

Prayer

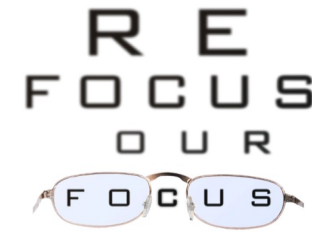
Your Life Group, and all of the others meeting this week, are the prayer meetings of our church. How cool is that!
Please spend time praying for each other and our church.

Pray for opportunities to share the hope of Christ with others.

Each other:

Church

- Lord, help us live into our vision.
- Pastors, Staff and Leadership
- Stampede and Round Up
- God to provide the financial resources we need.
- Youth and College Ministries
- Life Groups meeting around the area this week



Part 2: Leading People to Live as Followers of Jesus

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Our Vision: Leading People to Believe and Live as Followers of Jesus

You can't have _____ without _____.

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Getting Started

What is something, besides God, that you believe in?

Take a moment and read John 20:30-31 Was there one thing that stuck out to you about “believe” or “believing” or “life in his name?” It could be a question, or something that bothers you. Write down that initial impression and take a moment to talk to Jesus about it.

What is the difference between a belief you might have, and believing in something?

The same Greek word is translated as “Believe,” “Faith,” and “Trust.” In light of what you learned about that word in the sermon, and in light of its use in vs 31, what do you think about the statement: “you can’t have belief without believing; you can’t have faith without faithfulness; you can’t have trust without trusting.” What do you think that means?

The “hina clause” or purpose of John’s gospel is that the reader would believe that Jesus is the Christ, and that by believing they would have life in his name. This sums up the theology of John in one verse. We have talked about believe and believing. But what do you think it means that by believing we will have life in his name? Keep in mind that the verse sits in the context of the resurrection appearances.

This is not a life that we wait to experience later or live later, but this is a resurrected, and Holy Spirit-filled life we start living now. What does that mean and how does that shape how we live today?

NT Wright wrote: Jesus’ resurrection is the beginning of God’s new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That after all is what the Lord’s prayer is about. CCC is a colony of heaven on earth. How cool is that! What are the implications of that image for the local church—for our church?

Some practical ideas for this week:

Ask Jesus to point out to you one way you can live believing, faithful or trusting this week.

Picture yourself as a colonist of heaven on earth. How does that image affect how you go about your tasks this week?