

SERMON NOTES

John 18:28 - 19:16 – King On a Cross

1. Why does King Jesus allow himself to suffer the shame of the cross?

a. Our _____ and _____.

- When you read our text, what are the rulers and religious leaders most blind to? What might you be most blind to in your own heart and life? Ask your spouse or a good friend about what you might be blind to.

- How does Jesus' response reveal a dramatically different way? How do you see God using the cross to redeem this mess of sin and blindness?

b. Jesus' perfect _____ and _____.

- Read Hebrews 12:1-2. What was the joy that kept Jesus going through his obedience and suffering? What is the joy that would keep you going with obedience and sacrifice? How can you nurture the vision of this joy?

c. Jesus' _____ - _____ kingdom.

- Jesus' kingdom is upside-down because the way up is down and the way of living is dying. What are some practical ways that you could put Jesus' kingdom on display?
- What are some ways that you may have been ruled by fear, self-protection, comfort, and pride, and what has that looked like? How does Jesus' death and resurrection provide you with a freedom from these things?

2. How does the cross change us today?

a. The cross provides the _____ for change.

- Can you think of ways that you have tried to change a spouse or others without the gospel? How did that work out?
- Jesus' yielding to the cross is the wielding of the power of the gospel. How might you be able to yield and wield this power at work, school, marriage, or family?

b. The cross provides the _____ for change.

- How do you most often wield rather than yield power with your tongue? (See James 3:10) What is one way that you could begin to bend low and yield power rather than puff out your chest this week—at work, or with spouse, children, or parents?

- How would you describe the pattern of the cross that leads to healing, reconciliation, and peace? How has and how does Jesus lay himself down for you? How does that change your relationship to him and others?

c. The cross provides the _____ for change.

- What does the cross say about who you are? Where should your dignity and identity come from? How does this impact your ability to take shots from others? How does it impact what you will do for others?

Resources for further growth/study:

- *Search for Significance: Seeing Your True Worth Through God's Eyes*, by Robert McGee
- *A Violent Grace: Meeting Christ at the Cross*, by Michael Card

Sermons available online at RockfordRC.org/sermons-2



Sunday, April 7, 2019

Order of Worship

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Communion this month will take place at the Maundy Thursday service

Prelude	<i>Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)</i>
Call to Worship	<i>This I Believe Mighty to Save ** Kids are invited to KidLife downstairs Cornerstone</i>
Offering	<i>Lead Me to the Cross</i>
Prayer & Message	King On a Cross John 18:28 - 19:16 (p. 827) Rev. Tim Meendering
Response	<i>The Wonderful Cross</i>
Closing Blessing	
Next Week	Learning From the Kids: Matthew 21:12-17

welcome to Rockford Reformed Church!

In this program you will find today's order of worship, along with announcements, a calendar, prayer requests, and more. If this is your first time here, please stop by our welcome table in the lobby and pick up a gift bag!



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ATTENDANCE & GIVING

You can give directly from your phone or computer. Look for the link on the front page of our website. Contact the office if you would like offering envelopes.

Last week's attendance: 160 • **Last week's offering:** \$11,389

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lisa Long - knee surgery on April 12 to repair a torn meniscus.

Jean Boyd - pray as she continues through chemotherapy treatments.

Bill Boyd - continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.

Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.

Be in prayer for all military personnel, people searching for jobs, and disaster victims.

Prayer teams are available in the front of the sanctuary following service for anyone who desires prayer.



WHERE DO MY KIDS GO?

If you have children, they are welcome to remain with you throughout the service, or you can choose from different options:

KidLife Worship (3 years - 2nd grade) - Check-in is in the Fellowship Hall, Room 100 (directly below the sanctuary). Kids may start service here, or go after our opening music in the sanctuary.

KidLife Nursery (0-3 years) - Room 241 (upper level of gym).

Parent-Infant Room - available near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers.

Children's bulletins and crayons are available near the lobby stairs.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
4/7 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Sunday School 6:30p HS Youth Group	4/8	4/9 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study	4/10 6:30p Derby Car Race 6:30p MS Youth Group	4/11	4/12 7a REAL Men @ Arnie's 34 S. Squires St. 5p Ladies Evening	4/13
4/14 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Sunday School 6:30p HS Youth Group	4/15	4/16 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study	4/17 6:30p MS Youth Group	4/18 7p Maundy Thursday Service; nursery for K and under	4/19 7p Good Friday Service at Bella Vista Church (5100 Belding Rd)	4/20 9:30a Easter Egg Hunt
4/21 8:00 Worship Service 9:00 Breakfast 10:00 Worship Service <i>No Sunday School or Youth Group</i>	4/22	4/23 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a Women's Bible Study	4/24 6:30p MS Youth Group	4/25 7p Ladies Book Club - <i>The Forgotten</i> by David Baldacci	4/26 7a REAL Men @ Arnie's 34 S. Squires St.	4/27 1p Single Women's Lunch - Rio Grand, then back to church. RSVP with Carol Knox, 866-4845

For a full listing of all of our events, announcements, volunteer needs, and more, be sure to sign up for the eBeacon, emailed weekly. Contact the church office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list. Paper copies are available for those without email.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 11:15-12:15

Adults - Fireside Room 253
High School - Room 246
Middle School - Youth Room 153
Children - Fellowship Hall 100



- **Palm Sunday – April 14**
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
- **Maundy Thursday – April 18**
Communion Service: 7 p.m.
- **Good Friday – April 19**
Community Good Friday Service: 7 p.m.
Bella Vista Church, 5100 Belding Rd.
- **Easter Egg Hunt – April 20**
Egg hunt and pancake breakfast: 9:30.
Infant - 5th grade. Invite your friends!
- **Easter Sunday – April 21**
Worship Service: 8:00 a.m.
Breakfast: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

New Tuesday Women's Bible Study:

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am in Room 212. Starting a new book this week: *Woman of God* by Cindy Bunch. How can we become women of God? Studies from Old and New Testament passages show us how to develop the traits of a godly woman, and how to claim God's grace when we fall short.



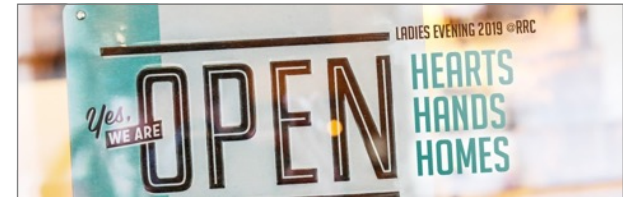
Yard Help: Did the harsh winter leave your yard full of fallen branches and brush? Darryl and Dylan DeGood have offered free help cleaning it up! All you have to do is call Darryl at 616-340-3369.

Candy donations for Easter Egg Hunt: Small, individually-wrapped candy can be placed in the buckets in the lobby and near the elevator.

North Kent Connect: Urgent Needs

NKC's food supply is nearly depleted, and they are asking for help. Their biggest needs right now:

- low-sugar cereal & oatmeal
- canned tomato sauce & penne pasta
- canned spinach, beets, & pears
- monetary donations to help them purchase food in bulk



Ladies' Evening 2019

Friday, April 12, 5-8:30pm

Open Hearts - Open Hands - Open Homes

Join us for dinner, fun breakout sessions, and guest speaker Pam Stonehouse. The evening will focus on the topic of hospitality. Register online at RockfordRC.org/ladies-day



KidLife Club Derby Car Race this Wednesday

6:00 - doors open, 6:30 - race begins
takes place in the gym
hot dogs, chips, & drinks available at the kitchen window