

Offense & Endurance

January 7, 2024

John 17:3 "And this is the way to have eternal life-**to know you**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ..."

Know God. Know(ginosko); the intimate knowledge of

What keeps us from knowing God?

Matthew 11:1-12 - The Story of John the Baptist in Prison

vs.3 "Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?"

vs.6 (ESV) "And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

blessed ; happy, fortunate, "oh what joy!"

offended ; tripped up, to stumble, fallen away from right path

So often the thing that keep us from truly knowing God is offense... we get tripped up by what life throws at us!

Isaiah 53:3 "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief."

Hebrews 12:2 "Because of the joy awaiting him, he **endured** the cross..."

Endurance is how we overcome offense!

Galatians 6:9 "So lets not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a **harvest of blessing** if we don't give up."

Matthew 5:3-13 - "Blessed are those..."

Matthew 24:13 "...the one who endures to the end will be saved..." (**James 1:2-4 , Romans 15:5**)

What offense do we need to step over today so we can enjoy the blessing Jesus has for us?

FOLLOW NTC IN THE BIBLE APP **Read Together!**

Follow New Testament Church in the Bible App and join each other in your daily bible reading.

NEXT STEPS Today During the Message Learn more about our church and how to get connected.

Join the first of this four week class today which will unpack our core values and history as a church. Join the class in Classroom 1 during the message portion of the service.

COLLECTING FOR MASSENA SCHOOLS Non-Perishable Snacks We will continue to collect snacks to give to kids in our Massena Central Schools over breaks. You can drop donations off in the lobby at any time.

SHORT TERM MISSIONS TRIPS in 2024 We will be sending a ladies team to NYC on May 17-19 and a team to Cali, Colombia later this summer. For more information see Julie Cardinal or visit ntcfamily.com

this week...

CROSS CURRENT **Tonight at 6pm** Our 7th-12th graders gather weekly to connect and grow spiritually.

M.O.P.S. AND MOMSNEXT **Thursday at 10am or 6pm** A new semester of our moms groups starts this Thursday. All moms are invited to come out either in the morning or the evening or both!

coming up...

OPEN WORSHIP PRACTICE **January 23rd at 7pm** Our If you are interested in joining our Worship Team, Chorus, or Production team then join us for one of our monthly open worship practices.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES **Next Semester starts January 31st** We will be offering **Financial Peace University** and **A Survey of the New Testament**. Take control of your finances and find financial freedom or dive into the 27 books of the NT and learn more about the background and message of each book. Register on ChurchCenter or our website.

RESTORE WEEKEND **February 2nd & 3rd** Find freedom from life's hurts through our inner healing ministry. The weekend will consist of a Friday night and Saturday day with a lite breakfast and lunch provided on Saturday. Register now on ChurchCenter or our website.

MARRIAGE MATTERS NIGHT **February 9th at 7pm** Our Marriage Matters team is hosting a fun night for you and your spouse over dessert, music, a panel discussion, and some fun activities. Sign up through the ChurchCenter App or on our website.

BETTERMAN GROUP **Starts February 13th at 7pm** Connect and grow with other men for this 11 week group on Tuesday nights starting in February.

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