SERMON NOTES

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 - Make Me Real

Questions for family/small group discussions:

- 1. When you consider Deuteronomy 6:1-6, 32:45-47 and 2 Timothy 3:14-17, how does the Bible function for us and what makes it so vital?
- 2. What are some alternative influences/factors that work to govern your heart and life when God's Word is not the primary governing influence?
- 3. When you read 1 Cor. 2:10-16, what is the mind of Christ and what is the role of the Holy Spirit?

How do we make progress toward absorbing the Word and gaining the mind of Christ?

1. _____ your children

- a. What has been your experience of the best examples of those who have taught Scripture to their children? What is your own personal experience with this command to "teach [these words] diligently to your children"?
- b. What are the biggest challenges for being faithful to this command? What do we often make the higher priority of topics or concerns for modeling or teaching to our children? What are some steps you could take to be faithful or help other parents to be faithful?
- c. In the past week, what does your life reveal about making the love of God the highest priority for you/your kids?

2. Constant

- a. When you read Deut. 6:7, Titus 1:10 and 2:1, what are some examples of what this could look like in relationship to your children and others?
- b. What might be some steps that you could take to remove the barriers to conversation about the gospel—both for yourself or your kids? How has technology impacted the opportunities for conversation that revolves around Jesus and his Word?

3. Diligent _____

- a. What is best of what you are doing so the Word permeates every aspect of your life and what step could you take toward a new routine/habit that would bear fruit? What new routine/habit could you take so that your children can meaningfully absorb the Word?
- b. What does Psalm 119:9-11 say about one important way to absorb God's Word? What practical step could you take for yourself or your family?

4. Soak in the _____

- a. What is the difference between simply learning God's commands/what to do and understanding/absorbing the gospel? Why are learning and understanding both so vital? How are the desires of God revealed in Deuteronomy 5:29 ultimately fulfilled?
- b. When we face death and other critical moments in our life, we learn what we are made of. What do you want to build into the heart and mind of yourself and your children so that you/they can face whatever comes at you/them?



Order of Worship

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Call to Worship Crown Him

Made Alive

** Kids are invited to KidLife downstairs

Offering *In Tenderness*

Baptism Gideon Bergman, Milo & Olivia Shantz

Prayer & Message Make Me Real

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (p. 136)

Rev. Tim Meendering

Response Kids

Closing Blessing

Next Week Radical Forgiveness – Ephesians 4:32

welcome to Rockford Reformed Church!

In this program you will find today's order of worship, along with announcements, a calendar, prayer requests, and more. If this is your first time here, please stop by our welcome table in the lobby and pick up a gift bag!



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PRAYER

Sympathy is expressed to Eric & Becki Pilko at the death of Becki's father, Dale Dieleman, on May 5.

Jean Stadt's Memorial Service will be held here at RRC on Saturday, May 25 at noon. Visitation begins at 11am. Luncheon to follow the service.

Jean Boyd - pray as she continues through chemotherapy treatments.

Bill Boyd - continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.

Be in prayer for all military personnel, people searching for jobs, and disaster victims.

Prayer teams are available in the front of the sanctuary following service for anyone who desires prayer.

WHERE DO MY KIDS GO?



If you have children, they are welcome to remain with you throughout the service, or you can choose from different options:

KidLife Worship (3 years - 2nd grade) -Check-in is in the Fellowship Hall, Room 100 (directly below the sanctuary). Kids may start service here, or go after our opening music in the sanctuary.

KidLife Nursery (0-3 years) - Room 241 (upper level of gym).

Parent-Infant Room - available near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers.

Children's bulletins and crayons are available near the lobby stairs.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

You can give directly from your phone or computer. Look for the link on the front page of our website. Contact the office if you would like offering envelopes.

Last week's attendance: 278 • Last week's offering: \$9,551

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
5/19 10:00 Worship Service High School @Whitecaps Leave at 1:15	5/20	5/21 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Softball	5/22	5/23	5/24	5/25 1p Single Women's Lunch - Golden Wok. RSVP w/Carol Knox, 866-4845
5/26 10:00 Worship Service	5/27	5/28 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Softball	5/29	5/30 7p Ladies Book Club - The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain	5/31	6/1
6/2 10:00 Worship Service Grad Sunday Brick Orders Due	6/3	6/4 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Softball	6/5 12p Adult Fellowship - lunch will be served	6/6	6/7	6/8

For a full listing of all of our events, announcements, volunteer needs, and more, be sure to sign up for the eBeacon, emailed weekly. Contact the church office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list. Paper copies are available for those without email.









Please Note: As part of our upcoming blurb in Rockford Living Magazine, Michelle Wise from Wise Photography will be here this morning taking pictures of church life at RRC. If the photo(s) we select include you, we will be sure to get your permission before we publish.



A note from Madelyn McConnon

This summer, I will be serving with an organization called Next Steps Ministries in their Long Island, New York location. I, along with a team of other young adults from across the country, will be

hosting short-term mission trips for youth groups. Each week, new groups will come to worship, serve, and grow together as they repair homes destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. Along with leading on these construction sites, I will be serving as the Hospitality Leader for our location. Thank you to all who supported me through finances and prayers to make this possible. Please keep the youth groups, community, and the summer staff in your prayers as we work to further the kingdom of God.



Orders due June 2. During the month of May we are taking orders for inscribed bricks for our Memorial Prayer Garden. Order forms are in the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$40.



Saturday, June 15. You are invited to enjoy the Start of Summer Celebration fireworks from the hill at Rockford Reformed Church. Starting at 8pm, come enjoy free popcorn, refreshments, and children's activities. Please bring a chair or a blanket, your family and friends, and enjoy the beauty of the fireworks from the top of the hill at Rockford Reformed Church.



Sunday, June 2. Join us as we celebrate our high school and college graduates! There will be a cake reception following the service. Parents of high school and college graduates - please email laura@rokfordrc.org for instructions on graduation booklet contributions.



June 23-26, 6-8pm. Calling all kids ages 3 years through those who are in (or have just completed) 5th grade! Join us for four nights at ROAR VBS, where kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Registration is open at rockfordrc.org/vbs.

