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GOD REVEALED



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO  
**JOHN**

FEBRUARY 26, 2023



# WELCOME

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**.

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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

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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**

# GIVING UPDATE

Thank you to all of you for investing in RCC's vision and community. As of 02/22/23 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date
2023 Actual	\$71,477	\$162,176
2023 Budget	\$90,383	\$192,878
Difference	-\$18,906	-\$30,702



Come join the women of RCC on **Saturday, March 18, from 6:30-8:30 pm** for a fun night of bunco! If you've been before, you know how much fun this event will be. It's a great opportunity to bring friends, meet new people, and for reconnecting with old friends throughout the night. Win prizes, share laughter, and enjoy an evening together!

**Cost: \$10** (game, prizes, and refreshments)

You're welcome to bring a home made shareable sweet (i.e. brownie bites, lemon bars, etc.) for all to enjoy.

**Registration:** [www.richfieldd.org/events](http://www.richfieldd.org/events)

# SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

## John 15:17-16:15

<sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

<sup>18</sup> "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. <sup>21</sup> But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. <sup>22</sup> If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup> Whoever hates me hates my Father also. <sup>24</sup> If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. <sup>25</sup> But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They hated me without a cause.' <sup>26</sup> "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

### Chapter 16

<sup>1</sup> "I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. <sup>2</sup> They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is

coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. <sup>3</sup> And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. <sup>4</sup> But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

# **Buckle Up Buttercup**

John 15:17-16:15

Todd Chapman - February 26, 2023

Though we find the greatest, fullest joy in experiencing and expressing Jesus' love, Jesus wants us to not be surprised, because it is not going to be easy.

**Expect the world to hate us.**

**Though we are hated, we keep expressing Jesus' love.**

**Expecting the world to hate us keeps us from falling away.**

**Though it's not going to be easy, the Holy Spirit empowers us.**

# ***Life Group Discussion Questions***

John 15:17-16:15

For the week of February 26, 2023

## **Reading the Text:**

1. What are some of the themes that have come up in recent chapters? What is the immediate context of the passage we are in now?
2. When you read vv. 18-25, which word (or words) do you see repeated? How would you restate the idea that this word is describing?
3. Which “persons” of God are referred to in vv. 26-27? As Jesus develops the context of being hated by the world, what roles does the Holy Spirit play (vv. 15:26-16:15)?
4. How does this text flow out of last week’s text? Why do you think Jesus follows up His call to abide in Him with a warning about what is to come?
5. How would you summarize the big idea of this passage?

## **Living it Out:**

1. What are some ways Jesus’ teachings are contrary to the ways of the world?
2. Have you ever had to stand lovingly for a teaching of Jesus? What was it like?
3. When you read Jesus’ warning that the world will hate us, what thoughts/emotions come to mind? Is this a discouraging thing to say? Why or why not?
4. How does the reality of the Holy Spirit’s presence impact the way you engage the world?

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