

Idolatry Continues

October 8, 2023

Colossians 3:5 NKJV - covetousness is idolatry - *"Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry."*

1 Kings 21: 1-20 - Ahab covets Naboth's vineyard

What is it that you really want?

Psalms 23 - *"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want..."*

Being Mindful of the Holy Spirit so we don't sell our righteousness

Judas selling out in **Matthew 27:3-10**

Luke 12:15 - Guard your heart against covetousness - *And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."*

Other expressions of covetousness

1. Covet to win
2. Covet security / independence
3. Covet to impress people
4. Covet a better past

Contentment is the opposite of covetousness

1 Timothy 6:6 - Godliness with contentment - *"Now godliness with contentment is great gain."*

Content with

1. Walking with God
2. Fellowship with and serving people
3. God's creation

Phillipians 3:14 - Covet the prize of the high calling - *I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

NEXT STEPS Join us today for week 2 during the message!

Next Steps is a 4-week conversation where we explore our faith, learn about the history and values of our church, and how to get connected. Even if you missed week 1, you can jump right in after the offering time in Classroom 1.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT at 6pm tonight! 7th-12th graders worship together and engage in a teaching geared for their age group every Sunday! Josiah McGrath is speaking tonight!

BRIDGE Thursday at 6pm Our 5th-7th graders come out every other week for an evening designed specifically for them in their transition between grade school and high school.

PRAY FOR OUR NATION Friday at 8am A group of us gather every Friday morning to pray specifically for our country.

coming up...

WATER BAPTISMS October 22nd during the service A If you have not been baptized and you want to take the Next Step in following Jesus, we encourage you to learn more about water-baptized and to be baptized. Sign up on ChurchCenter or talk to one of our staff members. There will be a class at 8am on October 22nd for all those being baptized.

HARVEST PARTY October 31st 5pm-8pm All are welcome to this free event with food, drinks, and prizes. Bring your kiddos, invite their friends, and celebrate together. And stay tuned for opportunities to volunteer or contribute to the phone!

ANNUAL PARTNER PARTY November 3rd from 6-8pm At NTC we don't have members, we partner together to be all we are called to be as a church. At our Partner Party we will share a dinner together, celebrate the past year, and look forward to what is ahead. If this is your church then you are invited! Sign up today through the ChurchCenter App or on our website.

FOURTH COAST COMPANIONS TRAINING November 8th Our first volunteer training happened this past week and we are excited for how we will care for our elderly neighbors in our community. If you are interested in becoming a friendship volunteer then sign up for our next training on Wednesday, November 8th, from 10am to 3pm. Visit our website or fourthcoastcompanions.com