

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21



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Upcoming Events!

Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Aaron has started and will continue on Sunday Mornings from 9:15am-10am. Hang out, have a chat, have coffee & a donut or two!

Good Friday service will be April 15 at 6:30pm.

Easter Sunday service will be April 17 with two services at 9am & 10:30am.

COVID Testing - The NCRC still has COVID PCR tests. Contact Sarah at 231-769-2323 to schedule Monday - Thursday.

COME TO THE TABLE - Conversations on Discipleship will be May 7 at Lansing South Naz. If you are interested in attending, reach out to the church office to register or get more info.

Axe Throwing for the ladies will be Friday, April 22. Info to follow!

Community Garden is looking for volunteers! If you are available, please sign up in the Welcome Center. You will be contacted with more info and details!

SEEDS!! WE STILL HAVE SEEDS!! There are seed packets available for your taking! Packets & packets!! Help yourself!! In the foyer!

Things You Should Know!

Connect Cards can be found in the seat-back pocket in front of you! Please fill it out, take it to the Welcome Center in the Foyer and grab a gift! We want guests to feel welcome and we hope to see you again!

Prayer Requests can be submitted via the website under the Ministries tab. These prayer requests go directly to Pastor Aaron and are confidential.

Text to Give is available. Please text GIVE to 231-386-0644 and then follow the instructions given! You can also give online by visiting connectionpointmi.com and click the DONATE tab for a secure transaction. Thanks for supporting our ministries here at Connection Point.

The Bridge the Gap Fund sign is across from the Café. If you are interested in giving above your tithes/offerings there is a giving kiosk at the FOR store. Please email the church office for more information.

New Church Directory App is available now! If you need help accessing it please contact the church office and we can work on getting you set up!

Further Reflection for 3/27

Reflection:

1. What is a place you went as a kid that as an adult looks totally different?
2. When is a time you began to see someone in a different light? (good or bad)

Study:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
 - a. What is one thing from this text that jumps out to you?
 - b. What are we supposed to do with Paul's words in verse 16 "so from now on we regard nor one from a worldly point of view..."?
 - c. Describe what a new creation is based on this text?
 - d. Describe what it means to be reconciled to God?
 - e. How are we supposed to share "the message of reconciliation"?
 - f. Describe what an ambassador does. Why is that such a powerful analogy for what followers of Jesus are supposed to be doing?
 - g. What does Paul mean by "...so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."?

Application:

1. What is the area you struggle to allow God to make you a new creation?
2. How might you go about seeing the world in a new way?

Prayer:

Father, help me to live as a new creation and help others see your New Creation. May I truly become an ambassador of your kingdom. In Jesus' name I Pray. Amen.

Spiritual Practice:

- Practice seeing with new eyes (in your neighborhood, at your work, when you meet or see people) by asking God to help you see them as Jesus sees them.
- Seek opportunities to help reconcile situations in your life and in the lives of others.

Further Learning Opportunity:

- An Alter in the World: Barbara Brown Taylor
 - Confess the areas of life that you are most tempted and work to find ways to minimize those temptations

Further Learning Opportunity:

- The Spiritual Disciplines: Richard Foster

Sermon Notes

Weekly Gatherings:

Sunday Service: 10:30am

Kids Service: Sundays during 10:30am Service

Youth Group: Sundays from 6-8pm