

Communion at FOCUS

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the Lord's Table, also known as Communion. We have open communion, which means you do not have to be a member to receive with the rest of the church congregation. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies. For a list of ingredients, please see Linda Griffith.

"Forgotten God" - 10AM

Adult Sunday School

We invite you to come and join the Adult Sunday School class as they study the power and ministry of the often overlooked third person of the Trinity, The Holy Spirit.

Monday Afternoon

Discussion Group - 2:30PM

We would love to have you join us on Monday afternoons for a discussion group led by Andy and Linda Griffith. **The group will be meeting at the Upbeat Café located at 117 N. Broadway Street, Georgetown, KY.** All ages are welcome to be a part of the discussion. Come enjoy some great fellowship, coffee, treats, and thought provoking conversation with us!

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WELCOME



Freedom From "Doubting Castle"

By *Kathern Nemece, Luke 24:13-35*

Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us? (Luke 24:32)

HAVE YOU EVER FELT so discouraged that you felt trapped? In John Bunyan's book *The Pilgrim's Progress*, we read about Christian and his companion Hope, who are mercilessly beaten by Giant Despair in Doubting Castle. An entire night spent in prayer is their turning point. That's when Christian remembers that he possesses the key called "Promise." Using it, they successfully escape the evil giant.

In today's passage, we read of two Christ-followers who are also trapped in Doubting Castle. They knew Scripture, but they doubted those who found the empty tomb. They were downcast as they traveled the road to Emmaus. Then Jesus joined them, speaking the truth of Scripture to them. That was the turning point that freed them from "Doubting Castle." Their debilitating discouragement was replaced with eagerness to share the good news. "It is true!" they exclaimed. "The Lord has risen" (Luke 24:34). They were motivated to tell others of their experience with Him.

We may be overwhelmed by incapacitating discouragement, feeling there is no escape. We know the Word, but we're prisoners in Doubting Castle. In this dark situation, we can experience a turning point, just as Christian and Hope and the two travelers did. Spending time with Jesus and believing His words of truth, we discover the key. Using it, we find freedom and renewed energy to share with others what He did for us.

Spend time with Jesus today.

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April 24, 2016

Story of Joseph - Quickly Forgotten

Main passage: Genesis 40:1-23

Psalm 105:16-21

1) Do the _____ thing because it _____ God

1 Peter 2:18-21

Notes:

2) Live with a _____ - _____ focus

Genesis 41:15-16

Daniel 2:26-28

Notes:

3) _____ the _____ no matter what

2 Timothy 4:2-4

Notes:

4) _____ in God because He will not _____ you

Hebrews 13:3-8

Notes:

Reflection: What is one new thing you believe God spoke to you today as a result of being at FOCUS?

What is your **next step** upon hearing the Word of God? Are you living with a God-centered focus? If not, what could you do this week to begin to turn your complete focus onto Him?
