

How it Begins

September 20, 2020

Only a handful of stories are found in all 4 Gospels...

Mark 1:9-20 (Matthew 4:13-17, Luke 4:21-22, John 1:29-34)

"Ogres are like onions" - Shrek

The Gospel writers wrote with deep intentionality.

What do we see here?

v9 Baptism of John - *repentance* - change of mind, direction

...let God transform you into a new person

by changing the way you think... **Romans 12:2**

v10 Water & Spirit - its about new creation

...And the Spirit of God was hovering

over the surface of the waters. **Genesis 1:2**

... God causes everything to work together for the good

of those who love God... **Romans 8:28**

v11 Love & Affirmation - before the work even begins

God looked over all he had made,

and he saw that it was very good! **Genesis 1:31**

...no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us

this wonderful message of reconciliation. **2 Corinthians 5:19**

v12-13 Wilderness & Testing - following the divine blessing

...Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows **John 16:33**

v14-15 The Kingdom is Near! - it doesn't have to be like this

...The time of the Lord's favor has come. **Luke 4:19**

There is another way to order the world...

it doesn't have to be like this.

v16-20 Disciples - Jesus is looking for partners in new creation

"Come, follow me, and I will show you

how to fish for people!" **Mark 1:16**

Will you participate in new creation?

Will you take an active role in your life, in your community, in your

family, in your marriage, in your job?

WE COME SERVE STAND GROW GIVE GO **TOGETHER**

HOUSE CHURCHES New Semester starts Next Week This week we will be publishing a list of all the House Churches in the newsletter and on our website. If you have any questions about leading a House Church or finding one to join please see Justin or Julie Cardinal.

TOGETHER READING PLANS New Plans Selected Greg is leading the devotionals this month. Tomorrow we start *Paying Ridiculous Attention to Jesus* through the Bible App.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT 6-8pm tonight! 7th - 12th graders will gather at the church this evening for a continuation of a talk on the Holy Spirit. Also... This is the **last week to order Cross Current merch.**

BRIDGE Thursday from 6pm-7:30pm A service designed for 5th - 7th graders including fun & games and a great message of encouragement designed specifically for this group.

M.O.P.S. Meeting Virtually on Thursday This month, Mothers of Preschoolers is meeting virtually every other Thursday.

PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION Friday at 9am Gather together in the Prayer Room to pray specifically for our country and the upcoming election.

MENS PRAYER Saturday at 8am Gather together as men to pray for each other, our families, our communities and our future!

coming up...

PRAYER FOR "THE ONE" Sunday, September 27th at 8:30am Join us on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month to pray for those who don't know God yet and those who have walked away from their faith.

THERE IS MORE MARRIAGE WEEKEND October 9th-10th Register now for this marriage enriching weekend with Bob & Audrey Meisner through the ChurchCenter App, the Facebook Event or our website. We will come together for a session on Friday evening and three sessions throughout the day on Saturday. Your \$40 per couple registration will include a few goodies and lunch on Saturday. Hope you can join us!



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