

IMPACT GROUPS

Week #1: Sept. 17 - 21, 2019

"The Jesus Trip"

Sermon Date: Sept. 15, 2019

Link to sermon:



<http://www.impactlondon.ca/livestreamarchives/>

Link to weekly reading guide:

<http://www.impactlondon.ca/the-jesus-trip/>

Ice Breaker:

What was the best thing you did this summer?

Timeline to our current readings (in red):

Before 4000 BC	The Garden of Eden	Genesis 2
Before 2500 BC	The Great Flood	Genesis 7
2081 BC	God's Covenant with Abram	Genesis 15
1446 BC	Moses Receives the Law	Exodus 21 - 24
1406 BC	The Israelites Cross the Jordan	Joshua 3 - 5
1003 BC	David Reigns over All Israel	2 Samuel 5, 1 Chronicles 11
966 BC	The Building of Solomon's Temple	1 Kings 6
851 BC	Elisha Succeeds Elijah	2 Kings 2:12
735 BC	Isaiah's Prophecy of Immanuel	Isaiah 7
622 BC	Jeremiah Proclaims God's Covenant	Jeremiah 11, 12
621 BC	Josiah Prepares for Temple Repair	2 Kings 22:3
604 BC	Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar Dream	Daniel 2
586 BC	The Fall of Jerusalem	2 Kings 25, Jeremiah 52
537 BC	The Exiles Return	Ezra 2
535 BC	Temple Work Begins	Ezra 3
534 BC	Adversaries Hinder Temple Work	Ezra 4

Discussion Questions

1. How have you been doing with the readings over the summer? What was one of your highlights from the summer readings/ sermons?
2. Have you ever renovated or restored something? What was it like and why did you do it? Why do you think it was such a big deal for the Israelites to be restored to their land and to work at re-building and restoring the city and the temple?
3. Ezra 3:11 *"Then all the people gave a great shout, praising the Lord because the foundation of the Lord's temple had been laid."* What's so exciting about foundations? What are the foundations of your life and faith? Why celebrate them?
4. Ezra 4:23 *"...Then, with a show of strength, they forced the Jews to stop building."* Have you ever encountered opposition to the purpose of God in your life? What was it like? What did you do? Where does it come from? How was it overcome in Ezra's day?
5. Zechariah prophesied that the Lord will remove the sin of the land in one day (Zech. 3:9). What day was he talking about? What does that mean for us and the whole world?
6. Zechariah 4:6 *"its not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord?"* What happens after sin is dealt with? Are we left on our own? What does it mean to live and walk by the Spirit? How do you do that?
7. Zechariah said the mountain would become a plain. What does it look like in your life to speak to obstacles/mountains and yell "grace grace" to them? Why is grace such a prominent factor in overcoming obstacles and seeing restoration fully completed?
8. What does this story and these prophecies have to say to us today? In what way are they still relevant for us?

Coming up at Impact Church:

- * Sunday Sept. 22 launch of two services: 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM.
- * Sun. Sept. 22 Baptisms at 10:45 service: Contact office to be baptized.
- * Sun Sept. 29 Trip to Impact Church Toronto for a 6:00 PM joint service.

Email any questions about your readings to: groups@impactlondon.ca