

JULY 2022



CHADRON CHRISTIAN CHURCH



C-Groups

Ladies Breakfast 8am Country Kitchen
3rd Wed of the month

New Testament Study 9:30am Sundays
(downstairs)

Ages 4-7 Every Sunday following Communion
(downstairs)

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POTLUCK BOARD MEETING	3	INDEPENDENCE DAY 4	5	6	7	ANNA MEYER 8	ANDY SPENCER FOX ANNIV 9
MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP BEGINS 10	LINDA HOTZ KENNA LOTTON LILY WOHLERS 11	12	13	CRYSTAL BAILEY 14	CHARLENE AUKES 15	16	16
POTLUCK HIGH SCHOOL CAMP BEGINS 17	18	BREELY SMITH 19	LADIES BREAKFAST 8AM COUNTRY KITCHEN 20	MICAIAH FULLER 21	MAKINLEY FULLER 22	23	23
KATELYNN MONTGOMERY 24	25	NICKERSON ANNIV 26	27	28	29	30	30
FRITZLER ANNIV 31							

There is good in every day.

Tips for Following God's Leading

As of 2020, there were 5,482 people in Chadron, not including any college students. If you or I were to have a 5 minute conversation about Jesus with each person (including babies, which would be interesting since I've yet to become fluent in goos and cries), that would take 27,410 minutes or nearly 457 hours. And if you do the math with the parable of the soils (Mt. 13), only 25% of those people would be ready to even have a conversation about Jesus. What am I getting at? Reaching everybody with the message of Jesus and everybody responding in a positive way is impossible. You and I would crash and burn due to pure exhaustion from fighting the laws of the universe. Yet at the same time, we are called to become better friends of Jesus and share His heart with the world. Could there possibly be a solution to this tension?

Jesus' Model

In Mark 3, we read a story that takes place on a laid-back, Sabbath Saturday morning. We see Jesus walking into the Synagogue like He would on any other Sabbath, surrounded by other people from Capernaum doing the same thing.

You can picture it being much like a modern church service. The author tells us that Jesus "noticed a man with a deformed hand" (v. 1). Ground-breaking, I know. But don't miss this. The population of Capernaum during this time period is around 1,500 people. That raises some questions. Aren't there other sick, disabled, crippled, hurting, and broken people in this Synagogue? How come Jesus didn't heal everybody struggling who was there that day? How could a loving God step-over, avoid, and not pay attention to everybody?

Offentimes, the answers are not only found in things Jesus said, but in how He lived. Jesus "noticed" this man. I love this because it shows that Jesus' heart noticed, connected with, and reached-out to certain people. He notices and connects with all of us now through Holy Spirit, but in His humanity, He had limits. Jesus noticing and connecting with this man on this particular Sabbath shows us that God knows we, too, should have limits and cannot connect with everybody. Jesus didn't fight this noticing, He followed it. And because He followed it, He lived a life of reaching the people He was supposed to reach, modeling a life full of unforced rhythms of grace.

Furthermore, Jesus' actions also show you and I that there are people in our sphere of influence that we will connect with in far greater ways than someone else might. The way God has uniquely created us with different personalities, gifts, interests, etc. coupled with varying life experiences make this a reality.

Who do you notice?

Like Jesus, we have a choice. We can either choose to follow God's "noticing" in our lives, or we can fight it. So, ask yourself: who is in your sphere of influence that keeps coming to your mind? Who do you connect with at work? Who is right in front of you every day of the week? Begin by praying for that person each time they come to mind. Follow God's leading in how you can have conversations with them. Shoot your colleague an encouraging text or give your old friend a phone-call. Invite your neighbor over for dinner.

In your inventory of relationships, ask yourself if there is a relationship you are trying to force that you know just doesn't "click." Maybe it's toxic, draining, and discouraging to you. Seek God in it and do what it takes to follow His "noticing" in your life. Pray for that person, but relieve yourself of the burden of feeling like you're responsible for their spiritual growth. It may be a struggle because God will not give you the strength to do His job. Entrust them to God's grace and allow Him to place someone into their life who uniquely connects with them.

The Importance of Following



You or I can't reach everybody, but we can reach somebody. And our God is so good in that He highlights these people in our lives. You or I are just left with the choice of fighting His leading or following it.

That connection you have with your children, neighbor, roommate, or co-worker is there for a reason. Those people are the ministry God has entrusted to you! Think about that for a moment. But be not afraid; God is a God of unity, so if He is leading your heart to "noticing" someone specific, He is most likely leading the other person in experiencing that same connection as well. Jesus followed God's leading with His relationships and look at what happened — restoration! The life He lived encourages you and I to do the same.



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