WHAT WE LEARN FROM THE CHURCH IN ACTS.

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AUGUST 6, 2023

At RCC, the Bible tells us that God wants us to find our greatest joy in Him and that He desires for us to share this experience with others.

So our mission is - To encourage people to Enjoy God Together.

And our vision is - To build joy-filled communities of faith whose very existence inspires individuals to live an abundant Christian life, made up of three key relationships - r1, r2, and r3.

- r1 A deepening relationship with God
- **r2** A life-changing relationship with other believers
- **r3** An engaging relationship with those yet to believe

To get there, we have a few things that matter to us:



WHAT WE THINK ABOUT GOD MATTERS



(:) WE FIND OUR GREATEST JOY IN JESUS



WE HELP PEOPLE HELP PEOPLE



WE CELEBRATE QUESTIONS



WE EMBRACE INEVITABLE TENSIONS



THIS IS FOR LIFE



Join men from RCC and their friends for a day out on the open water, getting to know each other and cheering on each other as we catch fish.

We'll leave from Dana Wharf in Dana Point on **Monday, August 28**, on a 7am boat (please arrive at the wharf by 6:15am)

When: 8/28 - Arrive at 6:15 am. Boat returns at 4pm.

Where: Dana Wharf (Dana Point)

Cost: \$65 (includes boat and lunch; does not include fishing

costs - rod rental, fishing license, etc).

Note: This event is limited to 35 men so please book soon!

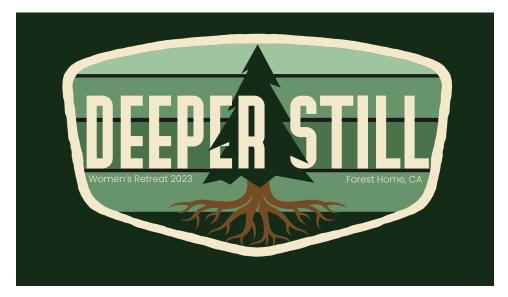
For more info, contact Steven at stevenh@richfieldcc.

Registration is open!

Register ASAP at richfieldcc.org/events to reserve your spot



Women's Weekend Retreat



This year's Women's Weekend Retreat is up at Forest Home. Rooms will be double occupancy in their newest and nicest accommodations. Our theme this year will be "Deeper Still", as we spend time planting our roots in God's Word.

Dates: 10/6-10/8

Where: Forest Home in the San Bernardino Mountains

Cost: \$295 (includes double occupancy room and 5 meals)

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie at **womenconnect@richfieldcc.org** or call Sonya at the church office at (714) 524-1744.

Registration is open!

Register at richfieldcc.org/events or scan the barcode



SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

Acts 17:1-34

¹ Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ² And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." ⁴ And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. 5 But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. 6 And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, 7 and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." 8 And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. 9 And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go. ¹⁰ The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. 11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. ¹² Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men. 13 But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds. 14 Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there. 15 Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed. ¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. 18 Some of the

Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. 19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20 For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for "'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, "'For we are indeed his offspring.' 29 Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. 30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." 32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." 33 So Paul went out from their midst. 34 But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Field of Dreams

Acts 17:1-34 Jonny Burns - August 6, 2023

If you build it, they will come. If you become like Him, you'll go to them.

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God meets us where we are at.	
God transforms people	through the truth of His Son.
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God sends us to seek t	he lost.

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OUR STAFF

