

EPHESIANS

PART OF SOMETHING BIG



January 21, 2024



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**.

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:



WE FIND OUR GREATEST JOY IN JESUS



WHAT WE THINK ABOUT GOD MATTERS



WE HELP PEOPLE HELP PEOPLE



WE CELEBRATE QUESTIONS



WE EMBRACE INEVITABLE TENSIONS



THIS IS FOR LIFE

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, 2/4

9AM SERVICE FOLLOWED BY 10:30 MEETING



Mark your calendars for our **Annual Meeting Sunday, 2/4**. We'll gather at 9am to celebrate all that God is doing in and through RCC and talk about our hopes for what's to come. Then, at 10:30, our members will take part in our Annual Meeting, voting to approve items like the Elder Board, new members, and our annual budget.



And so I explained that Galentine's Day is like Valentine's Day but for your gal friends. And she said, "We should celebrate over tea!"

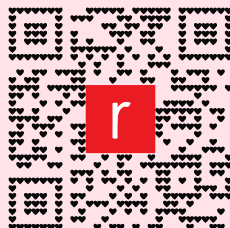
Women's Tea

February 17th • 11am-1:30pm • \$20

Spots are limited and they will fill up! Sign up ASAP!

Scan the **QR code** or register online at www.richfieldcc.org/events

If you need help financially, please contact Stephanie at womenconnect@richfieldcc.org



REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR WINTER CAMP

High School & Junior High

FEB
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When: February 16th - 19th

Cost: \$450

Where: Thousand Pines



Are you in a Life Group?

We'd love to have you join one of our Life Groups and grow in God and community with others at RCC.

Life Groups at RCC happen weekly (or every other week) and are built around a small group of people reading the Bible and sharing all that life sends our way.

To get more information or to get involved in any of the groups, please contact **Steven Huggins**, Pastor of Adults, at stevenh@richfieldcc.org or sign up at richfieldcc.org/events.

SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

Ephesians 4:7-16

⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."
⁹ (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

NOTES:

Diversity Strengthens Unity

Ephesians 4:7-16

Brian Betts - January 21, 2024

Our diverse gifts, given out by Jesus, come together to strengthen and grow the Church into the primary example of God's glory.

Jesus gives all gifts.

Jesus gives some gifts to equip us all.

Jesus' gifts are given to help us all grow.

Jesus' gifts, when used by all, make the Church rock!

Life Group Discussion Questions

Ephesians 4:7-16

For the week of January 21, 2024

Reading the Text:

1. What was the big idea of Ephesians 4:1-6 from last week?
2. Each of us has been given grace that is to be used to build up the church. What do these gifts of grace look like, and where do they come from?
3. Verse 9 tells us that Jesus “descended”. From where, and to where did Jesus descend? Why does Paul include this idea, and how does it impact the rest of the passage?
4. This passage explains that some gifts are responsible for equipping other members of the body. What does Paul say these gifts are intended to produce? (vv. 11-14)
5. How would you restate the big idea of the Ephesians 4:7-16 in your own words?

Living It Out:

1. Each of us has a sphere of people we influence in some capacity. How does this passage affect your understanding of the role we play among those we influence?
2. Each of us has gifts that have been given by to us by God. What are some ways you can assess some of your gifts from God? What are some risks if we don't practice these gifts?
3. Does it ever seem difficult to acknowledge or talk about your gifts? Why or why not? How can this group encourage you to practice these gifts accordingly?

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