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// WALKING IN THE STEPS OF GOD  
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What specific plot of earth on this planet is your favorite?

Is it your home town? Your 1st house? Perhaps a school, a beach, a mountain, or a store. These spots have power in us. They exert gravity in a unique way because of memory, experience, familiarity or relationship. We are tied to them beyond their actual make-up (dirt, buildings, trees, etc.) to what they represent.

Scripture has many such spots. God's story occurs in specific and special places, most of which still exist. Like our special places, these move beyond simple rock, soil and edifice to something much deeper.

Through Easter, we will explore these spaces. We'll study what makes each important. We'll learn more about the message they carry and how our 'Grounded-ness' in Christ can grow as we understand more about the important places in God's story.

Come and learn. Let's get some dirt under our fingernails and dig deeper into the Ground of God.

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FOR MORE INFO, MAPS AND DIRECTIONS, VISIT

**THE RIVER CRC.COM**



**Our Mission:** We exist to make disciples who put God's love on display to our world.

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**Our Vision** is to see a people inspired by God's love and faithfully sharing that love with the world.

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**Our Values:** Every member of The River is daily and communally engaged in a deeper relationship with Jesus through...



We welcome people into our lives appreciating our differences and similarities.



We will grow by following the Holy Spirit's work in and around us.



We will give generously of our time, talents and finances to see God's kingdom grow.



We will go where God calls us to go.



We will serve intentionally using and growing the gifts God has given us.



**Resonate** continues the good work of Home Missions and World Missions. For more than a century, these two agencies introduced people to Christ in North America and around the world. For resonate, that means continuing their partnership with churches in the United States and Canada to plant churches, do campus ministry, train and equip pastors, and develop future leaders. Additionally, it means sending missionaries overseas, proclaiming the Gospel, and forging lasting partnerships.

In addition to this ongoing work, Resonate is also tackling new opportunities for ministry. Here in North America, they need experience in international ministry to help churches effectively reach across cultural barriers and forge partnerships within new communities of faith. In other nations, they need expertise in church planting and campus ministry to help people in every nation discover God's plan for their church, community, and life. With your prayers and financial support, as Resonate Global Mission, they will be able to equip all our churches for ministry and join together with what God is already doing around the world.



The people of The River believe in investing in outreach activities. One of the ways that we do this is by supporting both financially and prayerfully a number of different organizations, ministries and Christian groups.

There will be two offerings each Sunday. The first one is for The River Life Fund. The schedule for the second offering is as follows:

- March 3– Benevolence
- March 10 - Christian Education Fund (CEF)
- March 17– Missions
- March 24 – The Village at Redlands
- March 31– Resonate Global Missions
- April 7– Benevolence
- April 14– CEF
- April 21– Missions

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### **THE RIVER REUSES**

The earth is a gift from God the Creator. Please help us be good stewards. On your way out, please drop your weekly shell in the bins by the exits to be used again the following week.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 24

**LEGACY NIGHTS** will not be meeting on March 27th, because of local spring breaks. Next meeting will take place on April 10th!

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** – There will be another informational meeting regarding becoming a Stephen Minister on Thursday, March 28 at 11:00 a.m. in the River House (Church Office). Questions? Call Debbie Bueermann in the church office.

**JOIN THE HIKING GROUP** on Saturday, March 30th for a hike through San Timoteo Natural Sanctuary. Meet at the church parking lot at 8:15 to carpool over to the hike.

**MOM'S GROUP** will be starting up with their first gathering on April 8th at 9:30 am at Ford Park! Be on the look out for monthly gatherings and fun for mom's and kids! Contact Rachel Peters at 909.653.5217 or Kim Lee at 909.499.8789 with any questions.

**JOIN US AS WE HOST THE 2019 "EMPOWERED TO CONNECT" SIMULCAST** at The River Church, Redlands. The Simulcast is a two-day live video conference on April 5 and 6 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. This conference is designed to help adoptive and foster parents, ministry leaders, churches, and professionals better understand how to connect with "children from hard places" in order to help them heal and become all that God desires for them to be. If you'd like to attend the fee is \$10 per person per day. Please contact Debbie Bueermann by calling the church office at 909-798-2221.

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**NEXT SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

**Nursery:** Becca Poortenga, Judy Rickard, Synthia Mouw, Sydnee Mouw

**Cookie Time:** Kindra Simpson, Kris Kok, Krista Smith, Kristen Slagter, Laurel O'Brien

**To contact the Care Ministry Team or a pastor, call the church office at 909-798-2221.**

# **Grounded: Sea of Galilee**

**Luke 8:22-39**

## **The Rideau Canal**

### **A. 22: Christ's ministry lives into his geography.**

"One day Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side of the lake.'"

Vs. 22

### **B. 23, 24a: The storm comes.**

"A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger." Vs. 23

## **Desert wisdom and simple prayers.**

### **C. 24b, 25a: Christ asks a cultural question.**

"'Where is your faith?' he asked his disciples." Vs. 25

### **D. 23b-39: The disciples start to get it and then he shows them.**

"He commands the wind and the water and they obey him." Vs. 25

### **F. Why is The Sea of Galilee important?**