



Helping Churches Help People

The Life Changing Gift of Jesus

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Each week I've been picking up two of our clients for the Life Skills class on Thursday nights. I've come to really enjoy the conversations we have on our way over and back. This session our class is about Potential, and I'm also a table leader. I'm starting to build relationships with the people around my table, and I love encouraging them to recognize the potential that God has placed within them.

Two of the women at my table knew each other from past classes. They both took Boundaries last winter and Healing for Damaged Emotions last spring. They said they really missed getting together during the short break we took for a month during the summer. They look forward to the learning, encouragement, and camaraderie each week. One of the women told me that she loves to learn and has her folders for each class lined up on a shelf in her room. This week I realized the information was not only on her shelf, but making its way into her heart!

When I asked our little group how the past week went for each of them, *Sylvie said, "this week got a little rough." But she said she actually pulled out the folder for the Boundaries class she took last winter! As she looked back over her notes, she was able to remind herself that her response in this difficult situation was right in line with what she had learned last year at this time! It was so exciting for me to see the seeds that had been planted months ago making a real and impacting difference for her a year later! That encouraged me to keep planting seeds and trust that God will water and grow them in His timing.

That is one way Jesus has the power to change a life!

*Pseudonym

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

- Romans 12:2

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A message from our Executive Director

PASTOR ERIC HAMBROCK

Out of all the people involved in the Christmas story, the one who intrigues me the most is Joseph; partly because we know so little about him. We know he was a carpenter. We know he lived long enough to have other children with Mary. Most importantly, we know that he had the courage to listen to the instructions of the angel and take Mary to be his wife. He also had the courage to take the child and run to Egypt to save Jesus' life and the courage to return to Israel after Herod died. All future salvations rested on the shoulders of Joseph having the courage to do what was asked of him. Then, with little fanfare, he leaves the stage. Even today, Joseph's role is given very little attention.

I can't help but think that there was a moment, when Joseph peered into the face of his adopted baby son that the Almighty tasked him to raise, that melted and changed his heart. And in that moment, his life was changed forever.

It is a mystery how God changes the hearts of men. But when He does it, the change shows in their actions. Has your life been changed by the power of God's love...the babe in a manger? Just ask, and He will change your life today.



Let us all spread God's love and joy this Christmas!

Harmony & Laughter



GOLD CITY

Since 1980, gospel music fans worldwide have been in love with the trend-setting style of Gold City. From their inception, this quartet's goal has been to use the musical gifts the Lord has given them in the best way they know how—to honor God, share the gospel message, witness to the lost and encourage the saved.

Save the Date

6.19.2024

This event will be held at the Wisconsin Rapids PAC.



MICKY BELL

Comedian Mickey Bell is quickly becoming one of the most sought after entertainers. His quick wit and his ability to entertain crowds of all ages has him performing on stages all across America. His shows are high energy and more than just corny church jokes. Mickey shares funny stories from his life experiences.

