

River Valley exists to glorify God and transform people through the work of the Holy Spirit into fully developing followers of Christ

CORE BELIEFS - PERSONAL GOD ANDY MORGAN | MARCH 20, 2011

30 Core Competencies
Of A Follower Of Christ

10 CORE BELIEFS

- * TRINITY
- * SALVATION BY GRACE
- * AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE
- * PERSONAL GOD
- * IDENTITY IN CHRIST
- * CHURCH
- * HUMANITY
- * COMPASSION
- * ETERNITY
- * STEWARDSHIP

10 CORE PRACTICES

- * WORSHIP
- * PRAYER
- * BIBLE STUDY
- * SINGLE MINDEDNESS
- * BIBLICAL COMMUNITY
- * SPIRITUAL GIFTS
- * GIVING AWAY MY TIME
- * GIVING AWAY MY MONEY
- * GIVING AWAY MY FAITH
- * GIVING AWAY MY LIFE

10 CORE VIRTUES

- * LOVE
- * JOY
- * PEACE
- * PATIENCE
- * KINDNESS/GOODNESS
- * FAITHFULNESS
- * GENTLENESS
- * SELF-CONTROL
- * HOPE
- * HUMILITY

Scripture Reading: Psalm 121

A song of ascents.

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from?
- ² My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot slip he who watches over you will not slumber;
- ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The LORD watches over you the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- 6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD will keep you from all harm he will watch over your life;
- 8 the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.



Life Group Homework

For the week of March 20, 2010



QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at this week's message on *Core Beliefs: Personal God*, what were some questions you came away with? What were some things that challenged you? Was there anything that confused you?

MY STORY

- 1. Re-read Psalm 121 and write down some key words from that chapter. What stands out to you personally about this psalm?
- 2. Share with you group a time in your life when you've experienced this to be true. When have you felt the care of our personal God?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1. The nature of God's care for mankind is diverse, having roots from the beginning of creation up to the present day. Many associate God's more gentle characteristics such as love and peace with the New Testament gospel of Jesus Christ, but how do the following verses indicate that God has cared for people from the very beginning? What are some specifics you notice about how God demonstrated love before Christ?
 - Genesis 2:18-23
 - Exodus 3:7-9
 - Psalm 103:6-14
 - Isaiah 42:3
 - Isaiah 64:4
 - Jeremiah 24:6-7



Life Group Homework Continued



- 2. The God we serve has always been on the side of the oppressed and He hears us when we cry out to Him. His ultimate solution for how to bring that kind of everlasting peace was to send His perfect Son to establish His kingdom of peace on the earth. How does Jesus discuss God's care for all of mankind? Which images stand out to you as meaningful for your own life?
 - Matthew 6:25-33
 - Matthew 7:7-11
 - Luke 12:4-7
- 3. What do you notice about Jesus' message of peace and care that are the same or different from the Old Testament accounts of God's peace?

TAKING IT HOME

God's strategy through His Son Jesus was to advance His kingdom of peace throughout the world through His body, the church. Read Jesus' words in John 17:13-22. How can you, this week, be Jesus to this world? What acts of care and peace can you demonstrate so that the people around you can know of the Father who has sent you?

FAMILY PAGE:

This is what the children are learning today!!

Bible Story: God Cares For And Helps Elijah

Bible Truth: God hears us, helps us, and cares for us

Scripture: 1 Kings 16:29-17:6

Bible Verse: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:2

Questions to discuss with your children about today's lesson:

*Read: 1 Kings 16:29-17:6

- 1. Did King Ahab love, believe, and follow God?
- 2. Who did King Ahab worship?
- 3. Who did more evil in the eyes of the Lord than anyone before him?
- 4. Who told King Ahab there would be no dew or rain over the next few years?
- 5. What did God tell Elijah to do?
- 6. What happens to vegetables, grains, and fruits when there is no rain?
- 7. do you think King Ahab and the people in his kingdom would be thirsty and hungry?
- 8. How did God provide food and water for Elijah?

Thought Question:

- 1. Why would God have Elijah hide from King Ahab?
- 2. How has God cared for and helped you?

Upcoming Events

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* Japan Relief

If you have yet to contribute in some way to the relief effort for Japan, please consider joining River Valley in

Please visit the RVCC website blog or contact the church office 630-844-9115 to find out ways you can help.

* Master's Touch Graduation

A residential program for men in transition Come celebrate the men that have graduated from the program Tuesday, March 29th @ 7:30pm Warehouse Church, corner of Galena & Lincoln

* Dollars 4 Dotty Fundraiser

The Justice/Neiman Lifegroup is sponsoring this event

When: Friday, April 1st

Where: River's Edge Cafe - 18 W. Downer Place, Aurora

Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Please see Ruth Cross for more information

* Premarital Seminar

When: Saturday, April 16

Where: 14 Downer Place, Suite 16, Aurora

Time: 9am to 3pm Cost: \$60 per couple

Who: Couples who are seriously dating, engaged, remarried in the last 1-3 years, recently married in the

last 1-3 years.

To register please call 630-983-0600 ex. 10

and talk to Donna or Matt

* College Scholarships

Scholarships available for RVCC students attending college. Deadline is April 1st. If you are interested in an application, please contact Sherilyn at sherilyn@rivervalleycommunity.org

Ongoing Events:

* Prayer Group

Will not be meeting until further notice.

* Soups On at River Valley

Monday thru Friday 11am to 1pm Come on over, fellowship and eat with the staff All are welcome, come anytime! If you have any questions please call 630-844-9115

Weekly Events

Prayer Band - Sunday's @ 9:00am

All are invited to meet every Sunday morning at 9a.m. for prayer in the cafeteria at Aurora Christian School. Join us to pray for our worship celebration, for our church family, for your personal needs and to pray for others. We will keep this prayer meeting informal, as we remain open to the leading of the Holy Spirit to guide us. We look forward to seeing you there!

* Women's Ministry

Thursday Mornings @ 9:00am Meeting at The Schuette's house Currently studying "Esther" by Beth Moore

* Men's Ministry

Monday Evenings - 6:30pm to 8:00pm River's Edge Cafe, 18 W. Downer, Aurora Saturday Mornings (every other) - 8:00am River Valley Office, 725 Morton Ave., Aurora

* FOCUS – Singles Ministry

Thursday Evenings from 6:30pm – 8:30pm Meets at 725 Morton Ave., Aurora, IL

* K-Life - Grades 6-12

www.aurora.klife.com

* Life Groups

For Information please call the Church Office @ 630-844-9115

* Teen Nite Inc.

Friday's 7:30pm to 9:45pm Grades 7-12 Contact Aaron Malone 630-362-5301