



FOR THE WEEK OF: December 29, 2002

Has your Small Group signed up to help with SUPPER BOWL IX? It's coming to City Heights Park on Saturday, January 18! We still need a good 500 volunteers and training dates are coming up soon! To get involved, email Tholde1872@aol.com or call (858) 455.7625.

MEMORY VERSE: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:5

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. (KYLE) In order to hear and understand the voice of God, especially in regards to God's *revealed* will, how can we better hear His voice? In other words, how do we transform our minds to be more in tune with hearing the voice of God? (**Romans 12:1-2**)
2. (KYLE) What are the three voices that we hear and what are their characteristics? Share with your Group your experiences with these voices.
3. (KYLE) Remember the two great illustrations – What was the message behind Gandhi and St. Benedict?
1. (DARREN) According to DC, what are excuses like? What are some of the excuses you have made over the last year that have kept you from growing and maturing spiritually?
2. (DARREN) True, life-changing growth occurred for Josiah when he did what? (**2 Chronicles 34:1-7**) What are some of the bones you need to burn?
3. (DARREN) Read **2 Chronicles 31:20** and **1 Samuel 15:22** – What do these passages teach us?

CLOSER WALK - JOHN

Welcome to the gospel that it is shallow enough of the newest of believers to wade in and be fed; yet so deep that the greatest of biblical scholars have not yet touched bottom.

This week our reading takes us from **John 1-3**. Make sure your Small Group reviews these chapters. *The following questions are just to get you started, use them to discuss the things the Holy Spirit brings up within your Group.*

1. Read **John 1:14-18**. What two words does John use to describe Jesus in verse 17? What implication does that have for the Christian and His message? What does the word gospel mean? Can you see this message is gospel?
2. On Sunday, Pastor Kyle mentioned that Jesus often had problems with the religious. With that in mind, read **John 2** and look at the two events – a wedding and the cleansing of the Temple. Think about a modern day scenario – How would the religious be offended by the actions of Jesus? (Question: who are the modern day Pharisees?)
3. This week purpose in your heart to share **John 3:3** and **3:16** with a non-believing family member or friend.

PRAYER TIME - Please be praying for the MAC Team in Africa

December 31: CRUSADE FROM 5 PM-8AM.

January 2: Leave for Kampala, Uganda

January 3-4: Work with churches in training for crusade, visit Orphanages, and distribute crusade fliers.

January 5: CRUSADE ALL DAY

January 6: Head back to Nairobi

January 7-9: Safari in Masai Mara

January 9-11: ROCK and MAC family traveling home

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11