

Wednesday April 9, Bible Study at 6 p.m. we will continue the study of Isaiah and his picture of the church.

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Women in the Word

Saturday April 19, 10 a.m.

EASTER BREAKFAST April 20

Men's Seekers of Truth Bible Study

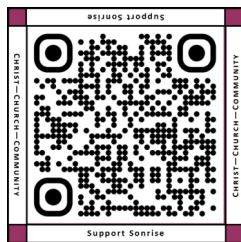
April 26, 9 a.m. chapter 3

Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday June 11, 5:30 PM

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Intro

- ♦ The Bible is a _____ that we can put together to see a bigger picture that God has waiting for those who search to discover the deeper truth that is _____ there.
- ♦ •Jesus spoke in parables, or stories with a message. When asked why He used parables (Matthew 13.10) "The knowledge of the _____ of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. This is why I speak to them in parables: (Matthew 13.11-13) Jesus said Isaiah had prophesied this.



O.T. The Backstory

- ♦ Genesis has a great story with a _____ of characters that you might not realize is all about the church, Jesus, and God's plan for your eternal home.
- ♦ Our cast of characters includes Abraham @ 85, _____ @ 75, _____ who is much younger.
- ♦ Sarah is _____, and she talks Abraham into having a baby with Hagar. So, Abraham, now 86, gets Hagar _____.
- ♦ Then, Sarah turns on Abraham and says this is all his _____. How could he do such a thing to her?
- ♦ Sarah treats Hagar harshly until Hagar runs away and has a personal encounter with an angel of God. She returns to the camp and has a baby boy whom Abraham names _____, which means _____. The next 13 years were rough for Sarah, Hagar, and _____ in terms of family dynamics.
- ♦ Then an angel of the Lord comes to Abraham now _____ yrs. old and promises that Sarah, who is _____, will have a baby next year.
- ♦ Sarah, who overhears, thinks it is so ridiculous that she starts _____. Next come Sodom and Gomorrah, and then Abraham lies to King Abimelech about Sarah's relationship.
- ♦ Sarah gets _____, and when she is 90, **Isaac** (HE _____) is born.
- ♦ Sarah drives out Hagar and Ishmael, and the Lord protects them as Ishmael is destined to become a great nation that will _____ the descendants of Isaac.
- ♦ This is also a spiritual story that permeates the pages of



This week, the wicked are judged, The righteous are rewarded.

This week's questions are from Isaiah 56.1-59.21 Reading it through once will help you better understand the questions for this section. The contrast between hypocrisy and humility is shown clearly.

MONDAY: Isaiah 56.1-8 How does God expand those who can be part of the Kingdom? How does this help explain John 10.16?

TUESDAY: Isaiah 57.1-13 What do we learn about those who worship idols? How are their lives characterized? (The oaks, trees, rocks, and mountains are all part of idol worship.)

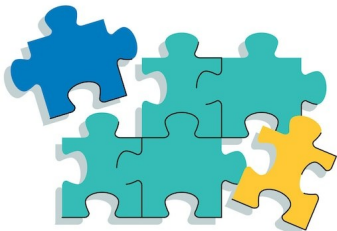
WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 57.14-21 How is God's attitude toward the wicked different than His attitude toward the righteous? What promises does God make to those who will listen?

THURSDAY: Isaiah 58.1-14 In verses 1-4 What is wrong with their fast? Vss. 5-7 What does God consider a real fast? How does this help us to understand James 1.2? Vss. 8-12 What conditions does God place on His followers? What does He promise in return? Vss. 13-14 What does God expect from those who worship Him?

FRIDAY: Isaiah 59.1-15 Vss. 1-8 Why does God refuse to answer prayers? Vss. 9-15 What lies and lives of the wicked that God rejects are revealed here? (Notice that this section is written in the first person.) What is ironic and true in verse 15? How does this help us understand Matthew 5.10 & John 16.33? Vss. 15-21 How does God fight to redeem man?

SATURDAY: How is the list of sins in Isaiah 59.3-8 similar to the list Paul uses in Romans 3.9-18? If you were making a modern list, what would be on it?

- ♦ Vs. 26 Is about the _____ **SPIRITUAL** _____ above. (Rev. 21.2)
- ♦ Vs. 27 Paul quotes Isaiah's prophecy and directly references the _____ between Sarah and Hagar and their sons, Isaac and Ishmael.
- ♦ Vs 28 Christians are the Children of _____ .
- ♦ Vs 29 The Non-believers will _____ the Christian believers.
- ♦ Vs 30 You must _____ which group you want to be part of. Paul urges them to **reject the** _____ of Moses and **accept the** _____ of Jesus.
- ♦ Vs. 31 Making the choice of Christ Jesus means we are no longer _____ of sin (**LAW**) but are _____ to follow Christ Jesus (**GRACE**).



Conclusion

- ♦ Palm Sunday is not just an event. It is the preparation for the birth of the church. It is only 57 days to Pentecost and the Birth of the Church from Jesus entering Jerusalem on _____ .
- ♦ Sarah was 90, and Abraham was 100 when their son was born. God had been waiting much longer to restore _____ and to bring forth over 3,000 at the birth of the church.
- ♦ Now, every time someone is _____ or from above, the promise to Abraham about the stars and the sand is fulfilled.

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- ♦ Here is a picture of the struggle of God bringing the church into the world.
- ♦ Here are the _____ people can choose. One is a physical path of Hagar and Ishmael. The other is the spiritual path of Sarah and Isaac. It is more than a story it is a lesson on God's love.



N.T. The Grand Entry

- ♦ Mark 11 tells the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem on what we call _____ . Remember, their Sunday is our Monday.
- ♦ Jesus sends the disciples to find a donkey's colt for Him to ride into Jerusalem. They are there for the _____ celebration.
- ♦ As Jesus rides the colt toward Jerusalem, people begin spreading their coats on the road for him to ride over. Others took palm leaves and spread them out on the road while others were shouting: "**and those going before and those following were crying out _____ , Blessed is the One coming in the name of the Lord.**"

Mark 11.9 Interlinear Bible

- ♦ Jesus will fulfill Isaiah 52.10-53.12 in every detail.
- ♦ He is the _____ that takes place at Passover.
- ♦ Two goats were symbolic of the _____ and _____ of the sins of the people.
- ♦ The first Goat was sacrificed, the blood put on the altar, and the body burned. This is Jesus' _____ on the _____.
- ♦ The second goat was taken into the wilderness to die, carrying the sins of the people. This is Jesus' _____ in _____.



O.T. Isaiah's Prophecy

- ♦ “_____ for _____, O barren one, you who have borne no child; Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed; For the descendants of the _____ will be more numerous Than the sons of the MARRIED WOMAN,” says the LORD. Isa. 54.1
- ♦ Here is the prophecy that parallels when the angel told Abraham Sarah was going to have a baby.

- ♦ This prophecy is about the coming spiritual birth of the _____. The Desolate One represents the New Covenant of Grace that fulfills the spiritual covenant God made with Abraham.*



N.T. Paul's Explanation

- ♦ Galatians 4.21-31 Paul explains why the story of _____ and _____ is so important. Paul says this is all allegory (vs. 24) or symbols of a great truth God wants to teach the church.
- ♦ Vs. 24-25 Hagar represents the _____ of the Law Moses received on Mount Sinai. He says this is the _____ of Israel with the capital of Jerusalem and all her descendants. This is about SLAVERY and confinement by rules and regulations.