

Icebreaker:

In the Bible, do you like to read narratives (stories and history) or practical teaching (like James)?

Read this week's scripture and discuss:

1. In verse 1, to whom was James writing, and what might have been their circumstances? How might those circumstances shape what he wrote?
2. How have trials matured you? In the midst of trials, is it easy to see how they are shaping you?
3. From verses 6-8, how did James define "faith" and "doubt"? What does it mean to be "double-minded"?
4. Is it easy or hard to believe God will answer your prayer (James 1:5-6)? How can we increase our faith in God's desire and ability to answer prayer?
5. Re-read verse 11. Does this verse challenge you? If so, why?
6. Can you put in your own words what James teaches about temptation (James 1:12-16)? In your life, what have you found to help you fight temptation?
7. According to James, when experiencing great difficulties, what question is likely to arise? When you suffer, what typically becomes your focus?

This series is called "Working Out Our Faith." Each week, we will recommend a practice to work out our faith.

Work out your faith:

This week reflect on how you spend your time. How does the way you spend your time reflect your priorities? In what ways does your calendar shape you spiritually? Next week, we will begin by sharing our reflections on this exercise.

Prayer:

As your group closes in prayer, please remember the following requests from our church family.

prayer requests

> Prayers of healing for Ken Miller and Daniel Qua.

Requests from ZPC's April's Prayer Calendar:

- > Pray for God to bless the ZPC mission team serving in Brazil at the Great Banquet
- > Pray for our facilities ministry as ZPC continues to grow physically and spiritually.

what's coming up!

2nd Half Adventurers Luncheon

April 10 | 11:15 am-1:15 pm | Gathering Space | Cost: \$10
Join the 2nd Half Adventurers at our April luncheon. We will hear from Aaron and Jill Wilson, founders of Str8Up Ministry. Sign up in the Gathering Space this morning.
> Barb Luther [barbarawluther@gmail.com; 317.669.7073]

Love Your Neighbor; Fear Your Neighbor

Sunday, April 15 | 5:30-7:30 pm | Gathering Space | Register by April 9 for dinner and childcare counts
As we continue to learn what it means to follow Jesus' command to love our neighbor, it is critical that we learn how to love our Muslim neighbors. Join us on April 15 to hear our mission partner, Rev. Dan McNerney, share his experiences working among Muslims in the U.S. and overseas. Learn how God is moving worldwide among this people group and walk away encouraged and inspired to befriend Muslims in your community.
> Philana Cunningham [philanac@gmail.com; 317.507.8219]

College Connection Care Packages

Packing | Sunday, April 15 | 11:45 am | Gym
We are sending care packages to ZPC college students! Donations of 50 small items are needed and can be dropped off in the bin next to the Welcome Center.
> Jenna MacLean [jennam@zpc.org; 317.873.8137x1022]

Volunteer for Cinnamon Roll Ministry

The Cinnamon Roll Ministry delivers treats to first time ZPC visitors. We need bakers and people to deliver. Please contact Lisa if you want to serve.
> Lisa Paul [lisapaul@outlook.com; 317.873.2892]

April Prayer Calendar Available

We invite you to use ZPC's monthly prayer calendar to pray for ZPC ministries. It is available at the Welcome Center and at zpc.org/prayer.
> Jane Burgess [cjburgess1@att.net]

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 15 | Following the 10:30 service | Sanctuary
Join us at a Congregational Meeting called for by the ZPC Session. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on members for the 2018 Nominating Committee. Session has the responsibility to nominate the Committee Chair (a currently serving Elder) and the Elder Representative, (a non-serving Elder) and the Board of Deacons has the responsibility to nominate the Deacon Representative to serve on the committee. The Session has voted to nominate Todd Nelson as Chair and Linda Forler as the Elder Representative. The Deacon Board nominated Steve Furste as the Deacon Representative. The four At-Large Members of the committee are nominated by the congregation. Those nominees will be announced soon. The Nominating Committee is charged with selecting members for a slate of candidates to serve as Elders and Deacons beginning in 2019. Anyone is welcome to attend, however, you must be a member of ZPC to vote at the Congregational Meeting.
> Nancy Baker [nancyb@zpc.org; 317.873.6503]

Register for ZPC Inquirers Class

Friday, April 27 | 7-9 pm | Offsite
Saturday, April 28 | 9 am-noon | ZPC
Learn more about ZPC at the Inquirers Class. Friday night will include dinner and relational time with Pastor Jerry Deck. Saturday you'll learn about ZPC with church staff and members. Childcare is available by advance registration. Register at zpc.org no later than Tuesday, April 24. You may also call the Office or sign up at the Welcome Center.
> Nancy Baker [nancyb@zpc.org; 317.873.8137x1001]

working out our faith

THE BOOK OF JAMES

Welcome to ZPC!
We are so glad you're here.

