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THE GRAPEVINE 11/9/2022

Discipleship Flow#4: INSANITY –

Expecting a different outcome!

Jer 4:11-12,20-28

The Message Translation

One of the challenges we face as 21st century people, is interpreting the male dominated language and culture of the Bible in a way that is helpful. Our reading today picks up Jeremiah's frustration with the people of Judah (last remaining tribe of Israel), who keep doing the same thing expecting a different outcome.

¹⁸ *"It's the way you've lived that's brought all this on you. The bitter taste is from your evil life. That's what's piercing your heart."* The MSG

They persisted with behaviours and attitudes that, rather than bringing change, reinforced more of the same = definition of insanity. Jeremiah then uses a couple of metaphors to generate new awareness that their behaviour and choices needed to change.

*"Plow your unplowed fields, but then don't plant weeds in the soil!
Yes, circumcise your lives for God's sake.*

Plow your unplowed hearts, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem."

Let's focus on the imagery from plowing (gardening 21st Cent), something we can all relate to. Gardens, like crops are constantly being inundated with weeds! It is a pain staking process to remove them and 2600 yrs ago there were no insecticides or anti weed to spray the crops with. Jeremiah was saying if you want a different outcome, if you want life giving crops then don't plow in weeds (anger, anxiety, rejection etc...). If you want a vibrant relationship with God you have to DO SOMETHING, being open, changing behaviours because it doesn't just happen.

Q. What are we sowing / plowing into our lives?

Q. Is there a certain type of weed (anger, anxiety, fear) in your life you need to remove or spray?

Rev DJPrior

❖ OUR VISION:

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ OUR MISSION:

*To reach out and reflect God's Love –
connecting others to Christ.*

BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. DJP.

Rev. DJP's five week Bible Study course is currently running: Please note that there is one week off.

08 SEPT – NO Group

#5 – 15 SEPT

They will be Sermon based studies, picking up the sermon from the previous Sunday and reflecting, chewing on its meaning for life.

TIME: 4pm – 5pm

VENUE: The VINES UC

RSVP: Rev DJP

Cleaning Roster

Can you spare approximately 1 hour every 6 weeks?

We are in need of 1 extra person to help with the cleaning at the church. The paid cleaner does a thorough clean of the Church every fortnight and on the second week a light clean of some parts of the church is needed, with a team of 2 people. Please let me know if you are willing/able to help.

Thanks! Colleen

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is held fortnightly during school terms. See below for Term 3 dates!

11 Sep 22

25 Sep 22

Kristen Waters and Renjini Samuel



FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

Thank you and may God bless you for your continued support for this ministry.

This week we are in need of the following items.

- Cereal
- Tinned Baked Beans
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Beetroot
- Tinned Corn
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Fruit
- Toiletries or a cash donation marked "Food Parcel Ministry".

Thank you again, Leon and the Pastoral Team



Remember OUR key MESSAGE:

Phone a Friend

Connect with others and CHOOSE LIFE

'Cos to Grow stronger through COVID

We have to pass on God's love.

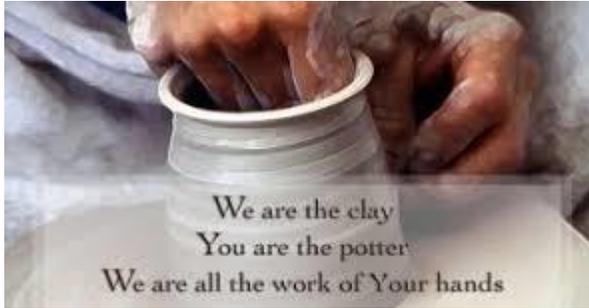


Next week:

18 September Pentecost # 15

Jer 8:18 - 9:1 God grieves a well of tears

HOPE



LIVE STREAMED WORSHIP SERVICES

Each Sunday our worship services at the Vines can be accessed live at 9:30am via our YouTube channel. Please use the following link to access our services,

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+vines+uniting+church

After the livestream, each service will remain on our YouTube channel for watching later. They can be accessed using the same link.

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