

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES • 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM ORCHESTRA / CHOIR • WORSHIP CENTER
 • 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM – WORSHIP BAND - LIVE & LOUD
SPECIAL NEEDS AVAILABLE • 9:30 AM & 11AM • ROOM 108
HIGH SCHOOL & JR. HIGH • 9:30 AM • STUDENT MINISTRY BUILDING
THE WORD CLASS • 9:30 AM • ROOM 109
COLLEGE (AGES 18-28) • 6:00PM • STUDENT MINISTRY BUILDING

MONDAY

DIVORCE CARE • STARTS BACK 09/10/18
GRIEF SHARE • STARTS BACK 09/10/18
PRAYER TEAM • 12:00 PM • PRAYER ROOM WORSHIP CENTER
OPEN LIFE GROUP (WOMEN) • STARTS 09/10/18 (6:30 PM) • Register online: nwc.org

TUESDAY

GLORYLAND BAND (REHEARSAL) • 6:00 PM • LIVE & LOUD (G101)
SPIRIT CHOIR (REHEARSAL) • 7:00 PM • LIVE & LOUD (G101)

WEDNESDAY

JR. HIGH SCHOOL • 6:30 PM • STUDENT MINISTRY BUILDING
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KID VENTURE (PRE-K-3RD) • STARTS BACK 09/05/18
ACTIVATE (4TH-6TH) • STARTS BACK 09/05/18
OPEN LIFE GROUP (WOMEN) • STARTS 09/12/18 • Register online at nwc.org

THURSDAY

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY • 6:00 AM • LIVE & LOUD
EARLY BIRDS (WOMEN) • STARTS 09/13/18
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY • STARTS 09/13/18 • Register online at nwc.org
CELEBRATE RECOVERY (FOR ALL WHO HAVE HURTS, HANG-UPS & HABITS)
 • 5:30 PM DINNER • 6:30 PM WORSHIP • 7:30 PM SHARE
 GROUPS • 8:30 PM DESSERT • LIVE & LOUD
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (SERMON BASED) • 6:48PM • RM 203C

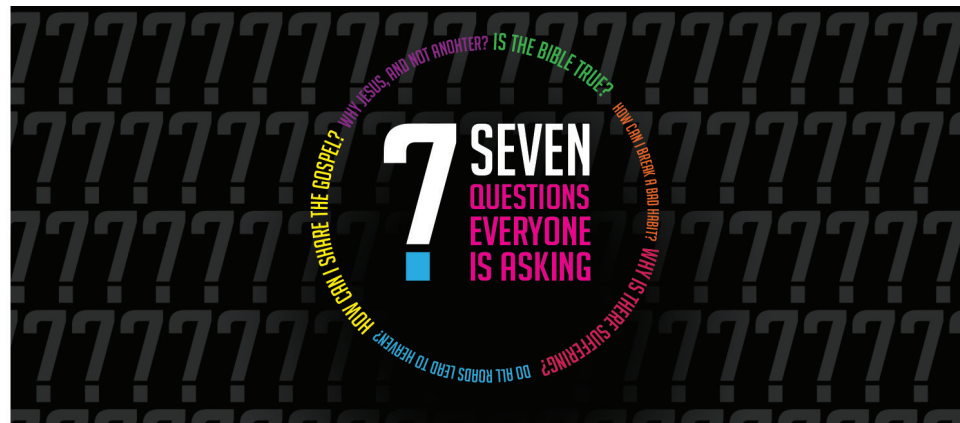
UPCOMING EVENTS

CAR-B-QUE (MEN'S MINISTRY) • 09/15/18 • 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (DINNER @ 6:00 PM) • NORTHWEST CAMPUS
WOMEN'S BAKE SALE • 10/28/18 • (AFTER ALL SERVICES)
WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASS • 10/06/18 • (18 YEARS AND OLDER)

Giving Summary from 08/27/18 - 09/02/18

	Last Week	Year to Date*
Budget Needs	\$ 37,000	\$ 666,000
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 34,000	\$ 529,000
Difference**	-\$ 3,000	-\$ 37,000

*Fiscal Year begins May 1 **Includes miscellaneous gifts



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HOW CAN I DEAL WITH LONELINESS?

WHAT IS **LONELINESS** ?

LONELY? YOU'RE NOT **ALONE**. (PS. 102:7, PS.142:4; JOB 3:11; JER. 20:14; IS. 53:3; MT. 27:46)

THE CAUSES OF LONELINESS

- WE ARE TOO **ISOLATED**.
- WE ARE TOO **BUSY**.
- WE ARE UNSKILLED AT **FRIENDSHIP**.
- WE ARE TOO **TIRED**.

I. SEPARATION FROM PEOPLE (GEN. 2:18; PS. 68:6)

THE KEY TO INTIMACY IS **ACCEPTANCE**.

HOW TO SPELL INTIMACY " **IN-TO-ME-SEE** "

HOW TO DEVELOP INTIMACY?

1. **LAUGH** TOGETHER.
2. **CRY** TOGETHER.
3. **DISAGREE**.
4. REACH **OUT**.
5. SHARE YOUR **FEELINGS**.

A WORD TO SINGLES

THREE LIES

- **CONFLICT** IS BAD
- WE MUST HAVE ALL THE SAME **INTERESTS**
- HE / SHE MUST BE **HOT**! (PV. 31:30)

ONE TRUTH- YOUR MATE MUST SHARE YOUR **FAITH** (2 COR. 6:14)

WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

- DO THEY DISRESPECT YOUR BOUNDARIES?
- DO THEY TREAT YOU LIKE A CHILD?
- DO THEY HOLD GRUDGES?
- ARE THEY IRRESPONSIBLE?
- DO THEY BLAME OTHERS?

