

Friends Tell Friends

The Day Their Story Started:

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The bridge that **truth** travels over is **relationship**.

- ▶ People need **answers**, not **arguments**.
- ▶ Look for **opportunity**, run from **conflict**.
- ▶ Only share what you **have found**, let God **do the rest**.

God's Plan For Our Friends:

Matthew 28:16-20, 2 Chronicles 16:9, Colossians 4:2-6, Matthew 5:13-16

- God's plan for your friends is **you**.
- The church is **plan A**, there is no **plan B**.
- Real friends share even the **hard truths**.

3 Questions To Think About:

John 14:6

- Do I believe in **Jesus**?
- Do I believe what **Jesus said**?
- Do I believe it applies to **my friends**?

ALL HANDS ON DECK! Over 1,500 people needed at the new North Santa Fe church property!

Volunteers are needed NOW to help get ready for the move! Below is a brief list of projects that will be taking place over the next three weeks.

Saturday - June 5

- ⇒ Cleanup and trash pickup
- ⇒ Erosion control removal

Saturday - June 12

- ⇒ Cleanup and trash pickup
- ⇒ Install playground sod
- ⇒ Install furniture

Saturday - June 19

- ⇒ Install and hang playground iron rod fence
- ⇒ Landscape High School area
- ⇒ Final cleanup inside and outside

***Weekly Cleanups** – 6:30-8:30 PM, Tues, Wed, & Thurs.

To sign up or view more projects, go to the Community Service website, www.northcoastchurch.com/service



REAL MAN MORNING 8:30 – 10:00 AM Sat, Aug. 21

Come join us for this all man event. Mikey Esparza, from the morning show on 94.9FM "The Mikey Show," will be sharing his story of how in the midst of incredible success he began to crash and burn and then saw God change and transform his life. This event is designed for men of all ages (boys to men). There will be free food (a continental "man" breakfast) and a full band leading us in worship. There is no charge for this event.

REAL MAN WEEKEND – "The Oakbridge Experience"- Oct. 23-25

If you're looking for a weekend that will recharge or refresh you as a man following God, this is the weekend for you. Our speaker this year is our own Chris Brown. The weekend will also include plenty of man event options like paintball, mountain biking, sports, hiking, golf, sleeping & eating, etc. **More info coming soon!!**

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Growth Group Homework

For the week of May 30, 2010

This is our final week of the Spring Quarter. Along with an abbreviated study, you will take some time to reflect on your group experience and then have communion together. You will also fill out Feedback Forms about your group experience and your plans for the Fall. Growth Groups will take a summer break and resume the week of September 19.

Thanks for being part of your Growth Group and have a great summer!

ALL HANDS ON DECK! – We need over 1,500 people to help with projects during the next few weeks to finalize the move to North Santa Fe. Check out what needs to be done and how to get involved on the back of this week's homework!

MY STORY

Summer is just around the corner! Do you have any special plans, activities or prayer requests for the next few months?

Looking back at this weekend's teaching on "Friends Tell Friends," was there a particular point, comment or verse that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER & TAKING IT HOME

This week we heard how "friends tell friends the real truth." Obviously, there are a variety of ways we can have this kind of influence based on our relationship with those around us and how God has designed us. How do Paul's words to the Colossian church in Colossians 4:2-6 affirm and further help us understand what it takes to influence our friends for Christ?

As a result of this week's teaching regarding the influence you have on your friends, do you sense God calling you to...

...change the character you portray and the way you care about those in your circle of influence?

...be a bit more open about going to church and your commitment to Christ?

...begin to invite some friends to church to come and see?

...ask some questions and tell the truth to those you regularly encounter?

REMEMBERING HOW GOD HAS WORKED

One of the ways to be encouraged to effectively live out our faith is teaming up and living life with others. Looking back at this past quarter and year, how has your Growth Group experience affirmed, encouraged and/or challenged you in your connection and influence with others, and what it means to follow Christ?

One of the keys to remembering the influence we can have on others is to remember Jesus' ultimate example of what it means to love, serve, and care for others. That's why Jesus told the disciples at the Last Supper to repeatedly come together and take communion. It would remind them of His total commitment of love and faithfulness to all as revealed in His life, death and resurrection.

This week, your Growth Group will conclude by doing as the disciples did by taking communion together. To prepare for this, read the following verses and reflect on Jesus' commitment and work in your life as you follow Him.

Psalms 103:8-13

John 15:9-15

1 Corinthians 11:23-26