

Kingdom

- ADVANCING THE KINGDOM -
October 3, 2021

Matthew 5:17-20 "...But I warn you-unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 "Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom of God."

righteousness - "to be in right standing with the law of God"

Galatians 5:19-21 "When you follow the desires of your *sinful nature*, the results are very clear...Let me tell you as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God."

Sin often becomes the thing that keeps us from fully entering into God's Kingdom. **We must run from sin to experience all the Kingdom has for us.**

1 Corinthians 6:18 "Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does..."

Mark 9:47 "And if your eye cause you to sin, gouge it out. It's better to enter the Kingdom of God with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell..."

John 8:1-11 - Story of Woman caught in Adultery

vs.10-11 "Where are your accusers?...Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more."

We must act to purposely stay free from sin, but thankfully we **don't** have to do it on our own!

Galatians 5:5 "But we who live by the Spirit eagerly wait to receive by faith the righteousness God has promised us."

What sin in your life is keeping you from fully entering God's Kingdom? (ask the Holy Spirit for help and tell a friend today)

READ WITH US **Never too late to start!** We are reading through the New Testament. Join us in the Bible App or pick up a schedule.

MEMORIZE TOGETHER **52 Verses over 52 Weeks** This weeks memory verse is **Acts 4:12 NLT**

"There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

PRAY, GIVE, GO FOR NTC UGANDA **Kayla is working in Gulu!** What part will you play in our efforts in Gulu, Uganda as we support Kayla and prepare to establish a church there? Fill out a card in the seat-backs in front of you or see Julie Cardinal for more information.

JOIN A HOUSE CHURCH **on the ChurchCenter App** House Churches, Book Studies, and Focus Groups are kicking off and it's not too late to join.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT **Tonight at 6pm** 7th-12th graders gather every Sunday night. This week Josh will continue the new series on worship and your devotional life!

MOPS & MOMSNEXT **Thursday at 10am or 6pm** Moms gather every other week at the church either in the morning or evening to be inspired.

MEN'S PRAYER **Saturday at 8am** 5Men gather together every week here to pray for each other, our families, our community, and our world.

coming up....

PARTNERSHIP CLASS **November 6th** We invite you to partner with NTC and to play your part in what God is leading us to do together as a church. Learn more about our church and how we do this together.

WATER BAPTISMS **November 7th** Some of the first steps of obedience in following Jesus is being water baptized. If you would like to be baptized sign up in the lobby or talk to one of our pastors.

PARTNER PARTY **November 12th** Save the Date for our annual celebration.

SHORT TERM MISSIONS TRIP TO NYC **November 19th-21st** We will be joining New York School of Urban Ministry for their "Operation Drumstick" feeding the homeless a Thanksgiving meal. Inquire through ChurchCenter or our website or see Julie Cardinal.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD **November 15th-22nd** Pack a shoe box to bless a child in need. Information available at the Living Outward table.

ALL 4 ONE RUN **November 19th-20th** Join us as we raise awareness for the need for adoption as we together run 125miles for the 125,000 kids waiting to be adopted in our country. More information coming soon!

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