

Helping people know and become like Jesus.

## VISITORS LUNCH

Are you new here and would like to get to know the staff better? On Sunday April 22nd, after second service we will all be here to have lunch and give you that opportuinty. Even if you have been around awhile and just want to connect a little better, you are invited. Lunch will be provided.





# IN THE BEGINING

Have you felt confused or bewildered attempting to read the Old Testament? Whether you've studied it often or avoided it we want to encourage you to join this 7 week intro to the Old Testament taught by Cornelius Adewale. Starts April 24 @ 9am. Please register on line. Childcare available.

# EVERY MAN A WARRIOR

Gentlemen, if you are looking to grow closer to the Lord and are ready for a challenge, EMAW is the study for you. This four book study is not easy, it requires dedication and time commitment. The requirements include completing daily quiet times and weekly lessons, memory verses, and group gatherings. We will begin Book 1 (10 week study) in May and meet every Wednesday evening from 5:30-7:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact Caleb Brown @ 919-593-3242

# JOIN A HOME GROUP

Is your life missing one or two good friends? The kind of people that you look forward to connecting with. I know where you can find them! Seriously, I am not joking. Join a home group or a college small group. Scan the code, sign up and go for it.





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## Do you believe Jesus did what He did because He loves you?

## Ephesians 5:2 New Living Translation

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

### **Romans 5:7-8 New Living Translation**

Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

### 1 Corinthians 3:21-23 New Living Translation

So don't boast about following a particular human leader. For everything belongs to you– whether Paul or Apollos or Peter, or the world, or life and death, or the present and the future. Everything belongs to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

### Luke 15:31 New Living Translation

"His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours.

# When somebody does something good for you, do you feel more loved if they are doing it begrudgingly or gladly?

### John 10:14-18 New Living Translation

"I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep. I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.

"The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded."

"No one takes my life from me. I lay it down on my own, in my own time, when I choose. I give my love freely to you. No one forced me to do what I did for you. I did it because I love you."

## Luke 4:28-30 New Living Translation

When they heard this, the people in the synagogue were furious. Jumping up, they mobbed him and forced him to the edge of the hill on which the town was built. They intended to push him over the cliff, but he passed right through the crowd and went on his way.

## Luke 13:31-32 New Living Translation

At that time some Pharisees said to him, "Get away from here if you want to live! Herod Antipas wants to kill you!"

Jesus replied, "Go tell that fox that I will keep on casting out demons and healing people today and tomorrow; and the third day I will accomplish my purpose.

### "Better to be a lion's tail than a fox's head."

#### Matthew 26:52-53 New Living Translation

"Put away your sword," Jesus told him. "Those who use the sword will die by the sword. Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly?

"I meant it! I was free. You see how free I am? You see how much power and authority I have? I was able to avoid it. I have the power to take up my life out of the grave. I could have fought back. I could have avoided the cross."

"Know this. What I did for you I did because I chose to. I was not caught. I was not cornered. And I am alive now to show you how much I loved you. Willingly becoming your sacrifice, so that through me you have a way for your sins to be forgiven."

#### Joshua 24:14-15 New Living Translation

"So fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD alone. But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD."



# Home Group Notes

Pray: It is always good by having someone begin group with prayer and invite the Spirit to join in on your group. (It may help to ask someone else ahead of time, some people like to prepare.)

Intro: How have you seen God moving in your life recently?

Questions: Read these out and discuss as a group, if you have more thinkers than talkers, maybe give them a moment to write out their thoughts on some of them. As always these are a tool to help build relationships with each other and grow closer to God, use them until they aren't useful.

- Let's write out a couple of lists. Who can you say confidently loves you unconditionally? Who do you think you love unconditionally?
- How do those relationships show that love? How do you express your love for others?
- Do you truly believe Jesus loves you? Have you ever doubted it? Why or why not?
- How does knowing Jesus loves you change your life? The decisions you make? Your character?
- Do you love Jesus? If yes, why and how do you express that love?

Pray Again: You can never pray too much, but this is a good time to ask if there are anything the group can be praying for. Leaders, be sure to take some notes and pray for your groups throughout