



CALVARY MONUMENT BIBLE CHURCH
LOVING, LIVING, LEADING FOR GOD'S GLORY

HOW CAN I USE THE LINK ROUNDUP TO GROW IN A GREATER LOVE FOR GOD AND A GREATER LOVE FOR EACH OTHER?

Disclaimer: Each week, I would like to share with you a round up of links to articles and videos that have resonated with me in some particular way. It is important that you realize that I am not endorsing everything in these articles or videos but I share them with you as a way for you to see what has engaged my thinking and caught my attention online through the week. Some of the links are related to current events, some are related to current realities facing the church, some are just cool and random facts that you may or may not have known.

The Link Roundup is an opportunity for personal, familial, and even communal spiritual growth and discipleship. Within the links provided each week you will find opportunities to pray, to discover more about the global Church, to explore issues facing the Church in America, to learn about general events happening in local, national, and international news, and to hear music (modern and ancient) that may enrich your spirit and mind.

It has been a habit in our home to occasionally use these links and articles for our family devotion time around the dinner table. Sometimes we explore diverse perspectives through the lens of Scriptures. Other times we may listen to the music provided in the Link Roundup and use it to encourage discussion surrounding its content. We might also take time to pray for the persecuted church, or let our children pick a place on the map and pray for the church or people groups that live in that area of the world.

Engaging the Link Roundup weekly will give you an opportunity to read perspectives from across a broad landscape of Christian, biblical thinking. We appreciate hearing and learning from diverse biblical perspectives because they help us to sharpen, home in, and/or broaden our thinking on whatever the topic may be. This helps us to have well informed spiritual discussions with our colleagues, neighbors, and friends at our places of employment or in our communities.

When there are authors who come to conclusions that we may not wholly agree with, it is good for us to lean into those disagreements and explore the “why” behind our disagreements. Most of the time, we may find that though our perspectives and conclusions may differ on a particular subject, we can still see and even appreciate why

a particular author may have come to their conclusions. In short, we can come to differing conclusions with authors and writers, most often without having to question their love for Jesus or concern for His people.

As we engage each week, we might ask the following questions (not every link may lend itself to answering all 6 questions, but many will):

1. How could or how does this particular link help me grow in a greater love for God or my neighbor?
2. What in this link is helpful to me as I consider this topic from a biblical perspective?
3. What are the areas I might push back against, or what are the areas where I might go a bit further with my conclusions?
4. If I am pushing back, why am I? What about this link differs from my current understanding regarding this topic?
5. Who has the Lord placed in my life that would appreciate discussion surrounding this topic?
6. How could this topic be a bridge towards a spiritual conversation with that person?

Finally, if you have further questions or would like further dialogue regarding any link, please know you can always email me. I enjoy having robust and engaging discussions on any/all of these topics. clenhart@calvarymonument.org

Growing Together,
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