Sunday, April 8, 2018 | 9 and 10:30 am

Called together by God to make disciples and release them for service in our broken world.

zionsville
presbyterian church

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317.873.6503 | zpc.org

Church office hours:
Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

 listen to last week's message at zpc.org/resources/sermon



worship

Sunday, April 8, 2018

Working out our faith | James

Scripture: James 1:1-18

Prayer after service: If you would like someone to pray with or for you, please go to the west alcove in the Sanctuary after the service. It would be our privilege to pray on your behalf.

Assistive listening systems are available upon request. Check in with the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

who we are

Our focus is to become and make life-long learners of Jesus through:

1. **Creating a Caring Community**
2. **Centering Our Worship and Study on Christ**
3. **Encouraging Hands-on Missions**

Thank you for coming to ZPC! We would love to get to know you. We encourage you to record your attendance on the welcome pad at today's worship. Please provide your name, address, and contact information. Especially if this is your first time with us, we would welcome the opportunity to connect with you and even deliver a yummy treat!

Join us in the Gathering Space before and after services. Want a name tag? Sign up at the Welcome Center.

the week ahead [zpc.org for more]

2018

Later Today, Sunday, April 8

ZPCHSM | 6-7:30 pm | 9th-12th grades | Youth Center

Monday, April 9

ZPC Line Dancing | 1:30-2:30 pm | Gym

BSF | 7-8:30 pm | Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 10

2nd Half Adventurers | 11:15 am-1:15 pm

Open Gym | 1-2:30 | Gym

Session Meeting | 6:30-9:30 pm | Room 201

Wednesday, April 11

Open Gym | 1-2:30 pm | Gym

Mission Commission | 7-9 pm | Room 201

Thursday, April 12

Prayer for Middle East and Africa | 7:45-8:45 am | Chapel

Loose Threads | 9:30 am-1 pm | Room 202

Food Pantry | 5-6 pm | Room 109

Friday, April 13

MOPS | 9:30-11:30 am | Gathering Space

Food Pantry | 12-2 pm | Room 109

Saturday, April 14

Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic | 9-11 am | Room 108 [pro bono legal representation and preventive law education to low income families, including immigrant families]

Sunday Mornings

Children

Nursery Care | 9 and 10:30 am | birth - age three | check in at the Children's Welcome Center

Children's Classes | 9 and 10:30 am | age four - fourth grade | check in at the Children's Welcome Center or in the Gathering Space.

Students

Middle School Ministry [ZPCMSM] | 9 am | Room 205 [fifth - eighth grades]

High School Ministry [ZPCHSM] | 6 pm | Youth Center [ninth - twelfth grades]

Adults

Adult Bible Study | 9 am | Room 201

Christian Spiritual Formation | 10:30 am | Room 205

Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. **Matthew 6:20**

ZPC Stewardship Update: **[6/1/17-4/1/18]**

YTD Budget: \$ 1,952,335

YTD Offering: \$ 2,091,821

Sunday morning attendance: 978

MISSION: POSSIBLE!

missions fair | trivia night | zpc's got talent

Tickets on sale now!

- \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids (10 and under)
- Each ticket is good for dinner (by our beloved Randy Laffoon), a fun time playing trivia, and a great show!
- Bring your family out for a fun night raising money for our mission partners!
- No standing in line at the event when you purchase pre-sale tickets at zpc.org/mission-possible by April 19.

Schedule: Saturday Night, April 21

5 pm – 8 pm.....Mission booths & snack bar open

6 – 7 pm.....Trivia Challenge

8 pm.....ZPC's Got Talent begins

Sunday, April 22

9:45 am-12:30 pm.....Mission booths open

Please plan to join us for a fun weekend!
Participate in all events or pick and choose.

Missions Fair

Twenty-two percent of ZPC's annual budget goes to missions. The Missions Fair is an opportunity to learn more about and support ZPC's missionaries and mission organizations. Get involved through giving a donation or signing up to pray for or serve these organizations.

Trivia Night Competition

Form your own team (rally your home group, neighbors, and friends) or come and we'll pair you up with other ZPCers!

ZPC's Got Talent

We are calling all dancers, musicians, magicians, and comedians! Polish off your act or create a new one and submit your application to be part of ZPC's Got Talent! Performers will be chosen by lottery and will have the opportunity to entertain!

ALL PROFITS from the evening (ticket sales, raffles, snack bar sales) will go directly to missions.

Reserve your spot! Visit zpc.org/mission-possible