

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

TODAY @ NEW COMMUNITY

PVKC: PROMISELAND

Join us in PVKC as we continue The Story series. Tonight's main point is "I Will Have Courage To Do What's Right!"

FUEL Middle School

Is it the water? Maybe they are using better fertilizer? Why does the grass seem so much greener on the other side? Tonight Fuel debunks the myth that life is better lived anywhere but where you are today.

AXIS High School

Tonight in AXIS we will be discussing the kindness and grace of God. It's Nacho Night!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Flashlight Night

Join your friends on November 13th for Fuel's Flashlight Night at Donna's Corn Maze! We are taking over the corn maze for a huge night of adventure. Anyone in 6th - 8th grade is invited, the cost is \$10, and tickets are already on sale. Pick up yours today! Questions? Contact Jeremy at fuel@palmvalleychurch.com or 956.585.3203.



Capture The Flag

3rd - 5th Graders get ready to run, jump, dodge, and laugh for this adrenaline-pumping event because we will be playing the ultimate outdoor game- Capture the Flag! On November 14th will your team be able to get the enemy flag and become the champions? Sign up today and find out! For more information contact Larry at larrym@palmvalleychurch.com or 956.585.3203.



Axis Turkey Bowl

On Saturday November 14th, AXIS is hosting the first annual Turkey Bowl, a fun flag-football tournament everyone will enjoy! This year's Turkey Bowl will take place at Bannworth Park on Shary Road in Mission starting at 9:30am. If you have any questions, contact Micah by calling 956.585.3202 or AXIS@palmvalleychurch.com.



Baby Dedication Services

Baby Dedications will be Sunday, November 22nd, for families with children 3 years old or younger. For more information or to sign up, stop by the kiosk or contact Robin at info@palmvalleychurch.com or 956.585.3203.



Class 101

On November 5th at 7:00 P.M., learn what Palm Valley Church is all about, and discover what it means to be a Christ follower. Whether you would like to become a member, or you just to learn more about the church, make plans to attend this class. Childcare will be provided. To sign-up, stop by the kiosk or call the church office at 956.585.3203.



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Philippians 3:12-16

1. Central to growth is our _____ of what God is doing.

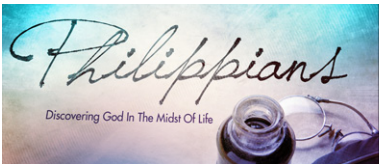
2. An awareness of God's activity produces clear _____.

Everyone ends up _____.

But few people end up somewhere on _____.

A _____ is any activity I can do by direct effort that will help me to do what I cannot now do by direct effort.

3. God's vision for Christlikeness is to be worked-out intentionally in our _____ lives.



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Weekly Engagement

We all have rules like “Do your best.” “Never give up.” “Never say never.” “Just do it.” These mottos tether us to certain behaviors and attitudes so we can, in the words of another rule, “be all we can be.” They help us live toward what we most want. Developing a “rule for life” is a way of being intentional about the personal rhythms and guidelines that shape our days.

One of the early Christian rules for life is found in Acts 2:42. Here we find that believers “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” This rule shaped their lives and hearts in the circumstances they were in. It acknowledged the impossibility of becoming like Christ through effort alone. The rule offered disciplines that made space to attend to the supernatural presence of the Trinity at work in and among them.

A Rule for Life is a simple statement of the regular rhythms we choose in order to present our bodies to God as our “spiritual act of worship” (Romans 12:1). Each rule, or rhythm, is a way to partner with God for the transformation only he can bring. Rules keep our lives from devolving into unintended chaos. They aren’t a burdensome list of do’s and don’ts, enumerating everything you might do in a day. Life-giving rules are a brief and realistic scaffold of disciplines that support your heart’s desire to grow in loving God and others” (Adele Calhoun, *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*).

This week, begin to develop your own Rule for Life. Start by answering these questions. From the answers begin to write your Rule for Life:

1. When and where do you feel closest to God? How do you experience God’s love for you?
 - a. Pay attention to experiences, practices and relationships that draw you toward God.
 - b. Are there particular practices that open you to God?
2. What is most important to you?
 - a. What gives you a sense of security and self-worth?
 - b. What would people who know you best say it’s like to live and work with you?
 - c. What/Who receives the most attention in your life? (Your job? spouse? Family? Friends? Hobby?)
3. What practices suit your daily, weekly, monthly and yearly rhythms and cycles? (prayer, Bible reading, silence, contemplative walks, retreats, etc)
 - a. What limitations are built into your life at this moment?
 - b. What longings remain steady throughout?
 - c. What responsibilities and rhythms change with various seasons?
4. Where do you want to change?
 - a. Where do you feel powerless to change?
 - b. What can you ask the Holy Spirit to help you do through grace what you cannot do through effort alone?
5. Which disciplines can you choose that arise from your desire for God’s transforming work and that suit the limits and realities of your life? Begin your practice.

*For more resources and information about developing a Rule for Life visit the New Community blog at www.palmvalleychurch.com