

## "I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO CRY ABOUT"

### **One More Warning About Religion:**

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### **Something To Fear Besides Fear Itself:**

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We fear God's:

- ▶ **Position**
- ▶ **Power**

We fear a God who is:

- ▶ **Loving**
- ▶ **Rewarding**
- ▶ **Forgiving**
- ▶ **Faithful**

### **Two Questions To Consider:**

- ❶ Where is my **fear** of God, compared to my **love** for God?
- ❷ Is the aim of my Christianity to **give**, or to **get**?

## TAKING IT HOME

It's incredible to think that we are God's "Plan A" to spread the Good News about him. Along with that big assignment, we also have big resources to help us out. God's presence and power are available to each of us through the Holy Spirit. We are simply asked to pray for open doors, contagious faith and clear communication. Take a few minutes and look back at Colossians 4:2-6 and use it as a prayer guide for the *Weekend of Service*.

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## FINAL NOTES & REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF SERVICE

- **Last-minute sign-ups** – We have projects that can use your help. Online sign-ups are open until 9 PM Friday, May 13. Register online at [weekendofservice.com](http://weekendofservice.com) or call the church office (760) 724-6700.  
**Can't decide which project to do?** – Just sign up for a time slot and we'll place you on a project with a significant need.
- **Where to meet for projects** – Go directly to your project location. **We are not meeting at North Coast.** See [weekendofservice.com](http://weekendofservice.com) for exact location.
- **How to find your Project Manager** – All Project Managers will be wearing bright yellow *Weekend of Service* T-shirts.
- **What to bring** – Your own water, *Weekend of Service* T-shirt, clothes you can get dirty, a ready to serve attitude, and anything else that would be useful on your project such as gardening tools, paint supplies, cleaning supplies, etc.
- **Need a *Weekend of Service* T-shirt?** – Get your *Weekend of Service* T-shirt for \$5 at the church during normal business hours throughout the week.
- **Free Childcare (0-5 yrs) by reservation only** is available on the Vista Campus, Sunday morning, 7:30 AM-12:30 PM. Register @ [weekendofservice.com](http://weekendofservice.com). Sign up by 5 PM Wednesday, May 11.
- **Questions during the weekend** – There will be an operator available all weekend at the church office (760) 724-6700.
- **Praise and prayer requests** – We have a prayer team praying the entire weekend while we're serving. If you have a story that needs to be told or a prayer request to share, you can call the church office at (760) 724-6700 or send an e-mail to [news@northcoastchurch.com](mailto:news@northcoastchurch.com). It would be great to hear from you!

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# Growth Group Homework

For the week of May 8, 2011

*This week's homework will focus on preparing us for the Weekend of Service and beyond. We want to show our community God's love in very practical ways and pray that our projects, attitudes and words will have a great impact.*

**Next Week's Growth Group Homework** – Because next week's regular weekend services are being cancelled so we can serve during the Weekend of Service, your Growth Group homework will be mailed to you. You can also access it online at [northcoastchurch.com](http://northcoastchurch.com).

**QUICK REVIEW:** Take a look at your sermon notes from this week. Was there a point in the sermon that challenged you, caught your attention or even confused you?

## MY STORY

1. Looking ahead to the *Weekend of Service* or other opportunities you will have to serve, what are you looking forward to? What concerns, if any, do you have?

2. What do you think about the following responses from a past *Weekend of Service*?

*"A few hours into the first Saturday morning shift, the shelter manager stopped by to take pictures and said, 'This is the first time in my life I've seen a Christian. Lots of people who say they are Christians have stopped and asked us to go to their churches, but this is the first time I've ever seen a real Christian.'"*

*"It was the perfect service project. No personal glory, no thanks, no hugs; it was an act of service for the glory of God. Let's do it again."*

3. When is serving others most challenging for you?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. We will all bring our own unique expectations into this weekend's projects. Regardless of how our experience matches up with those expectations, it will be our attitudes and actions that will make the difference. How can the following verses shape your attitude and actions throughout this experience?

John 13:12-17

Romans 12:3

Philippians 2:5-8

1 Peter 3:15

Take another look at how God has worked in past years at this event: *"Last weekend we found ourselves at Lowe's and Home Depot quite a bit. Each time at the check stand, the clerks acknowledged us as yet another one of "those guys" coming through. We had several opportunities to share with other customers about what the church was doing, and why. Fielding questions and sharing the church's mission was easier than we thought."*

If someone were to ask you "Why are you doing this project?" how could you answer them in light of these passages and this week's teaching?

If you've served in the past, how did your project line up with your expectations?

2. A goal we have at North Coast is to be a church that intentionally loves people so that they will see who Jesus is through our actions and words, and then be drawn to him. As you read the following passages, list any specific guidelines or tips that could influence our effectiveness in the weekend projects.

Colossians 3:12, 17, 23-24

Ephesians 6:7

What does it look like to work "with all your heart"?

3. Part of carrying out God's game plan is simply loving others and being a "light." As others notice that "light," what does 1 Peter 2:12 teach us about whose reputation we need to be concerned about?

What other ways can we as individuals and as a church family make God look good?