

COMMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Please indicate the degree of confidentiality you desire:

- ☐ For the Pastor only
- ☐ For the Prayer Team members
- ☐ May be shared with the congregation
- ☐ Please have someone contact me

CONNECT

- ☐ I’m interested in joining a Life Group
- ☐ I’m interested in membership
- ☐ I’m interested in baptism / profession of faith
- ☐ I need to update my contact info (use reverse side)
- ☐ Sign me up for RRC email
- ☐ Other:

This week’s poll (just for fun)

- ☐ Halloween Candy
- ☐ Thanksgiving Dinner

Last week’s winner: Twizzlers

NOTES FOR THE FRONT OFFICE

(doodles accepted)

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Questions for family/small group discussions

John 9 – *Finding Your Song*

Three lessons about how God works through the hard times of our lives:

1. God can _____ our _____ to display his glory.

Recall one or more of your most painful moments of struggle and suffering and what were the questions that surfaced through that time? How did you relate to God through that season? Or how did you think God was relating to you in the struggle/suffering?

a. All _____.

What does Job 5:6-7 say about the trouble that comes our way?

b. We often view life and others through a lens that is _____ with _____ assumptions.

What are some of the common false assumptions that are revealed in this story? How do we see similar wrong thinking show up today? What’s wrong with the assumption of John 9:31?

c. There are no _____ to the question of human suffering.

What does Jesus teach in Luke 13:1-5 about why God allows some to suffer? What kind of life does God owe us? What does the Bible say about where suffering comes from? When you understand the gospel and read texts such as Romans 8:1, how is your suffering/pain impacted by the death/punishment that Jesus has suffered for you?

When you read Hebrews 12:5-10, Romans 5:3, and consider our story especially in John 9:3, what are some of the ways that God uses suffering?

2. God uses _____ means for our _____.

Can you see how you have resisted stooping/accepting the salvation/healing (and perhaps still do) that Jesus offers because it requires humility and nothing in your hands? What can we learn from the story of Naaman in 2 Kings 5? What are some ways that Jesus suffered humiliation so that you could receive and know his dignity and joy?

How could your marriage and other relationships be influenced and changed when you are daily and humbly stooping down to confess sin and receive the grace that Jesus offers to you?

3. Life and _____ are still found in our obedience to his _____.

What does John 9:4 say about our call as followers of Jesus? What does Isaiah 58:1-11 say about what we are to do with the salvation/healing that we receive from God? And what is the result when we fulfill our purpose for which he sends us? Where does real joy come from?

What is one significant step that you can take this week to bend low and serve someone out of love for Jesus? Can you find your song of humbly receiving and extending grace in the midst of suffering?



WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

You Stand Alone

Call to Worship

*How Great is Our God; Awesome God
Nothing But the Blood; Jesus Messiah
I Love You Lord; I Exalt Thee
** Kids are invited to KidLife*

Offering

Be Thou My Vision

Prayer & Message

*“Finding Your Song”
John 9 (p. 895)
Rev. Tim Meendering*

Communion

Man of Sorrows

Closing Blessing

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11:15-12:15

Adults

- 11:15-11:30: coffee & refreshments in the gym before heading off to class
- 11:30-12:15: Digging Deeper sermon discussion in the Fireside Room (253)
- This week, the high school class will be joining us. Discussion will be facilitated by Jim Scholten and Brian Ellis.
- We want to encourage people to spend time together after service, so if you are late to the class, that’s ok - just join when you can!

High School - This week join the adults in the Fireside Room.

Middle School - Youth Room 153

KidLife (thru 5th grade) - Fellowship Hall 100 check-in

*** 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 - 3rd grade) - Check-in desk is in the Fellowship Hall, Room 100 (directly below the sanctuary). Kids may start service there, 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov. 3	Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Nov. 6	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 9
worship communion sunday school high school w/adults high school youth group 6:30-8pm		men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212 nehemiah	adult fellowship 10am family dinner 6pm kidlife club 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm fireside, how people change rm 250, me & my big mouth		REAL men 7am @ arnie's restaurant	
Nov. 10	Nov. 11	Nov. 12	Nov. 13	Nov. 14	Nov. 15	Nov. 16
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More information on these activities can be found in our weekly **eBeacon** (printouts are available in the lobby and the back of the sanctuary). If you haven't singed up to receive this weekly email, contact the front office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list.

QUICK INFO

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616-866-2308 • Office Hours: Mon-Thur 9am–2:30pm
RockfordRC.org • connect@rockfordrc.org

Online bulletin & sign-in: rockfordrc.org/sunday
Online giving: link is on our home page - rockfordrc.org
KidLife email check-in: rrc.check.in@gmail.com

Last week's attendance: 264
Last week's offering: \$14,898

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VISION 2028 . . . SOMEDAY THROUGH EVERY DAY

Someday the kingdom of God will fully come and there will be no more darkness. But we are not there yet. It is a destination seemingly far away and impossible to reach, a trek of a thousand miles with pitfalls and setbacks along the way. Yet we have assurance that we will get there, so every day we take steps. Some small, some bold.

Every day, we see our neighbors, co-workers, and friends comfortably traveling through life and yet restless, lost, isolated, and searching. In this landscape of darkness, we will be a light. Over the next eight years, we will turn from our paths of self-centered, tiny-world busyness to join a shared path of others-centered kingdom sacrifice. The gospel will fuel a movement of bold love, genuine concern, and radical hospitality.

Every day, we will work to develop and deploy leaders. By the year 2028, we will raise up 300 gospel guides equipped to lead others on their life journey into the light of joy and Christ-contentment. A gospel-centered discipleship pathway will train us for organic

outreach and compel us to relentlessly pursue and draw people in who are wandering in a darkness of anxiety, loneliness, and discontentment.

Christ-centered worship will unite, encourage, and empower us for the mission. We will pray, strategically start two new churches in the greater Rockford area, and not be dissuaded until we see the stunning renovation of marriages, families, workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods for the glory of Jesus.


► This is our someday. We get there through the every day.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER DINNER

Sunday, November 10, 12:15pm in the gym.

Everyone is welcome! All proceeds of the dinner go towards middle school mission trips. Menu: chicken alfredo, lasagna, seasoned green beans, salad, garlic bread, apple cake, brownies

CONNECTION CARD

 **FOLD** and **TEAR** at perforation. Place in the offering plate or in a connection card drop box located at each sanctuary exit.

HELLO! We're glad you could join us today! Please sign in and let us know who is here (even if they are somewhere else in the building).

○ Just checking in! **Name(s):**

NEW? First of all, welcome! Please tell us a little more about yourself, and make sure to get a welcome bag from the lobby before you leave today. If you need a little added encouragement to leave your information with us, here you go: for every first-time sign-in (with contact info), we donate \$5 to North Kent Connect! Also, the more we know, the better we can help get you connected.

Name: _____

Address: _____

His Phone: _____

Her Phone: _____

His Email: _____

Her Email: _____

Age group: ○ teens ○ 20s ○ 30s ○ 40s ○ 50s ○ 60+

Kids at home (name, birthdate, grade, m/f)

What brings you here today? _____