

November 2, 2003

Looking Ahead: With just a few more weeks before we finish the Purpose Driven Life, get ready for **52 Days**. It took Nehemiah 52 days to complete the work that God had for him, so stay tuned for details of our upcoming study!

Can one week change your life? Week of Prayer and Worship from November 10-14. Join us for this opportunity to pray through the final days of the Prayer and Purpose as we lift up our church and the city. For more information, contact suzannel@therocksandiego.org or x 230.

Celebration Sunday is in two weeks! Remember, we will be having just two services at Cox Arena on Sunday, November 16, 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM. Use your pledge card as a reminder to be praying over what God would have you commit to for np3!

MEMORY VERSE: *Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others...* 1 Peter 4:10

SERMON REFLECTIONS – Job 1

1. The Devil has access to every area of your life. He can access your thoughts, your relationships, your circumstances, etc. What are some areas that the enemy has accessed in your life? How are you choosing to react to his attacks? (Job 1:22, James 1:2-4, 4:7, Ephesians 6:11)
2. We are in a spiritual battle all the time (Ephesians 6:12). Why is it important for us to understand this? (2 Timothy 2:3-4, Colossians 2:8) How should this affect the way you live?

Purpose Driven Life – Week Two: Purpose #3: You Were Created to Become Like Christ

1. Read Romans 8:28 and James 1:2-4. How has God used circumstances and trial in your life to bring growth and Christ-likeness?
2. How is “becoming like Christ” different from the way most people understand discipleship?
3. What are some changes you have seen in your life since you became a believer? What have others noticed?
4. What truth do we learn about our responsibility in the process of spiritual growth in Ephesians 4:22-24?
5. What has God already told you in His Word that you haven’t started doing yet?
6. Where in your spiritual growth are you having to be patient because there seems to be little progress? What are you doing to press on in this area?

Prayer Time

Although you cannot choose what is going to happen to you next week, next month, or next year, you can choose how we will respond. Spend some time praying that your response will be a stepping stone to maturity in Christ and that you make godly choices under all trials.

**"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11**

Outpouring of God's Provisions November 3-7

Scripture Reflection: Read Nehemiah 3

"Then I told them about how the gracious hand of God had been on me, and about my conversation with the king. They replied at once, 'Good! Let's rebuild the wall!' So they began the good work." Nehemiah 2:18

"An offering was NOT taken at the Billy Graham Mission on Sunday night because their needs had already been satisfied."
Suzanne Lederer

Sacrifice: Add up the time and money you have spent on worldly things and away from God this week. Is your time and money spent more on worldly things or is it invested in His eternal things? Maybe it is time for you to reevaluate what your internal perspective is and how obedient it is to God's will.

God, our Abba Father, unsearchable, eternal, and mighty Lord, we pray...

- That people will search their hearts as to what they would like to pledge for the next three years regarding the building fund.
- That He will provide the financial resources needed.
- That He will unite us for a common purpose.
- That each person involved in leadership and details of np3 would learn to rely on God for all his or her needs. That His miraculous hand is without question guiding the np3 40 days of Prayer and Purpose.
- For our np3 Campaign Director and teams to accomplish everything through the power and strength of His glory.
- That our prayers act as the spark igniting God's power.
- For the planning of the prayer week and Celebration Sunday to be Holy Spirit driven. That the 80% who do not normally attend will have a hunger to corporately pray. That all participants feel prompted to be involved in the upcoming week of prayer.