# GOD REVEALED



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

**FEBRUARY 19, 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



S 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 02/15/23 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date
2023 Actual	\$51,596	\$142,295
2023 Budget	\$57,517	\$160,012
Difference	-\$5,921	-\$17,717

## HOW TO GIVE

At RCC, we believe that giving comes as a natural, joyous outpouring of worship for what God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives. So whatever is received, we are grateful and truly believe God is honored through our giving.

#### If you'd like to give, you can:

- Give at richfieldcc.org/invest
  Give through "giving" on The Church Center App
  Give by text to 84321 (and text an amount to get started)
- 4. Give by cash or check in any of the "for God" boxes"

## **SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:**

#### John 15:1-17

<sup>1</sup> "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have

called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

### **NOTES:**

#### **Experience and Express**

John 15:1-17 Keith Gove - February 19, 2023

On the night of His betrayal by Judas, Jesus gives two commands that establish what true disciples of His do: both commands are essential, both require action, and both are for our joy!

Command #1: Experience Jesus' love, and keep experiencing it.

Command #2:

Express Jesus' love, and keep expressing it.

#### Life Group Discussion Questions

John 15:1-17

For the week of February 19, 2023

#### Reading the Text:

- 1. On the night of Jesus' betrayal, Jesus gives the disciples two commands. What are they and how would you explain what they mean?
- 2. What is the "fruit" that Jesus (and the Gardener) requires branches to produce? How might v. 16 help us understand what the "fruit" is?
- 3. What is it about experiencing and expressing Jesus' love that is so joy-inducing?
- 4. As Jesus describes it, what is the difference between servants and friends? What evidence does Jesus give the disciples that He considers them friends?
- 5. What does Jesus command His disciples (friends) to do with the love and friendship they have received from Him?

#### Living it Out:

- 1. How do we nurture the relationships that are important to us? What do we do? How do we maintain a level of connection beyond our everyday acquaintances?
- 2. What would it look like for you to have more of an 'abiding' relationship with Jesus? What would be the costs and the benefits?
- 3. Looking back at our 'Sharing the Joy' initiative, we interact with people every day who need the life and vitality that comes from being connected to Jesus. How does love fit into our 'Pray/Watch' commitment?

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