

This Sunday at Riverside

Continuing on from last week's teaching in Ephesians 5, Darren will look at another aspect of leadership within families.

Sunday afternoon will also see the start of the Riverside Walk Leadership training of preaching. This will commence at 3:30pm

Next Sunday at Riverside

Next week Josh will be preaching on how we have the mind of Christ using the scripture 1 Corinthians 2:16 and Philippians 2:5. Please read these passages in preparation.

This Week at Riverside

Monday	19th January	Building Closed	Brekky Packs available
<i>Tuesday to Friday</i>		Brekky Club	8:30am - 9:30am
Tuesday	20th January	Café and Play Café	9am - 1:30pm
Wednesday	21st January	Café and Play Café	9am - 1:30pm
Thursday	22nd January	Café and Play Café Creationships Prayer Meeting Annual AGM	9am - 1:30pm 10:30am - 12noon 6:45pm 7:30pm
Friday	23rd January	Café and Play Café	9am - 1:30pm
Saturday	24th January	Brekky Club	9am - 10am
Sunday	25th January	Prayer Meeting Riverside Splash	9am 9:45am 11:45 am

Generous Hearts

For those of you who feel led by the Holy Spirit to give financially to Riverside, whether that be regularly or on special occasions. Please talk to or email Kate for the BPAY details. kate.adami@salvationarmy.org.au
We can also accept EFTPOS through the Café till or cash in the offering.



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**January 18th
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The Way

You might be surprised to find that the original followers of Jesus did not describe themselves as 'Christians' or 'Church' but they referred to themselves as 'The Way'. It's clear that they didn't define themselves as a group of people with a shared theology - a set of ideas about God that they all believed - although that was important to them. Neither did they describe themselves in terms of a shared ethical standpoint - a list of dos and don't that they obeyed - although they certainly had one.

The word 'way' in the Greek of the New Testament literally means a road or pathway. So the earlier believers took following Jesus so seriously it was their

WAY OF LIFE

Jesus famously said "I am the way, the truth and the life". At Riverside we believe that when we marry together Jesus' truth (his teaching) and his way (his lifestyle) we will start to see and experience his life in us, abundant and fulfilling.

In following the way the early believers literally apprenticed themselves to Jesus, we use the word disciple but apprentice seems to explain what was happening better. They watched, followed and acted like Jesus under his supervision, so much so they started to think like him, speak like him, act like him and love like him.

Sadly the church over the years has made it possible to be a Christian without being a follower of the way - attendees not apprentices, devoted maybe, but not disciples.

Followers of the way were first called 'Christians' in a place called Antioch, it was meant as an insult, but to those who first heard it they must of rejoiced as it confirmed that following 'The Way' was the right 'way' to live. You see Christian literally means 'little Christ'!

I firmly believe that if everyone at Riverside apprenticed themselves to Jesus, truly following his 'Way of Life', the church will grow healthily, naturally and authentically.

This year may we all commit ourselves to follow Jesus so closely that the world sees him reflected so clearly in each of us.

Blessings

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Annual General meeting - Thursday 22nd 7:30pm

In the interests of transparency and openness, everyone is welcome to the Riverside AGM that will be focusing on our churches financial situation and outlook this Thursday at 7:30pm.

This meeting is designed to give everyone the opportunity to ask questions about our budget and how we use our money as well as giving people the opportunity to be part of any solutions to any issues we may have to address.

Kate will have given a brief overview of Riverside's finances in the Sunday service so if this has raised any questions please bring them on Thursday. If you were not in the service please come along and be engaged in an important part of our on going mission here at Riverside.



Sarah Matulik from Divisional Headquarters will be assisting Kate in the presentation. You will also be pleased to know that coffee and tea will be available.

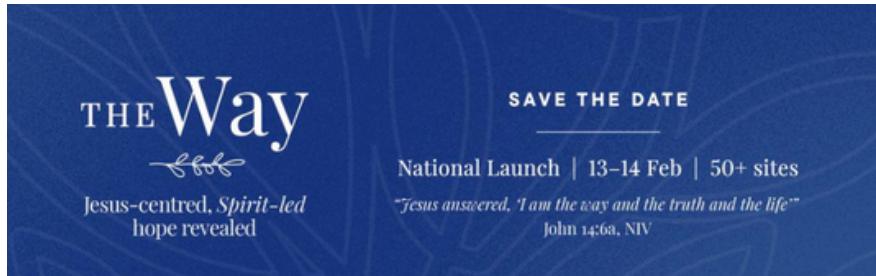
SHOUT Youth

The holiday program for young people at SHOUT youth continues this week with two events planned:

Tuesday 20th 11am-2pm WATERPLAY Friday 23rd 1pm - 3pm BAND JAM
RSVP 0452 201 271 or 85234844

The Way - National Launch

It seems 'The Way' is a bit of a theme at the moment as The Salvation Army's national training weekend has been given this name. Can I encourage you to look at the information in the foyer and sign up to the events at Ingle Farm if you are interested.



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Touch Point

Sermon by
Darren Dwyer
Available on App
and Website



Read Ephesians 5:21-33

Q1. As Paul writes his letter to the church in Ephesus he bolsters his arguments by quoting scriptures from the Old Testament (see verse 31). Why does he do that?

Q2. It seems that 2000 years ago scripture was important to everyday living. Do you think these ancient words are important today. Why or why not?

Read Genesis 2: 8-18

Q3: What was Adam (Adam is the Hebrew word for Humanity) actually given by God in these verses given by God in these verses? There are several key things that God gives him.

Read Genesis 3: 1-7

Q4: Considering what God has given Adam, what is his most significant failure in these verses in chapter 3.

Adam failed to stand on the command of God, he failed to apply it to his situation. Satan had sowed doubt by saying “did God really say”. Whilst the Bible is full of stories, poetry, prose and history. The most powerful elements of his ‘word’ are his promises and commands and our lives are defined by how we respond to these words of God.

Read Hebrews 4:12-13

Q5. What do you make of the passage above, how is the word of God like a two edged sword. How can God’s word, particularly his commands and promises judge our thoughts and attitudes?

Q6. How are you doing with God’s word? Do you stand on his promises? do you keep his commands? Do you know all of them?

Q7. What action do you need to take to make sure Satan can’t deceive you and continue the mess he started with Adam.

Please remember the written word of God points to the living word of God - Jesus Christ. Whatever mess you’ve created or live in you need his presence and power, its so much easier to stand on the promises and keep the commands of someone who is your intimate friend.