

UNLESS the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it... Psalm 127:1a

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening

St. John's Parish House

75 East Main St. South Pottstown 5:30 pm

Home Churches:

Hanover St. Home Church

Thursday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown

7:00 to 9:00

Ministry:

The Table

Suspended until the end of

Shelter Season in April

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

MAIN Street Shelter

We have begun the 2010/2011

Shelter Season!

Host Church is Christ Episcopal on High St

There are many volunteering opportunities.

Announcements:

Norman Vanderlick has moved to a group home in Harleysville. Please consider writing him a note of love and encouragement while he settles in.

His new address is: 140 Crescent Ln, Harleysville, PA 19438

We will be trying to coordinate bringing him to dinner, church, and singing once a month. Pray and see where you might fit in assuring him of our love for him.

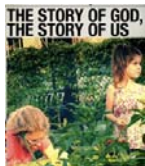
The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

Please pray to see where God would have you to help!! See Pastor Kork or Ron Caulk for details, and remember to thank God for our host churches!!

New Home Church Series every Tuesday evening

at The Moyer's **The Story of God**

The Story of Us.



Your Prayer Notes:

Remember those prayer requests from last week and:

Please pray for Ron's health, to keep him strong; for Patrice's thyroid treatments; for Diana's family to be reunited; for Roxy who was diagnosed with cancer, for health and to be another voice of God in the midst of physical struggle to those around her, for those who suffered the Walnut St fire, including pastor Tom and the "Old Rugged Church;" for those who have fallen away, due to addictions and cultural narcissism; and also keep all of us in prayer, as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us, our mission, and judge us out of ignorance.

Please keep our church—the future of Still Waters, in prayer during yet another time of upheaval and difficulty while trying to remain faithful to God's calling to the least around us. Please, also, pray for those who will be coming to the shelter, that they would find love and grace during their struggle, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation.

Next Week's Scriptures:

November 7, 2010: Proper 27 (Year C)

Psalm 145.1-5, 17-21, Haggai 1.15b – 2.9,

Luke 20.27-38, & 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17

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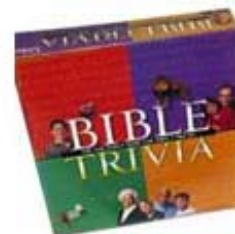
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November 7 = 2010

Bible Trivia



Worship

Psalm 145.1-5, 17-21

Haggai 1.15b – 2.9

Luke 20.27-38

2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17

Benediction

Tabernacle Worship



75 East Main Street, Pottstown, PA 19465

Every Sunday Evening at 5:30, St. John's Parish House

[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 145.1-5, 17-21

Focus Film ::

"Psalm 17"

Congregation Song Worship ::

*offer thanksgiving, sacrifices, and
tell of his deeds with songs of joy*

Scripture Reading ::

Haggai 1.15b - 2.9

Focus Film ::

"What's the Point?"

This week's Lectionary Text:

*Psalm 145.1-5, 17-21, Haggai 1.15b - 2.9,
Luke 20.27-38, & 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,
13-17*

The Scripture ~

Bible Trivia... *Or, the Curse of Knowing All The Answers*

Let no one deceive you

in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? **2 Thessalonians 2.2-5**

Focus Film ::

"Confidence & Trauma"

Benediction ::

Revelation 22.12, 14, 16-17, 20-21

[Journaling Worship
your talking points notes...
for this Week's Church Discussion]
✚ **Vying for Authority**

✚ **The theology of Power**

✚ **Holding onto Living Truth**

Meditation:

*Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." **Luke 20.27—33***

Reflection:

There are few for whom Jesus reserves greater contempt than a hypocritical religious elite who wield power at others' expense - and Paul's letter to the Thessalonians shows that this temptation also existed in the early Christian church.

In response to a wildly speculative question, Jesus offers the Sadducees a vision of a transcendent human condition that could not have been imagined before. It's also the vision that inspires Paul's admonition to remain faithful.



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Psalm 145.1-5, 17-21 [Worship]

1 | will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. 2 Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. 3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. 4 One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. 5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

17 The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. 18 The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. 19 He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them. 20 The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. 21 My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Consider:

[Words]

These readings attest to the tenacity of God for us in the face of death. We live in a lethal culture in which our greed, anxiety, and violence turn our political-economic system into a killing field. These texts bring us the God of life who is our abiding, trustworthy advocate in the face of every death.

Haggai, addressing a tiny, bereft community of faith, says three times, "Take courage" (Haggai 1:4). The ground for courage is "I am with you" and "My spirit abides among you" (verse 5). Paul, in light of the same confidence, bids his readers to "stand firm and hold fast" (2 Thessalonians 2:15) and not to be misled into false faith.

Jesus' debate with the Sadducees in Luke is a life-or-death matter. They believe there is no resurrection and death will win. Jesus cuts through their subterfuge by attesting that God "is not God of the dead, but of the living" (Luke 20:38). The question they pose about life after death evaporates in his dictum, "In God all are alive" (verse 38).

Without God, death will win. We, however, are not without God, the God of life. On that basis we may act in daily life for what God wills in the world. God wills life!

– Walter Bruggemann

[Scripture]

Luke 20.27-38

27 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him 28 and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; 30 then the second 31 and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. 32 Finally the woman also died. 33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." 34 Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; 35 but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. 36 Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. 37 And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. 38 Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Question: Where has our "fact-based" bible accuracy actually kept others (and probably ourselves) from life? Is there a way to remain faithful to Jesus' gospel of life, without killing someone?