

OUR THEME FOR THIS WEEK
Sunday, September 11, 2011



A COMMUNITY OF CONNECTIONS:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:
“NEVER SATISFIED – GROWING TOGETHER”

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:
“THE LOVE CONNECTION”

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:
“COME AND SEE!”

“NEVER SATISFIED – GROWING TOGETHER!”
2 TIMOTHY 3: 14 – 17

Welcome to *Kickoff Sunday!* The first Christians who were a community of faith after Jesus’ resurrection didn’t just sit on the sidelines and watch. Together they were busy strengthening their connections to Jesus Christ, strengthening their connections with each other, and strengthening their connections with those who did not yet believe in the resurrected Christ. King of Kings is also a community of connections – in fact, in our vision statement we declare that we are all about “Connecting People to Christ Now and Forever”. Today we begin a 3 week worship series entitled “A Community of Connections”.

May the Holy Spirit bless our connection to Jesus Christ as we discover what it means to be a community of faith that is busy strengthening our connection to Jesus Christ in the coming year.

Introit

Psalm 119: 33 – 40

- L: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;
C: And I will keep it to the end.
L: Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law
C: And observe it with my whole heart.
L: Lead me in the path of Your commandments,
C: For I delight in it.
L: Incline my heart to Your testimonies,
C: And not to selfish gain!
L: Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
C: And give me life in your ways.
L: Confirm to Your servant Your promise,
C: That You may be feared.
L: Turn away the reproach that I dread,
C: For Your rules are good.
L: Behold, I long for Your precepts;
C: In Your righteousness give me life!

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 42: 1, 2

(The Psalmist longs for God and to quench his spiritual thirst through time spent in worship.)

¹As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

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Epistle Lesson

2 Timothy 3: 14 – 17

(St. Paul urges Timothy to counter difficult challenges to his faith, and the faith of the emerging church, by remaining faithful in what he had learned from the Scriptures. The sacred Scriptures, since they are “breathed out by God”, will provide all that Timothy – and each of us – need to be equipped to live for God.)

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

Gospel Lesson

John 6: 25 – 35

(Jesus redirects those who were following Him in hope of physical blessings to view Him as the “bread from heaven” who “gives life to the world”).

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?” ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”