

We're so glad you're here today!

Is this your first time here? Welcome! Stop by the Info Spot before or after the service. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions you have, and give you some helpful information. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. The Westwood Kids team is happy to help you get them connected. For more info on the great things happening here, check out westwoodcc.org.

VBS registration starts Monday

Don't miss the fun and excitement of VBS this year! Kids age 4 through incoming 5th graders will "power up" their faith. Registration opens Monday, April 1.

Bush Lake: Monday, June 17–Thursday, June 20, 6:00–8:15pm

Chanhasen: Monday, June 17–Thursday, June 20, 6:00–8:15pm

Minnetonka: Monday, June 24–Thursday June 27, 6:00–8:15pm



Easter RSVP

There are more options than ever this Easter. Check out our schedule of services at all our locations and RSVP for the one that works best for you! It's quick and easy. Just head to our website.

CONNECTING THE DOTS

CONFUSION CRIES OUT FOR CLARITY

Jesus and Nicodemus

John 3:1-3

What is new birth?

John 3:4-8

- _____
- A _____
- _____

How can this be?

John 3:9-15

Bible Reading Plan

Join us in reading the Bible together. The Bible Reading Plan is a way to incorporate reading the Bible into your week. Each day read a passage and take a few moments to reflect. These verses are chosen by our staff and designed to complement the Sunday message.

Reflection questions:
What does it say?
What does it mean?
How can I live this out today?

- John 2:23-3:3
- 1 Peter 1:20-25
- John 3:4-8
- Romans 6:1-14
- John 3:9-15

You make ministry happen

Thank you for your financial giving! It allows the ministries at Westwood to continue throughout the year. In addition to our giving envelopes, here are some convenient ways you can give a one-time gift or set up recurring giving:



Online: A convenient and secure way to give is through our website. You can give a one-time or recurring gift.



Westwood App: Text westwoodapp to 77977 to get a response with a link to download the app.



Giving Kiosks: Small giving kiosks are located on the Chanhassen campus at the Info Spots.



Text To Give: Text the keyword "westwoodbsl", "westwoodchn" or "westwoodmtk" to 77977.

CONNECTING THE DOTS

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



Connecting the Dots – Confusion Cries out for Clarity

March 31, 2019

1. When you think about how God spoke to you through this Sunday's message: What are some thoughts that come to mind?
2. When you hear the phrase, Born Again, what comes to mind?
3. As a group, if you have not shared your stories, this small group gathering would be an excellent time to do so. How did you come to faith in Christ?
4. Read John 2:23-3:3.
 - a. What do you think compelled Nicodemus to come to Jesus at night and why did he do so that way?
 - b. Nicodemus brought his religious tradition, his status and his curiosity into this interaction with Jesus. How did learning about these things help your understanding?
 - c. We heard that in a sense, we are all like Nicodemus. We bring our traditions, status', curiosity into our interactions with him. Think about your religious background, traditions, status – is there anything that you bring in that may be unhelpful that Jesus would want to address if you were Nicodemus?
5. One thing we can observe from the interaction he had with Nicodemus is that Jesus knows what is in our hearts, and he has a conversation with us that reflects what he sees. On Sunday (or whenever you heard this message) what did Jesus see in your heart? Describe what you felt God speaking to you...
6. Read John 3:4-8. What are a few main things that pop out to you as you read?
7. What is new birth? We explore 3 life-transforming dimensions of new birth:
 - a. From God. Another translation of "Born again" is *Born from above*. React to this – what new meaning does this bring to the phrase born again to you?
 - b. A fundamental change.
 - i. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What has happened when we receive new birth?
 - ii. What changes in us when we receive Christ?
 - c. Alive now
 - i. IN your own words based on what you know today, what would it look like for you to be alive in your faith now?
8. How can this be? The answer is simply to look up to Jesus. We explore here what we're calling a [Hyperlink back to the OT. Deuteronomy 21:8](#) – read that now.
 - a. God demonstrated his saving power amongst the Israelites then. But it was a set up for him demonstrating his eternal saving power through Jesus – he is a fulfilment forever to this passage. This is a dot to connect. React to this.
9. What is your primary take-away from Sunday – and what is changing in you as a result

Close your time in prayer together.