



COFFEE STATION
will be open for **15 minutes** after the service is over. Thank you!

To receive **Pastor Ron's weekly email**, please text your email address to him.

Needed: Sunday luncheon helpers. Please contact **Dora, Leasa or Charlotte.**

Friday, September 13, 12-2 pm - Revival NH Homeschool Co-op kickoff.

For information: nhrevivalhomeschool@gmail.com.

Sunday, September 15 - monthly meet & greet after the service for all who have been attending in the last three months and those who have attended for over twenty years.

Sept. 15 - Drama ministry - Christmas play potluck for anyone interested after service. Info: Barb text 603-401-9785.

Friday, September 20, 6-8 pm - pizza night with the pastors' wives at the church. **RSVP by 9/15** to Dora at 603-702-2650.

September 21 - marriage conference at Camp Maranatha. See Pastor Ron.

September 21, 6-8 pm - **"Rally the Troops"** catered dinner at the church.

Sunday, October 6, 9 am - New Members Class will begin at the parsonage. Please see Pastor Russ to sign up.

Prayer Concerns:



September Focus:

Jon & Rachel LaMontagne
(Camp Maranatha, NH)

Nathaniel & Danielle Shrift
(Ethnos 360, Brazil)

++Please pray for Henry St. Louis- healing from a head injury due to falling.

++Please pray for our upcoming Awana program.

++Please pray for all of those involved in upcoming events.

Please continue to pray for Tim & Gerri for ongoing strength and comfort.

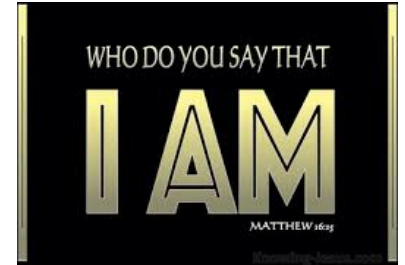
Pray for our local churches.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.



Pray for lost souls to be saved!

EPPING BIBLE CHURCH



September 8, 2024

Our Satisfaction w/ Distraction

Matthew 16:13-28

"For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Matthew 16:26 (NKJV)

Sundays:

8:00-8:45 am - free breakfast

9:00 am - Bible Emphasis groups

9-11:15 - VBS

10:00 am - Morning worship

This week: Sunday - 5:30 pm - Men's Small Group (Pastor Russ).

Monday - 6:30 pm - FBI at the church.

6:30 pm - Men's small group - see Pastor Russ.

Tuesday - 6-7:30 pm - Women's small group at Leasa's in Merrimac.

Men's small group with Steve in Merrimac.

Wednesday - 6:30 pm - prayer group at parsonage.

- 6:30 pm - Men's Small Group (Pastor Russ).

Thursday - 3 pm - Women's Bible study at the church resumes 9/5.

Contact Barb at 603-401-9785 for more info.

Saturday - 8 am - Couples Small Group (see Pastor Russ).

Pastor Ron: 603-247-0405

Associate Pastor Adam: 603-479-2092

Associate Discipleship & Counseling Pastor Russ: 817-733-4656

Deacons - Steve Palmer: 508-631-9406

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Serving Christ by Serving You!

Epping Bible Church
Sunday, September 8th

Our Satisfaction w/ Distraction - Matt. 16:13-28

Distraction = Positive spiritual _____
& lack of much needed uplifting _____

Matthew 16:13-20

1. Jesus' Request - v. 13
"Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"
2. Their _____ - v. 14
"Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
3. Jesus' Reflection - v. 15
"But who do you say that I am?"
4. Peter's _____ - v. 16
"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
What a statement of faith!
5. Jesus' Recognition (praise) of Peter - vs. 17-19
"Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."

Personal Question (in need of my response):

Who do YOU say that I, the Son of Man, am?

Liar, Lunatic or Lord?

C.S. Lewis 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 a level with the man who says he is 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 patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

Matthew 16:21-23

***Distractions can come about at any moment (during bad times or good times).

1. Jesus' _____ - v. 21
From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief

priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

2. Peter's Rebuke - v. 22
"Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"
3. Jesus' _____ (of Peter) - v. 23 His reaction to distraction:
"Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."
How does this happen in Peter's (and my) life?
(Moses, Elijah, David, Jonah...me & you)
 - a. Satan seeks to distract us from God's presence - Ps. 16:11
...In your presence is fullness of joy...
 - b. Satan seeks to distract us from God's _____ - John 15:5, II Cor. 12:9, Phil. 4:13
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me - Phil. 4:13
 - c. Satan seeks to distract us from God's plan/path -
Prov. 3:5-6 & 16:9,25
A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps - Prov. 16:9
 - d. Satan seeks to distract us from God's _____(s) -
Ps. 17:3, Dan. 1:8, John 3:16 (eternal life)
...I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress - Ps. 17:3
Peter got distracted from living with _____ on _____!!

Personal Question (in need of my response):

How would you have responded to Jesus' (or anyone sacrificing personally for God's plan) remarks?

Matthew 16:24-28/Luke 9:23-27

The plan of action for distraction:

1. Forsake (put aside) self (& those things that easily distract me) - v. 24 "let him deny himself" Heb. 10:24-25
2. _____ in on what's really important - v. 24
"take up his cross (daily - Luke 9:23)
3. Follow Jesus (with my habits & choices) - v. 24
"and follow Me" vs. 25-26

Personal Question (in need of my response):

How will I put Jesus' plan of action in place in my life today?

Goal: Take action against distraction!