

Weekly Connector: Happy Veteran's Day!

November 10, 2017

Hello, Church!

Happy Veteran's Day.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice (temporary truce) was signed by the German leadership, effectively ending World War I (though it would not officially end until the Treaty of Versailles was signed some months later). The human toll on the world was staggering. Some estimates put the total military loss of life to over 8 million casualties! As the world mourned, many governments, including the United States, identified **Armistice Day, November 11, as a day of remembrance** - for if we remember, then maybe peace would remain.

From the vantage point of history, **we know that peace did not remain** and the price paid for World War II was far greater; some estimates suggest as many as 25 million casualties! Nonetheless, our responsibility to remember remains.

In 1954, after both World Wars and the Korean War, **Armistice Day was changed to Veteran's Day**; this was now to be a day to honor all veterans of all conflicts and of all branches of military service.

What we remember is the terrible price paid for freedom. What we celebrate is the willingness of veterans to lay down their lives for others in order that we all might have the freedoms we enjoy today; even, the freedom to write and to read this message.

Please take a moment and celebrate a veteran that you know. Let them know your appreciation for their sacrifice. Then, maybe we can all consider their example by laying our own lives down for the sake of others as we follow the One who defined it this way: *Greater love has no one than this - that he lay down his life for his friends.*
John 15:13.

This weekend, the Youth will be in Springfield, OH for the Ohio State Youth Convention. **Please pray that they will have open hearts, eyes, and ears to God's Word, His message, and His power**, so that they might have changed lives for Jesus!



This Sunday, we wrap up the Sermon series on "Worship" with a focus upon "...In Truth!" God seeks worshipers who worship in Spirit and truth. **What does it mean to worship "in truth"?** Be sure to invite a friend and come early to find out - and to celebrate the Savior who makes our worship possible: Christ Jesus.

May we all grow in the grace and knowledge of Him!

I love you, Church!

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