

January Newsletter

Do I have to share the Gospel? If you are asked to share the Gospel with someone you don't know well, isn't it nerve wracking? Are you not sharing the Gospel because deep down you doubt they'll ever accept Jesus? Is sharing the Gospel uncomfortable for you because you are scared of someone rejecting you? As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to share the Gospel with others so how can we overcome some of the hurdles named here?

"Why did the Chicken cross the road?" Throughout the series, we will use the famous chicken-crossing-the-road joke as a metaphor for us and the adventure God is calling each of us into. We are the chicken. The road represents obstacles. And the other side represents what God is calling us to do. We will see how we can be Chickens of Valor when we see adventure through the lens of the gospel. All the discomfort, danger, and people will be worth it. We know it'll all be worth it as Jesus himself willingly crossed the road first in order to redeem us from our sins and he overcame the discomfort, the non-friendly people and faced rejection. Why? Because we are worth it.

One universal calling God has given all of us is to share the gospel everywhere: at home, in public places and to the ends of the earth. Jesus sacrificed his life for us and crossed the road to rescue us from sin because we're worth it. We as believers of Christ, should say Yes to following Jesus into adventure as his witnesses because in His eyes, every person on earth is worth it. When we see this truth of the Gospel, we will also be willing to cross the road and participate in the adventure God has called us to go on with Him.

Join us as we discover how to overcome obstacles and cross the road as Chickens of Valor for God!



Week 1

Scripture: Acts 1:8

Series Lens: Jesus crossed the road for you

Reflection Question: *Have you ever felt God call you to do something that seemed a little bit scary?*

Week 2

Scripture: Luke 3:21-22

The Point: When you see through the lens of the gospel, the discomfort will be worth it

Reflection Question: *Why do you think Jesus stepped out of His comfort zone for you? Why was the discomfort worth it?*

Week 3

Scripture: Acts 10:1-29

The Point: When you see through the lens of the gospel, there won't be a *them*

Reflection Question: *Read Romans 5:8. As followers of Jesus, how does this verse affect the way we see our enemies?*

Week 4

Scripture: Matthew 27:46

The Point: When you see through the lens of the gospel, you won't fear rejection

Reflection Question: *How does the gospel reality of our acceptance in Christ affect the way we handle rejection from other human beings?*

SHORT, HELPFUL, BLOG POST

"Be safe!"

That's the cry of every parent when their child goes off on their own. Whether it's sending them off to a friend's house, the mall, or to school, every parent wants to know that their child is going to make good decisions and be safe.

This protective instinct we have as parents is a reflection of our Creator. God loves His children dearly and He protects us from many things. But, simultaneously, God often calls followers of Jesus to take risks for the sake of the Kingdom. For your child, that could look like...

...befriending one of the "bad kids" at school (who really needs a positive influence)

...launching a nonprofit project that could fail and hurt their self esteem

...go into full time missions as an adult instead of going to law or medical school

Releasing our kids to do any of these things sounds scary as a parent. That's okay. While it is our job as parents to guide our children toward stable and successful futures, they are never more stable, successful, or protected than when they are living out the adventure God has called them into!

NEWS

- Happy New Year! For our last Youth Worship of 2020, we worshipped together and got to learn more about each other through playing games as a group. We all had a lot of fun and we look forward to growing deeper in Christ with your youth in 2021.
- If your child is not joining you for adult worship at 10am, feel free to tell them to join us and other youths in worshipping together by logging into the Zoom meeting at 10am.
- Leaders and Individual Parent Meetings → *Corresponding leaders will reach out to you*
- To wrap up this series, we will be having a Chickens of Valor Online Challenge on January 31st. This is a fun event your youth does not want to miss!

Walking alongside our youths can be a challenging journey, and we understand. If you have any questions or would like to have some prayer support, feel free to contact Pastor Ava (ava@koinoniachurch.ca) or Pastor Canaan (canaan@koinoniachurch.ca) or Priscilla (priscilla@koinoniachurch.ca).
