

RE:inders: Announcements & Events

- **COMMUNITY BBQ:** After service next week, May 18th, we'll kick off the summer with a Community BBQ. Come eat good food, play lawn games and enjoy. New City will provide the hot dogs, burgers and drinks; please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert. Invite your friends and we'll see you there!
- **TRAINING DAY: MEN'S BREAKFAST:** This Tuesday May 13th the men of the New City Church will be having breakfast and coffee at 6:30am in the building cafe. Men, come enjoy coffee and food as we grow closer to Jesus and discover biblical manhood. This will be our last Men's Training Day for this season.
- **STUDENT CITY GROUP - END OF YEAR PARTY:** Wednesday May 21st from 6:00 - 7:30 pm our Student City Group is celebrating the end of the school year with a huge party! All parents and middleschoolers are invited! We'll have great door prizes, chef prepped food and some awesome games!

RE:call: Scripture & Notes

This weeks teaching can be [downloaded here](#), or found at newcitydenver.org/resources/sermons/

Read: 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

A.) 1 Corinthians 16 - Paul talks about some practical responses to the resurrection of Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 15:58 reminds of this ...

- If you will be resurrected and in the presence of God forever then ...
 - Be steadfast
 - Be immovable
 - Be always abounding in the work of the Lord
- The work of the Lord
 - Great commandment
 - Great commission: Matthew 28:18-20
 - Good works He has commanded us to do

The hope of the resurrection in Christ will cause us to be steadfast and be WORKERS for Jesus

B.) v. 16:1 Christian workers want to give their money as well as their time to the mission of Jesus

- The common instruction of Paul to believers in local churches is to give their financial resources to the needs and work of the church
 - When there is a crisis of poverty ... the church is to consider how it can help fellow believers
 - Spiritual needs are addressed by the preaching of God's Word

C.) v. 16:2 Christian workers want to "get in the habit" of giving regularly and generously to the needs and the mission of the local church

D.) v. 16:3-4 Christian giving is done with good financial parameters/processes in place

E.) What will you do about this? What will New City do about this?

- Giving is connected to your worship of God
- Reminder of our mission - Make Disciples

- We want personal finances to be “redeemed” at New City so that we can be a more generous/worshipful, heart-gladdened people
- Better understanding of your money and your heart
- Make a plan and commit it to God’s direction and wisdom

RE:sponse: Discussion & Action

C.S. Lewis wrote in *Mere Christianity*, “I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

How we respond to the Truth of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead says a lot about what we believe Him to be; lunatic, liar or Lord.

1. Do you have hope in the resurrection from death as the Bible describes it? Why do you have this hope?
2. How does hope in a new life with Christ change your mission in life, why? If it does not, should it?

When we are saved by Jesus He transforms all of who we are, why we exist and how we do what we do. This transformation is a lifelong call to maturity that begins when we are saved and ends when we are risen again with Jesus. Jesus redeems and matures us in the Gospel and specifically related to this passage, He redeems how we handle the money, time and resources that He has made us stewards over. This passage is instruction to join in God’s work by worshipping Him with our money through giving it back to Him through our local church. We are instructed to worship God together by allowing Him to free us from the false promises of having a white-knuckled grip on our money. When we give God what is already His, we join Him in His renewal of all things through the mission of His church.

3. There is a deep rooted connection between our finances and our living in response to the Gospel. Are you joyful about your opportunity to participate in the mission of God with your money? Why or why not? What can you repent of and what do you need to start believing about this subject?
4. If we are failing to plan financially, we are planning to fail. Do you acknowledge that God is King of your finances by taking control of your budget, spending and debt? Why or why not?
5. Are you in the habit of being generous with your time and resources to God’s church and other folk?
6. Who has taught you faithful stewardship of your time, money and resources? What can you pass on to other people what has been taught to you?
7. How can we commit together, to growing towards a biblical understanding of money and our hearts?
8. As an offering of worship to God, do you give money to New City Church? Why or why not?
9. What is standing in the way of your worshipping God through financial commitment?
10. Are you willing to evaluate your finances and make a wise plan, then commit to God’s direction and wisdom with your plan? Why or why not?

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