with greater effectiveness.”

This book is out of print, but it can still be downloaded as a PDF file. You can go to www.Bibleclassmaterial.com for more information.

“Your First Steps: Beginning Your Walk With Jesus” ~ Mike Wilson

“Brand new Christians are often vulnerable, and they fall through the cracks! Unfortunately, the spiritual lives of many are aborted when they have just begun. They need a “support system” of teaching and encouragement to sustain them as they begin their spiritual journey. This interactive workbook provides much-needed help. Use it as a follow-up plan after baptism or in a new converts’ class. Together with an open Bible, the tools for spiritual success are inside these pages.”



You can find this book online at www.fastpencil.com. Click the “Marketplace” tab at the top of the page and do a search for “Your First Steps.” Or you can do a simple Google search for “Your First Steps” and may be able to find it through Amazon.

This Morning’s Sermon:

The Role of Prayer in Evangelism

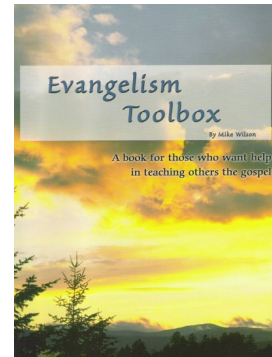
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This Evening’s Sermon:

Using Ecclesiastes in Evangelism

Mike Wilson

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Daily Spark #29

James 2:23 “And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.’ And he was called the friend of God.”

In James’ epistle, he spends quite a bit of time showing that faith without works is dead. He uses the story of Abraham to show how he believed and trusted in God and demonstrated his allegiance to Him by sacrificing his son, Isaac. In James’ writing, he draws from a story in the book of Genesis. In Genesis 15, God makes promises to Abraham telling him that he would become a great nation, and through his seed he would have many descendants. Abraham and his wife, Sarah, had no children and were well past the child-bearing age. It would have been easy to laugh at God’s promises and think that it would never happen. But Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

I think it’s interesting that once Abraham believed God, he was called a friend of God. It’s hard not to notice, while reading through Genesis, the personal relationship that Abraham had with God. How did he become a friend of God? I will answer that question with another question; how did you become friends with your friends? You talk with them, you trust them, you enjoy their company, etc. We see Abraham doing all those things with God. Abraham talked with God on a regular basis, he trusted in God’s promises, he enjoyed serving the Lord and being righteous.

The real question is, are we doing the same thing? Would you consider yourself a friend of God? All of us have friends. Some of us are blessed enough to have “best friends.” But how many of us would consider God our friend? Do you talk to Him when you need help? When was the last time you got down on your knees and humbly prayed to God? Do you thank Him during the times of prosperity? I’m sure all of us have experienced a “friend” who is only around when they need something. Don’t do the same thing with God. Talk to Him when things are going great. Thank Him for the blessing He’s given you.

Do you trust God? Many people want to go to heaven, but when asked where they are going after this life they give the answer, “I don’t know.” God has given us promises. He promised us a home with Him. Do you believe Him? He promised His Son will come back and take the righteous home with Him. Do you believe Him? He promised us eternal rest and glory. Do you believe Him? How can God be your friend if you doubt the promises He’s made to us?

Open your heart and let God in. Let His righteousness, goodness, patience, love, and compassion into your heart and mind. Let the friendship of God take control of you. Take a moment today and think of a few of your close friends. What makes you so close? What pulls you in together? Now, take what you observe in those friendships and apply them to your friendship with God.

God feels so deeply about you. He wants to be in a relationship with you. If He had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If He had a wallet, your picture would be in it. He is so proud to have you as a friend. Are we proud to have Him? Abraham believed God. Abraham was righteous. Abraham was a friend of God.

What steps are we taking to better our relationship with our Creator? Many people will say, “I have never had a relationship with God.” Well, there is no better time to start than right now.

~ Kevin

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