

NEXT WEEK:

Title : "I am a Church Member"

Texts : Matthew 20:20-28; 1 Cor. 12

IN A NUTSHELL— Being a church member is not like joining a country club. It's not about services purchased, but rather becoming a servant of all for the sake of Christ.

This next week's readings:

- ♦ Nov 10 Luke 22, John 13
- ♦ Nov 11 John 14-17
- ♦ Nov 12 Matt 27, Mark 15
- ♦ Nov 13 Luke 23, John 18-19
- ♦ Nov 14 Matt 28, Mark 16
- ♦ Nov 15 Luke 24, John 20-21
- ♦ Nov 16 (Sunday) Acts 1-3

66 Love Letters— Acts, pg 230

The Story—pgs. pgs.381-388

Parents with your Children

Check out his YouTube video of the transformation of a Monarch Butterfly. Discuss as a family how changing your thinking can change your attitudes, which can change your priorities, but most importantly, how Jesus can change your heart. Describe for you kids how that has happened in your life. What should the watch for, pray for, try to do?



Prayer Requests

Announcements:

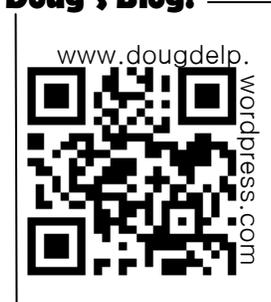
Drive Through Bethlehem

Setup & Teardown - more volunteers needed
Traffic - organized by Tony B. **Safety & Medical** - organized by Sue S. & Sandy B. **Entrance Greeters** - handing out CDs, some in Roman costume - still need a couple of volunteers **Scene 1** - Mary & Joseph in their homes - organized by Samp's CARE group **Scene 2** - Market - still need some people to be in this scene **Scene 3** - Inn - Donna W. innkeeper; various participants will visit the Inn **Scene 4** - Shepherds/angel - Dads CG helping, but still need some volunteers **Scene 5** - Nativity - Miller CG helping assemble, Lori G organizing youth volunteers **Scene 6** - Magi/camels - Dads CG **Scene 7** - Cross - no personnel needed **Scene 8** - Family - Botkins CG organizing **Carolers** - Gina E. and Sarah L. organizing **Cookie Boxes & Exit Greeting** - Mary R. organizing, various volunteers **Animals** - Kirk H. and Lori M. finding animals - Anyone know where to find a camel for a reasonable price to rent?? **Food for volunteers** - Jerry C.'s CG organizing

Timber Lake Christian's website:



Doug's Blog:



In a Nutshell: Several people watched Jesus die on the cross. Only a few realized what was happening. Some were drawn to Him because of what He taught, how He lived and even how He died; but from those that became convinced of the empty tomb there came a revolution!

Ice Breaker: Think about the difference between having a conviction and having confidence.: Have you ever seen that difference lived out in a life situation? A time when a conviction took on a new life of confidence?



Title: "What's a Cross Without an Empty Tomb?" -Transformation

Texts: Matt. 26-28; Mk. 14 - 16; Lk. 22-24; Jn. 18 - 21; Rom. 6:1-4

CONNECTING TO THE TEXT

1. How can Jesus say His "yoke is easy" and His "burden is light"? Mt. 11:30
2. How did the two thieves on the cross respond to Jesus on the cross? Luke 23:32-43
3. How did Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea respond to Jesus at His death? John 19:38-42
4. What were the various responses of the twelve disciples after Jesus resurrection? (especially, John- john 20:4-8, Peter—Luke 24:12; Peter at Galilee—John 214-14 , and Thomas— John 20:24-29)

5. How would you describe to your children the concept of transformation in light of these passages? How do we change? why do we change? what do we change from... change to? 2 Cor. 5:17, 3:18; Gal. 2:20; Rom. 5:1-21; 12:2; Ps. 51:10-12

REFLECTING ON OUR LIVES

1. Do you tend to live your Christian life on the basis of guilt and conviction or new life and confidence?
2. Take a few minutes to draft two lists: 1) reasons you love Jesus and believe He rose from the dead 2) Sins you struggle with and what makes you feel guilty
3. Which list was easier to make? This may reveal if you tend to focus on the cross without the empty tomb. It's very noble to recognize Jesus' sacrifice. It's revolutionary to believe in and seek to live out His resurrection!

CONNECTING TO OUR CHURCH:

1. Does your reflection at the Lord's Table lead you just to guilt or to transformation?
2. How can you as a CARE group help each other focus more on transformation to new life rather than just conviction of sin?