A WORD TO THE MARRIED

1. INCREASE TIME TOGETHER.
2. INTERRUPT YOUR DEVICES.
3. INSULATE YOUR SPOUSE.
4. INVEST IN YOUR MARRIAGE.

II. SEPARATION FROM GOD— (LK. 5:16; PS. 27:10)

INTIMACY WITH GOD IS REAL AND REWARDING.

- HE GETS YOU.
- HE COMFORTS YOU. (PS. 147:3; PS 23:4)
- HE PROTECTS YOU. (IS. 43:2)
- HE STAYS WITH YOU. (MT. 28:20; IS. 40:10; DT. 31:6, ROM. 8:35 & 38)

HOW TO DEVELOP INTIMACY WITH GOD

- START THE DAY WITH HIM.
- KEEP THE “PHONE LINES” OPEN.
- KEEP SHORT ACCOUNTS. (1JN. 1:9)

FOR NEW GROUPS:

FOR SOME OF YOU, THIS IS GOING TO BE THE FIRST TIME THAT YOUR GROUP HAS MET. YOUR GROUP MIGHT HAVE NEW PEOPLE IN IT. IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME MEETING AS A NEW GROUP, PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELVES ONE BY ONE AND BRIEFLY SHARE YOUR FAITH STORY. **YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS BELOW IF YOU DO THIS ACTIVITY.**

FOR STARTERS:

WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD WERE YOU AFRAID OF THE DARK? HOW DID YOU REMEDY THIS FEAR? A NIGHT LIGHT? A DOOR OPEN WITH A LIGHT ON OUTSIDE?

QUICK REVIEW:

WE KNOW THAT MANY PEOPLE IN AMERICA SUFFER FROM LONELINESS. STATISTICS SAY 50% OF AMERICANS ADULTS ARE LONELY, 25% OF PEOPLE LIVE ALONE, AND ONLY 53% HAVE MEANINGFUL, DAILY FACE-TO-FACE SOCIAL INTERACTIONS. THE ROOT OF LONELINESS IS SEPARATION FROM OTHER PEOPLE AND SEPARATION FROM GOD. THIS WEEK WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HOW TO OVERCOME LONELINESS.

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE THAT HAVE FELT PROFOUND LONELINESS.

A. KING DAVID WROTE, “I LIE AWAKE; I AM LIKE A LONELY SPARROW ON THE HOUSETOP.” PSALM 102:7

B. JOB SUFFERED GREAT LOSS, ILLNESS, AND HIS WIFE TOLD HIM TO “CURSE GOD AND DIE!”

C. JESUS, ACCORDING TO ISAIAH 53:3, “WAS DESPISED AND REJECTED BY MEN, A MAN OF SORROWS AND ACQUAINTED WITH GRIEF; AND AS ONE FROM WHOM MEN HID THEIR FACES HE WAS DESPISED, AND WE ESTEEMED HIM NOT.”

I. WHEN HAS THERE BEEN A TIME IN YOUR LIFE WHEN YOU FELT LONELINESS?

II. HOW DOES IT MAKE YOU FEEL TO KNOW THAT THE HEROES OF THE FAITH STRUGGLED WITH LONELINESS AS WELL?

2. WHEN YOU FACE LONELINESS, WHAT'S YOUR COPING MECHANISM? DO YOU WITHDRAW FROM OTHER PEOPLE OR DO YOU MOVE TOWARDS INTIMACY?
3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOD IS COMFORTING. READ PSALM 23:4. SHADOWS ARE SCARY, APPEAR LARGER THAN THEY ARE, BUT CAN'T REALLY HURT YOU.

A. WHEN HAVE YOU FELT LIKE SOMETHING IN YOUR LIFE IS TOO BIG TO HANDLE?

B. HAS THERE EVER BEEN A TIME IN YOUR LIFE WHEN GOD SHOWED UP TO HELP YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR LONELINESS.

4. WE KNOW THAT GOD PROTECTS US. READ ISAIAH 43:2.

A. WHAT “WATERS” OR “FIRE” SEEM TO BE FEARFULLY CLOSE TO YOU AT THE MOMENT?

B. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU THAT GOD SAYS HE WILL BE WITH HIS PEOPLE THROUGH THESE THINGS?

C. HOW HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED GOD'S PROVISION IN THE PAST?

D. WHY DOESN'T GOD JUST LET US AVOID THOSE LONELY MOMENTS?

5. READ THE GREAT COMMISSION FOUND IN MATTHEW 28:16-20.

A. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU TO KNOW THAT GOD IS WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES NOW THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

B. GOD'S PRESENCE FILLS PEOPLE WITH A GREATER AMOUNT OF LOVE AND COMPLETENESS THAN WE COULD EVER COMPREHEND.

I. WHO IS SOMEONE THAT NEEDS TO KNOW GOD'S COMPLETENESS IN THEIR LIFE?

II. HOW CAN YOU SHARE THE HOPE YOU HAVE IN CHRIST WITH THIS PERSON THIS WEEK?

FOR PRAYER / GROUP CHALLENGE

WHO IS SOMEONE THAT YOU KNOW THAT IS EXPERIENCING LONELINESS RIGHT NOW? HOW CAN YOU PRAY FOR THEM? ARE YOU EXPERIENCING LONELINESS? HOW CAN YOUR GROUP PRAY FOR YOU?