

Whether this is your first time or your next time; whether you are a member or a first-time guest – we want to connect with you! Use the white card with this Loop to relay information to your church staff. Please complete the front so we can update our records and use the back to request information or share your prayer requests. As your pastors, we are honored to pray for and serve you.

Community Group Growth Questions

1. Share with the group any insight, truth, or observation from Sunday’s message that helped you, troubled you, or ministered to you.
2. How would you define “power”? According to Acts 1:8, why do believers need this power?
3. How do believers receive this power? What (or who) is the source?
4. Discuss the difference between “authority” and “power”. Consider Matthew 28:18-20. What is the relationship between Jesus’ authority and our power to witness?
5. What exactly is a witness? Who are Jesus’ witnesses and what are their credentials?
6. As Jesus’ witnesses, what have we seen, heard, experienced that we are to share with others?

Living on Mission

1. John Owen said, “We have no power from God unless we live in the persuasion that we have none of our own.” Do you agree with this? Explain. How does Paul’s attitude mirror this statement? (See 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 and 1 Corinthians 2:2-5)
2. The Holy Spirit empowers us for bold witnessing. Are you faithful to share your faith with others? If not, why not? If so, is your witness fully reliant upon the Spirit’s power?
3. The apostles were ordered to “wait for the promise of the Father.” Do you ever attempt to do things for God without the empowerment of the Spirit? What is the result? How do we know when it’s time to wait or when we are empowered and should act?
4. Think about your family and neighborhood. Are you a genuine witness for Christ before them? Have you prayerfully considered what being Christ’s witness would look like for you in another city, state, or nation? Has God specifically been speaking to you about your expanding your reach for the gospel?

This Week’s Reading:

Monday: Acts 4:33, 8:10, 10:38
 Tuesday: Romans 1:1-5,15-17
 Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 2:2-5
 Thursday: 2 Corinthians 4:5-7
 Friday: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
 Saturday: Ephesians 3:7,14-21

Suggested Resources:

Operation World: The Definitive Prayer Guide to Every Nation by Jason Mandryk
www.operationworld.org
Foxes’s Book of Martyrs by John Foxe
Let The Nations Be Glad! by John Piper

Financial Peace University (FPU) will begin Sunday, September 16th. This financial class is for anyone wanting to learn how to budget, get out of debt or refresh financial management skills. Cost includes a workbook, book, budget aids and a CD. Please go to fpu.martinsburgchurch.org or call the church office at 304-596-9330 to register. Registration for the course is required and the final cost will be decided soon. Sign up in the lobby Today!

Community Groups begin the week of September 9th. Community is an essential part of our Christian life focusing on spiritual growth, fellowship with one another and the neighborhoods around us. For more information you can visit groups.martinsburgchurch.org. Sign up in the lobby Today!

Pastor On Call: If you or your family have an emergency and need to get hold of a pastor from Friday morning through Monday morning please call 304.616.9007 to reach The Church at Martinsburg’s Pastor on call.

Interested in Membership? Our next Gospel Class will be offered on Saturday, October 13th. Email tammy@martinsburgchurch.org to register.

Members’ Gathering: Our next Members’ Gathering is Sunday, October 21st from 5-6:30 pm at the Comfort Inn – Aikens Center (1872 Edwin Miller Blvd) in Martinsburg. Hor d’oeuvres will be served. Childcare will be provided up to 5 years.

Baptism Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, October 28th. Sign up at baptism.martinsburgchurch.org or call the church office at 304.596.9330 to register.

Missionary Toolbox:

At a loss as to how to pray for the salvation of people around the world?

1. Pray for the conversion of whole families (gives new believers courage to stand)
2. Pray for the Holy Spirit to draw hearts and urge them to search for the true God in Jesus Christ.
3. Pray for the Holy Spirit to open hearts to receive the Gospel when they hear it.
4. Pray that Jesus Christ will be revealed to them as Son of God and Redeemer.
5. Pray for conviction of sin that will drive the unsaved to the only One who can deliver them.
6. Pray for workers in the harvest and the unsaved to be exposed to the Gospel.
7. Pray for the conversion of leaders and people in positions of authority. Pray they will openly proclaim their faith in Christ and follow Him openly.
8. Pray for the unmasking of false religions and that God would give each person a desire for truth and the ability to recognize that truth as the word of Christ.
9. Pray for the unmasking of demonic strongholds and the removal of peoples’ blindness to the gospel.
10. Pray for the church as she wars in prayer and proclaims the gospel to the lost.

I AM A RECIPIENT OF JESUS’ WORK AND POWER.

I AM A POWERFUL WITNESS FOR JESUS.