

CONNECTING AND REFLECTING EXPERIENCE

NEXT WEEK:

Title : "Messiah: the One Who messes with my theology!"

Texts : John 9

IN A NUTSHELL—It's easy to look at someone's suffering or misfortune and assume someone deserves some blame but... there could be another cause...

This next week's readings:

- ♦ Oct 20 Matt 16, Mark 8, Luke 9:18-27
- ♦ Oct 21 Matt 17, Mark 9, Luke 9:28-62
- ♦ Oct 22 Matt 18
- ♦ Oct 23 John 7-8
- ♦ Oct 24 John 9:1-10:21
- ♦ Oct 25 Luke 10-11, John 10:22-42
- ♦ Oct 26 (Sunday) Luke 12-13

66 Love Letters—Luke, Pg. 217

The Story—pgs. 330-349

Parents with your Children

Do the dishes with your children several times this week. Talk about what it would be like to only wash the outside of the cups and leave the "build up" on the inside. What might "crusties" in our heart look like to God?



Prayer Requests:

Announcements:

Synergy Class 9am Sunday Mornings rooms 402 & 403 "You combine the two primary influences that can impact a child's life, FAMILY & CHURCH and you get Synergy. Synchronize the light of the church with the love of family and you get a family growing in mind, body and soul!" Check out the new Synergy Newsletter at:

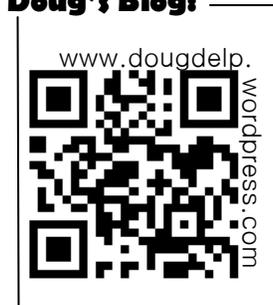
Gospel Sing 6:00 pm next Sunday night.

CARE Groups - If you have not been able to find a CARE Group by calling one of the open CARE Groups in the Brochure but still would like to be a part of one call the office or text "I want a CARE Group" to (478) 227-8522

Timber Lake Christian's website:



Doug's Blog:



In a Nutshell: Spend more time evaluating your heart and motives and less time judging others.

Ice Breaker: What's the worst thing you have put in your mouth because of the 5 second rule?



Title: "Dirty Hands, Clean Heart"

Texts: Mt. 15:1-11, 15-20; Lk. 11:39-41

CONNECTING TO THE TEXT

1. The Mosaic laws were very specific, so it is understandable how the Jews could err on the side of fulfilling the letter of the law. What are some of the Mosaic dietary laws that would be difficult for you? (Bacon!)
2. What was the purpose for ceremonial hand-washing before a meal?
3. Describe the layers of gross if you were to only wash the outside of your cups for a week? Notice how Jesus emphasized that God made both the outside and inside. And He cares about BOTH! Do you tend to deal more with the inside or the outside of the cup?

REFLECTING ON OUR LIVES

1. What are some of the "rules" of being a Christian that sometimes get in the way of really loving God and loving people which are the greatest commandments?
2. What are the things that keep you from taking time to evaluate your heart and motives? Look over the list of what Jesus says makes you unclean. When will you take time this week to "clean the inside of the cup?"

CONNECTING TO OUR CHURCH:

1. Jesus says giving generously to those in need is what they needed to do to counteract the greed and wickedness within them. Discuss how our tithes and offerings, as well as helping each other in times of need, when given with the right motives can adjust our hearts for God and each other.