

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday November 15, 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Affirmation of New Members

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Mark 8:27-9:1

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

WHO IS JESUS?

Final Song

Benediction

Missionary of the Week

Willy and Jess Versteeg – Power to Change

This year we had one of the best French fall retreats we've had since we've been on staff. I had been on the planning team throughout the summer and it was great to see things come together so well. We had an excellent Quebecois speaker, great worship and enthusiastic students from all over Quebec. Two days after we got home from the Convergence retreat, I (Willy) headed to Project Directors Training in Orangeville. Jess and I had been asked to lead a new Reading Week missions trip to Copenhagen. Presently there is no ministry of Campus Crusade in Copenhagen and we are going to help start it there. We're really excited to be pioneering a partnership with a new city and country."

Families of the Week

Please remember to pray for and to encourage the following people this week

- Monday** Do Carmo, Larissa
- Tuesday** Doiron, Brenda & Jim
- Wednesday** Dube, Normand & Susan
- Thursday** Evans, Jim & Daniella
Jessica, Jennifer, Jonathan
- Friday** Fiddler, Gail
Bella, Kayla
- Saturday** Gagnon, Denise

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

Review: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." - Genesis 1:1

Middle Elementary:

"Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness." - Psalm 29:2

This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am

Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am
Niagara Prayer Group – 9:30 am

Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00am
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am
CAP Money Course – 6:30 pm

Operation Christmas Child: Christmas shoeboxes are due back on November 22nd. Please remember to include a \$7 donation to cover the cost of shipping your box.

Anniversary Sunday: Next Lord's Day we will be celebrating Rosedale's 77th anniversary with guest speaker Dr. David Lundy (Dalit Freedom Network). There will be a potluck luncheon immediately following the morning service so please sign up in the foyer.

CAP Money Course: Learn how to budget, save and eliminate debt. The next CAP course begins on tonight at 6:30pm. Speak to Leslie Bellingham if interested and bring a friend!

Envelopes: If you would like designated envelopes for regular Tithes and Offerings please speak with Esther Denis after the service this morning.

Budget Meeting: Our annual Budget Meeting will be held on Saturday November 28th at 9:30am. A copy of the 2016 Nominations List and Proposed Budget is available for pick-up today.

Who is Jesus? - Mark 8:27-9:1

I. Peter's Confession (vv. 27-29)

- 1) The Location – Caesarea Philippi
 - a. 35 miles north of Galilee
 - b. Territory of Herod Phillip – largely Gentile
 - c. Site for the 'Imperial Cult' – '*Caesar is Lord*'
- 2) The Importance
 - a. First explicit mention of the word 'Christ' (Messiah) since Mark 1:1
 - i. Mark has been building a cumulative case for the identity of Jesus Christ
 - ii. Many people in Israel were still confused about the identity of Jesus – "*every opinion was popular except for the one that was true*" – J.C. Ryle
 - iii. Peter's 'confession' marks the central turning point of Mark's Gospel – Jesus the Messiah is now heading for the cross
 - b. Peter rightly identifies Jesus in spite of the hostility of the religious 'experts' – his spiritual vision is improving! (Matt 16:17)
 - c. Jesus is pleased with Peter's confession, but does not want the news to spread... yet!

Application:

- Lack of clarity about the person and work of Jesus Christ is still a major problem today
- Like Peter, we must be willing to declare the truth about Jesus in a culture that is lost, and confused, and sometimes hostile toward that truth – for us, the 'Messianic Secret' is no longer in effect!
- The biggest question when it comes to Jesus is not what other people think or say about Him, but what you believe about Him! You must personally confess Jesus as Lord to be saved from your sin.

II. Jesus' Correction (vv. 31-33)

- 1) Jesus' Messianic Mission – cross before crown
 - i. Jewish conception of the Messiah: A Conquering King (cf. Daniel 7:13-14)
 - ii. Jesus' conception of the Messiah: The 'Son of Man' (Daniel 7), is also the 'Suffering Servant' (Isaiah 52-53)
 - iii. Jesus emphasizes the necessity of Messiah's suffering, death and resurrection
 - i. Part of God's pre-ordained plan
 - ii. Only way to deal with humanity's sin – Messiah dies in the place of lost sinners
- 2) Peter's Rebuke
 - a. Peter harshly rebukes Jesus – his blurred spiritual vision is still lingering!
 - b. Jesus harshly rebukes Peter – calls him 'Satan'!
 - i. Continuation of Satan's temptation to skip the cross and take the crown (cf. Lk 4:13)
 - ii. The tempter's voice can sometimes be heard through a well-meaning friend

III. The Disciples' Cross (8:34- 9:1)

- 1) A Call to Lordship and Suffering
 - a. God's grace is free but it's not cheap!
 - b. Jesus isn't your Saviour if He's not your Lord
- 2) The Paradox of Salvation
 - a. Those who try to save their lives will end up losing their lives in the end
 - b. Gaining the whole world is utterly useless if you forfeit your soul in the process
 - c. Acceptance by ungodly men in this life leads to rejection by a holy God in the next life

Application:

- Don't confuse free grace with cheap grace!
- Don't follow Jesus if you're looking for an easy life and the applause of the world