

Upcoming Sunday Sermons & CG Studies

We're nearing the holidays and the end of the year. (Can you believe it?) So, for planning purposes, we thought it'd be helpful for you to know what's coming up in the next 6-8 weeks.*

*The next two weeks, we'll be looking at the idea of faith and mission, particularly as it relates to **Grace DC's upcoming church plant** in the city (both Glenn and Duke will be preaching). Not only will the CGs discuss the sermons, but you will also be provided with info on ways your group can support and pray for the church plant.*

Week of Nov. 15

SERMON: faith, mission, and church planting
CG: Sermon (Nov. 15) Discussion

Week of Nov. 22

SERMON: faith, mission, and church planting
CG: Sermon (Nov. 22) Discussion (*note: because it's the week of Thanksgiving, some groups may need to have this discussion the following week.*)

*The following four weeks will be devoted to the Christmas season, which the Church traditionally refers to as **Advent** (advent means "coming" or "arrival"). This is a four-week period in which the church remembers Jesus' first coming and looks forward to his coming again.*

Week of Nov. 29

SERMON: Advent
CG: Sermon (Nov. 22 OR Nov. 29) Discussion (*Note: If your group did not meet last week, please discuss the church plant and the sermon from Nov. 22 this week — this still gives you the next two weeks to meditate on the Christmas message together.*)

Week of Dec. 6

SERMON: Advent
CG: Sermon (Dec. 6) Discussion

Week of Dec. 13

SERMON: Advent
CG: Sermon (Dec. 13) Discussion

Week of Dec. 20

SERMON: Advent
CG: No CG Sermon Discussion Guide (most CGs not meeting this week)

The following couple of weeks, we expect to have a smaller community (as many tend to travel out of town, but some return for work). We will be having Sunday worship each of these weeks, but whether or not your CG decides to meet is up to you.

Week of Dec. 27

SERMON FOCUS: t.b.d.
CG: No CG Sermon Discussion Guide (unless your group decides otherwise)

Week of Jan. 3

SERMON FOCUS: t.b.d.
CG: Sermon Discussion will be provided as usual

* We will resume the Sermon of the Mount series in January.

Fall Retreat Discussion

Not all of us attended the Fall Retreat, but we can all benefit from hearing about what people experienced over the weekend. Invite some retreat-ers to share what the weekend was like and spend some time discussing what they learned.

1. Were you able to retreat at the Retreat – get some rest and restoration? If so, in what forms and through what activities did that happen (e.g., a nap gave you physical rest, going on the hike was mentally refreshing, the messages helped you to “re-center” spiritually)?
2. What were one or two points from Skip Ryan’s messages that struck you? What will it look like for you to work those into your lives now that you’re back home?
3. Did you have any particularly meaningful conversations over the weekend? With whom? What made them special? Did you meet anyone new?
4. Did you in any way experience a slice of “community” that you’d like to see more of in you CG, as your group labors to build an authentic community together?