



NEWSLETTER

News & Events

Sportman's Dinner

The whole church family is invited to the Sportman's Dinner on **Saturday, February 26, 2022 from 5 - 8pm** in the Family Life Center!

Toddler Gym

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring young children for a time to play in the Family Life Center! **Every 1st, 3rd, and 5th** (if applicable) **Wednesday of the month from 10-11am.** Visit our website for details!

Adult Bible Study

All adults are invited to attend our Wednesday evening study on *The Church*, in which we will study and discuss what Scripture has to say about the church, what it means, and what it means for us now. **The study is held every Wednesday in the church modular at 6:30pm.**

Asking More in the New Year

How are you doing? I am sure you have been asked that question and felt that the person asking didn't really want a true response. Maybe you were the one asking that question. Did you stick around long enough to hear a response? Asking the right question can be an expression of love and desire to truly understand the heart of someone else. Asking the right question can get to the root of a problem and the heart of the person. Have you ever considered the questions that Jesus asks? What are you looking for? (Jn 1:38) Who are you looking for? (Jn 18:7) Why were you looking for me? (Lk 2:49) What do you want? (Mt 20:21) What do you want me to do for you? (Mt 20:32) Who do people say that I am? (Mk 8:27). Jesus asks questions to address heart issues.

Questions are a gift and asking the right question is an art. The process of asking questions involves more than probing inquiry. It involves intentionality and a deep desire to gather understanding. Asking the right question can lead to healthier and happier relationships with your co-workers, supervisors, spouse, children, and friends. By asking the right questions you can tap into a depth of information, feelings, and emotions about others. Questions will help you learn more, care more and be a more effective parent, spouse, leader, and friend.

The average female child asks around 300 questions a day, more than half the average of a male child asks; 144 questions a day. The average adult asks less than 25 questions a day. Why the drop in questions? Why are adults not as inquisitive as children? Part of the reason may be that as adults we have far greater information than children, plus we have access to Google, the source of all answers.

Maybe a reason why we don't ask questions is because we are too self-consumed. We are too busy, too tired, too preoccupied to ask questions about other people. On average, the only questions we ask are for our own benefit or for the purpose of displaying socially appropriate pleasantries. Besides the fleeting, "how are you?" or "how is your day?" our questions are not meaningful. By passing someone and asking them "how are you?" did you ever receive a thorough thoughtful response? Did you get to know the person more deeply by asking that question? Did you find out their current struggles, their family situation, or problems at work?

We throw questions around like empty phrases not carrying true meaning, not actually soliciting a response. When we want someone to respond, we often ask out of respect or for our own benefit and gain. This is not the appropriate purpose for questions. Questions are the best tools in establishing relationships, breaking down defenses, promoting growth, and leading others. Asking the right question will lead to a healthier relationship, happier marriage, and greater success.

Jesus often taught using questions, to engage people, to encourage people to apply his teachings, and to probe into their hearts. His questions were deep, thoughtful, and addressed the individual's heart (Mt 16:13-15; Lk 7:41-42; 3).

We should consider our spouses, children, friends, family important enough to ask questions that help us to pray for and encourage them. Our questions should be pointing towards the goal of helping to establish them in their faith (Col 2). So ask good questions and stick around long enough to listen to their response.

Instead of asking surface-level questions and receiving an empty response, ask meaningful questions.

I suggest the following:

- What made you feel appreciated today?
- What part of your day would you want to relive?
- For your children – “What questions did you ask today in school?”
- What part of your day would you not want to relive?
- How did it make you feel when...
- What hurt you today?
- What caused you to laugh/cry?
- How did you see God’s blessings in your life today?
- What did you thank God for today?

Asking good questions helps to develop good relationships and helps with the practice of listening. Make listening and asking good questions part of your resolutions for the new year. You will find that by listening and asking intentional questions that your relationships will be stronger and deeper.

-Pastor Will Verdon

Biblical Manhood Seminar



The Lord blessed us with a wonderful group of men as we had our first Biblical Manhood Seminar on January 15th. The purpose of the event was to expose the men and young men in our church to what God’s Word says about pursuing Biblical purity, as well as have a time of intergenerational fellowship.

We had the privilege of gathering together for a meal, praise and worship, small group prayer and discussion, as well as teaching from God’s word on the issue of purity. We are thankful for the time we had and look forward to the next time the Lord will bring us all together.

