

Stuff You Need to Know...

THE FAMILY ROOM is available for parents of children who need a temporary space away during the service yet close enough to easily slip back in. The room is located on the drum-side overflow at the back of the upper auditorium. Please feel free to check it out.

Coming Soon!

Small Groups:	ongoing till Nov. 4th
Men's Prayer/Breakfast	Oct. 13 th 8am
Women Connected	Oct. 13 th 10-11:30am
Clothing Loft	Oct. 27 th 10-1pm

As a response to the Board's decision to begin looking for an associate pastor you, our Church Family, have pledged an increase of \$533/week and lump sums of \$2,600. Thank you for your generosity! Please continue to pray that God would bless these steps of faith and provide what we need. Thank you for warmly welcoming Zach (a candidate for the position) and his fiancée Vanessa two weeks ago. Please continue to pray as they discern God's calling to partner with us here at SPFC.

New to SPFC:

Weekly E-blast and Prayer Points!

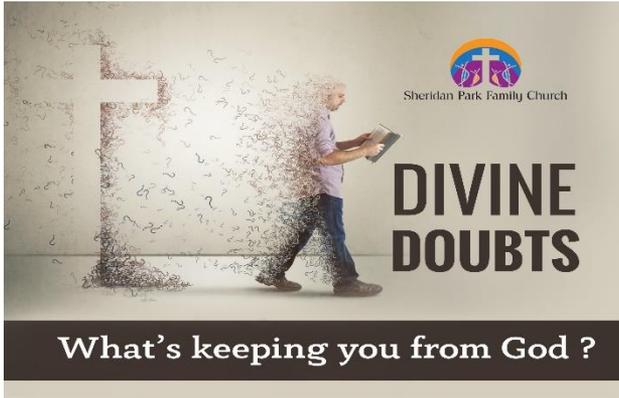
A listing of upcoming church events and Prayer Points is emailed to all those on the Congregational E-mail List. If you didn't receive an email on Friday, and you would like to be included in our weekly-email, please notify the church office office@spfamilychurch.ca. Prayer requests may be submitted to the church office before Fridays.

THE FOOD BANK...

is in need of **flour, cooking oil and sugar**. These items can be left on the table in the Food Bank/Family Room.



Sheridan Park Family Church



Is There Only One Way to God?

Sunday October 7, 2018

9:00-10:00am Prayer in the **Upstairs Fireside Room**

10:30am Service

Speaker: Pastor Keith Piquette

This month's elder is Saha Chatterpaul.
In case of need or an emergency he can be reached at 905-824-7070.

Welcome!

We are so glad you are joining us this morning. We would love to greet you personally at our Welcome Table. Please pick up an information sheet about our various ministries or visit our website: www.spfamilychurch.ca.

We love kids! Let us spend time with them in a safe, friendly environment while you enjoy the service. Before the service nursery is available for newborn to age 2 and Kids Connecting Jr for age 2-3. Age 4 to grade 6 begin in the service with their parents, then part way through the service kids and leaders go downstairs for their own Kids Connecting time.

kids

Divine Doubts

Is There Only One Way to God?

- Canadian culture is “**philosophically inclusive**”, believing that there are many equal paths that lead to God.
- The issue that most Canadians have with Christianity is that it’s “**philosophically exclusive.**” (John 14:6, Acts 4:12)
- Canadians fail to subject their own belief in “inclusivism” to the same scrutiny they apply to “exclusivism”
 - It’s arrogant to say “there are many ways to God” because that is itself claiming to be the right way.
 - It’s ignorant to say “there are many ways to God” because the major religions are incompatible.
 - It’s socially conditioned to say “there are many ways to God” because this is a recent idea that has become popular in our area of the world.
 - Even those who say “There are many ways to God” are divisive because they claim other non-religious truths to be superior over others.
- Canadians often require an unfair burden of proof for religion that they don’t require for their own beliefs.
 - In order to have productive conversations with others about faith, God, and life, we have to be willing to be fair and charitable with the other.
- Christians must seriously consider the doubts that are lobbied against their beliefs.
- The non-Christian must apply their same doubts about Christianity to their own cultural beliefs.

Small Group Discussion Questions: Oct 07, 2018

Is There Only One Way to God?

1. If this is the first time your small group is meeting, have everyone share a little about themselves.
2. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
3. Discuss last week's weekly challenge, "read one piece of research on the existence of God".
4. How have you witnessed the average Canadian worldview towards philosophical exclusivism change since you were young?
5. It was mentioned that Canadians often require an unfair burden-of-proof for religious beliefs that they don't require for their own secular beliefs. Do you agree? Why? How have you witnessed this?
6. Pastor Keith said the Bible teaches there is only one way to God (John 14:6, Acts 4:12). Do you agree? Why or why not? Are there any other passages that speak to this?
7. The illustration about 3 blind men and an elephant is a story that is often used to support the argument that there are many ways to God. Have you heard this used before? How would you address someone who points to this illustration?
8. People can be quick to point out the moral similarities of the major world religions and assume they teach basically the same thing. What are some specific ways that Christianity is totally irreconcilable with other religions?
9. In your group, choose two people to take opposite stances on the question "Is there only one way to God?" Have them engage in a charitable and fair conversation (5 min). Have the group provide feedback.

This Week's Challenge:

This week, ask someone if they believe there is only one way to God and why they came to their conclusion. Make note of what was said so you can share it with your small group.

