PLANTING ROOTS

IN CHRIST · AT HOME · IN OUR COMMUNITY

RUMMAGE SALE

We will be having a Rummage Sale to go towards Planting Roots on Saturday, December 13th. Donations can be dropped off the week of Thanksgiving! A tax receipt will be given for items donated.

THAILAND MISSION TRIP INFO MTG. Tuesday, 7pm Starbucks on McCoy

WOMEN'S WALK ABOUT

Saturday, 10:30 Rice Ranch Park

RESCUE MISSION TURKEY DRIVE

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

Next Sunday, Fresh or Frozen

December 6th cfk@ourelement.org

AGAPE THANKSGIVING DINNER & BONFIRE

Sunday, November 23rd, 5pm Pick up your recipies today and bring your lawnchairs!

SEE ALL UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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Thank you for joining us today. This is a short note to let you know that we know what you are thinking: It is hot and cramped in this room. We want to acknowledge with you that yes, the front room is full, the kids rooms are full, and it can get warm. We are working on alleviating this right now by building our own building on the land just north of us (we must be out of this one by December 2016). There is a lot that goes into the process of Element having a permanent home, but we hope that today you are first drawn to Jesus before you are overwhelmed by anything else. If it gets too hot we may hand out popsicles too help you cool off and give you a sugar rush. If you would like a service that has open seats (and is cooler), you are invited to our 8:15am service. Please understand that all of these "challenges" are because of our love for Jesus, people, and growth that has come quickly. These are good things. We hope you will stay as we work to make more room for you to be part of the good thing Jesus is doing here. If you would like more information about our building process or how you can participate you can visit www.elementroots.org. - The Element Team

Trees And Fruit Part 1 Matthew 7:15-16



TODAY'S VERSES

Matthew 7:15-16 Matthew 7:22-23 2 Samuel 18:33 Calatians 2:14 1 Corinthians 3:4 CActs 18:26 Hebreins 10:12 1 Samuel 15:22 Philippians 3:7-11



TREES AND FRUIT PART 1

Matthew 7:15-16 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits.

Matthew 7:22-23 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you;"

What do you think of when you hear the word heretics?

What is the dumbest belief you have ever heard that someone adhered to?

If you are anything like me, the first thing that comes to mind is BURN THOSE HERETICS. This week in Sermon on the Mount we learned many heretics in the early church actually identified themselves as Christians and were attempting to understand the gospel in the fullest sense; they were not hell bent on destroying the church.

The sermon defines a heretic as someone whose teachings the church at large considers erroneous and even dangerous to the faith.

What are some "heresies" our culture is tempted to believe?

What do you think is at the core of most heresies?

At the heart of heresies is often our desire to remain in control, the belief that we are good enough without God. Just like the Ebionites, we are tempted to view Jesus as a great teacher, but not our God, and not our redeemer. We have two choices, just like the broad and narrow road we looked at last week. Either we have to abandon our self-will or abandon our hope. The two seem mutually exclusive; when we trust ourselves we lose all hope.

Where are you tempted to trust yourself over God?



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Authentic Christians and inauthentic Christians can look a lot the same in many areas, but people who truly follow Jesus have done two things:

- The authentic Christian surrenders their will. A Christian is not necessarily more moral, more self-controlled, or of greater character than others, but they are teachable.
- The authentic Christianity trusts in the grace of God.

How do we become authentic Christians?

The doctrines we believe aren't meant to simply be doctrines; they are love letters to us as well. The doctrines we believe are truths that God can use to heal and change us, but also challenge and disturb us.

What doctrines do you believe that bring you the most comfort?

What doctrines do you find most challenging or disturbing?

Jesus intends for us to know Him, not just know about Him. The Holy Spirit takes us into relationship with God so we can grow in grace and knowledge of the truth.

How can a proper knowledge of truth lead to a greater understanding of grace?

How can a proper understanding of grace teach us to live lives on mission in this world with, and for, Jesus?

Philippians 3:7-11 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

If you were asked to label what you have lost and gained in Christ, what would you say?