



1 Youth Ministry

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Blessing those who "don't deserve it"

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Previous Lessons

Foster Care Teens

Personal Care Items

We are still collecting "Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the bin just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

This Week's Bible Verse

Luke 6:32-36

Last Sunday



Blessing those who "don't deserve it"

Last week we continued our discussion about God's blessings and about how God blesses us when we bless others and also how difficult it can be to bless those that we feel "don't deserve it".

We talked about how easy it is to do good to those who are good to us or to give to others from whom we expect repayment but then looked in **Luke 6:32-36** to see that God wants us to do more.

We watched a short video about a guy who was very negative and annoyed with everything and everyone around him. He was then given "God glasses" and when he put them on, he was able to see everyone as God sees them, seeing all their hidden needs. It caused him to begin to be kind to others.

We talked about how easy it was for us to sometimes fall into the same place that he was when we let the craziness and negativity of the world get to us and how we could get out of it by seeing others how God sees them.

We then said in order for us to see others how God sees them, we must first understand how God sees us.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them."³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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We first looked at how King David described himself in **Psalm 139:13-14**. David had some "issues" and he made some pretty big mistakes yet he always knew who he was and who God was.

We also looked in **Genesis 1:27** to be reminded that we were **ALL** created in the image of God. We then watched two short videos describing to us how God sees us, one how God sees us as a woman and the other how God sees us as a man.

We said that once we truly understand how God sees us and also understand that He sees others in the very same way, it helps make it a little easier to love them and be kind to them. If we still can't find a way to be kind then we can always ask the Holy Spirit for help.

We then talked about some real-life examples about the connections we make by being kind to others and how God can put people in our lives to guide us in the direction He needs us to go. We noted that God's blessings don't often happen overnight and the path to get to where God needs you to be is rarely straight.

We ended with one of the greatest reasons to bless and be kind to others. You could be the answer to someone else's prayer or even better, they could be the answer to your prayers.

We were reminded that we are God's hands and feet on Earth. He leads us into other's lives and leads others into our lives and uses us to connect with and to help each other to get us where He needs us to be.

So, like we read in **Proverbs** last week, "never let loyalty and kindness leave you". You may be the answer to someone's prayers or maybe they could be the answer to your prayers but you'll never know unless you start by being kind to others.

Below are the three short videos we watched in class.

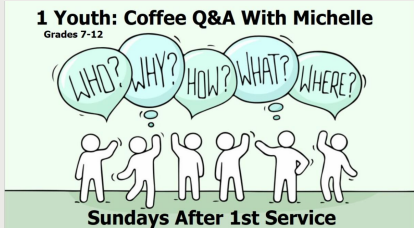
Next Sunday, we will discuss how we receive more blessings from God than we know what to do with. The short lesson will be followed by **Stocking Decoration** and adding **Hand prints** to our wall.

Join us Every Sunday after 1st Service, for Coffee Q&A.

God Glasses

Who you are as a woman

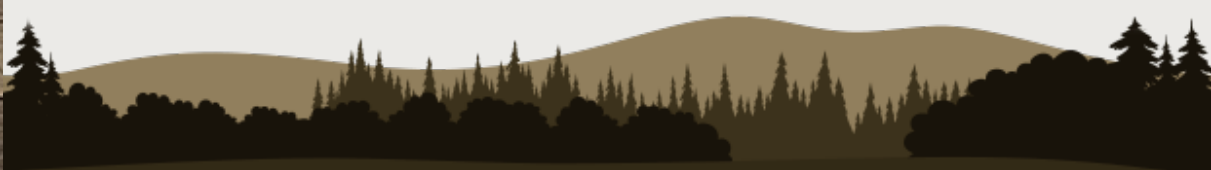
Who you are as a man



NEW!!!

Coffee Q&A with Michelle has moved to **Sundays!**

Join us in the Youth Room every Sunday, after 1st service, for refreshments in a casual atmosphere for an opportunity for you and your friends to ask questions and discuss answers to your most pressing questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, other Religions, Christianity, or just about Life in general.



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