

Succeeding in Life and Love: The Lie of 50 -50

Luke 6:32-35, Romans 12:17-18, 21

Prayer Link

Prayers for the Community

Cindy Down's Cousin died, American Troops and their families; all families, tribes and nations to know and experience God's peace.

Additional Requests: _____

SUGAR RIVER'S PRAYER MINISTRY IS SEEKING REQUESTS

Did you know that Sugar River UMC has an active E-Prayer Chain? A group of people have covenanted to pray for special requests they receive periodically via email. If you have a request you would like the E-Prayer Chain to pray for, please send it to: amberw@wisconsinumc.org. Amber will send out the request as soon as possible to activate our circle of prayer.

If you would like to become a "Link" on our E-Prayer Chain, please send your email address to Amber at the address listed above. New "links" are always welcome!

Inspirational Link

Thoughts and Insights from Worship

The Word Link

Daily Readings from God's Word

WE ARE FAMILY!

Matthew 12:46-50

46 While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. 47 Someone told him, 'Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.' 48 But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, 'Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?' 49 And pointing to his disciples, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! 50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.'

Study Guide

This week we will take a look at the scriptures about “What Is the Church?” We hope you will be challenged to look further into how you fit into the family of God, and how you can be a better sister or brother to family—both relatives and Church.

Monday, July 28 - Read Matthew 16:13-18. This passage is referred to as “Peter’s Confession of Christ”. Can you recall a time when you made such a bold confession of who Jesus of Nazareth was? How has that affected your life? Why would some people confuse Jesus with Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets? Jesus said, “upon this rock I will build my church”. What does he mean by that statement? To whom is the “rock” Jesus is referring? The word “Christ” also means “the Anointed One”. What was Peter declaring in this statement? If the word translated “church” means “a people called out by a herald”, how does that relate to being the “Family of God”?

Tuesday, July 29 - Read Ephesians 3:14-19. In this passage Paul reminds us that we are all members of the family of God. What is his prayer for us as God’s family? What does this tell us about how God feels toward us? How do you strive to put these practices to use in your own life? To you, what does it mean to be rooted and established in love?

Wednesday, July 30 - Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17. As the Family of God, we are given instructions in the Bible about how to share our lives together. What does this passage say about what might happen to us if we follow Christ? What warning does he give, and how might that apply to our lives today? Verse 16 tells us that all Scripture is “God-breathed”. If that is so, how should we view the Bible today? If we learn and follow the teachings of the Bible, what would our lives look like?

Thursday, July 31 - Read John 1:1-14. We often refer to the Bible as “the word of God”, and recognize it as a true account of God’s revelation of himself to us; and then, how to apply that revelation to our own lives. In this passage, the Word refers not to Scripture, but to Jesus himself. How is Jesus the Word? Does Jesus being the Word come in conflict with the Bible as the word of God? What does this say about the divinity of Christ? What does it mean that Jesus is the light and the life?

Friday, August 1 - Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. This is considered the best description of true love ever written. Though it is read most often at weddings, it is actually not written about a husband and wife, but to the Church in general. If you exchange the word “love” with your own name, does this passage describe you? Before the weekend is over, let the people you care about know how much you love them—send them a card, give them a call, or tell them directly how much you love and care for them. Then, pray for God’s Spirit to direct you to love the way God’s word directs us in this passage.

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The Spirit Link

God’s Action Point for My Life

I feel led by God to...