

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 3

MATTHEW 8:14-17

ALL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

TODAY at 1pm

Annual business meeting that will cover everything from Planting Roots, our 2017 budget and where we're headed in 2017

MEN'S GO KARTING

Saturday, March 11th

Minimum age: 12 years old and taller than 57".
The cost is \$50 per person + lunch.

Sing up at the Welcome center by March 1st.

YOUTH WINTER CAMP

Camp: February 17-20th. Sign Up Today!

Fundraiswer: January 29th after service
\$5 Frito boat, first come first served.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

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.

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 to 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 8:15 am 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

AUTHORITY OVER SICKNESS

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Matthew 8:14-17
1 Corinthians 8:1
Matthew 8:1-4
Isaiah 53:4
Genesis 1-2

Luke 17:7-10
Mark 10:45
Ephesians 5:22,
25, 28
1 Corinthians 7:3-4

Song of
Solomon 6:3
John 3:16
Philippians 2:5-8

January 22, 2017

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WEEK 3 SERMON NOTES

After delivering the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus will go on to serve, heal, and seek people out who are hurting or on the fringes of society. He does not simply talk about how good He is, He shows His goodness by continually seeking out the hurt and lost.

What is the worst sickness you have ever had?

Wisdom in our lives will be shown by how we trust Jesus' authority not just in the world around us, but over our very lives. The scriptures teach that the key to wisdom is loving God above everything else; *1 Corinthians 8:1* also teaches that *knowledge puffs up but love builds up...*

If you studied the Scriptures all day and memorized the Sermon on the Mount word for word, but didn't have love for God and others, you will end up being arrogant and obstinate. The goal of studying the scriptures is not having the ability to out-quote someone else, it is so that we love our neighbor, serve people, and glorify God by living under and in His authority. Whenever our studies no longer have the love of God in mind we miss the point of why God gave us the Scriptures and our study becomes idolatry. This is one of the great problems of knowing God in every age, not just in the day of Jesus; if we study the Scriptures correctly we will end up loving Jesus...and still be astounded at His teaching and authority.

How do you think wisdom is better than knowledge?

How do wisdom and knowledge work together?

Where have you seen wisdom and knowledge not function together?

In the section of scripture today, we learn that Jesus heals Peter's mother who most likely had malaria. Jesus' healing of the sick continues to show us that He has authority over sickness. That is how God loves us, He meets at moments of brokenness (and lots of other places as well) and heals us, sometimes spiritually and sometimes physically.

Read Matthew 8:14-17.

When has someone shown you love when you were at a low point?

How do you define Love?

We learn in the passage that once Peter's mother in-law was healed, she served Jesus. This passage must be looked at in a broader context. When we isolate this section of scripture from its context, we can get bad theology that says, "A woman's job is to serve men." This passage points to something bigger than gender roles; this passage points us to serve Jesus.

What does it mean to you to serve Jesus?

In the Scriptures we are all commanded to serve one another out of "reverence for Christ." "Submit" can be translated into "be responsive to" or even "tend to the needs of." The whole point is that we are supposed to resemble Christ in how we love, interact, and serve each other.

When you serve/love/give to someone, do you ever think what you will get in return?

How can you love someone in spite of their flaws?

If we are truly going to live as the people of God we must begin to all be like Peter's mother-in-law and see serving as a gift of God's grace. When we can, we get up and serve one another. Why do we do this? Because this is the good news of the Gospel! We have been saved to serve just like Jesus served! If anyone is entitled in our entire world, it is Jesus because He is the one who made us...but instead He served.

Read Philippians 2:5-8.

How should this change our mindset about serving others?

Jesus came to live, die, and rise from the grave as our example and substitute. He is the one who makes all things new. We must let go of our perceived rights and live under His true Authority.