

# THE CLOVERDALE CONNECTION

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

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**Here is a fun and fast challenge...**

**I want you to close your eyes! What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the word service?**

**Ok, ok...some of you have already jumped ahead and read it. Just try. Close your eyes and visualize a picture of the word service, and don't tell me that you see SERVICE. We all have an image in our minds of what service should be.**

**In my opinion, the best place we can go learn about service is in the Four Gospels. My favorite example of service is found in John 4:5-42. Here, we find the story of the woman at the well.**

**Jesus had been traveling all day. He was hot and tired, yet He was intentional about His mission. He was heading to Sychar, a town in Samaria, to be the relational bridge.**

There are three aspects about this picture that do not fit the Jewish culture.

- Jesus was heading to Samaria. No self-respecting Jew would associate with Samaritans.
- Jesus was going there to minister to a woman. Women were second class citizens.
- Jesus was intentional about loving this woman, despite her history. She had been married multiple times and was living with a man.

This Samaritan woman represents each of us. None of us can do anything to save ourselves...we do not deserve heaven. We are second class citizens, just like the Samaritan woman. We have fallen away from the truth and committed spiritual prostitution more times than we can count. It is a painful reality!

Jesus asked her for a drink. Just a simple favor. He could have waited for His disciples to return with something to draw water with, but He asked her. He made her feel important. Jesus flipped the paradigm of the relationship so that He could serve her. He wanted her to understand that He loved her. This is service in one of the highest forms...altruism.

This is the example we should follow. Jesus also wanted His followers to realize the importance of loving and serving those, who we may not understand or even like. More painful reality!

Jesus constantly gave. The life of Jesus is a perfect example of a quote from John C. Maxwell...*be a river not a reservoir.*

We are to give. We are to serve. We are to love.

So go out and bless someone today. *Be a river, not a reservoir!*

***Are you ready?***

***~ Martin***

# Ministry Highlight...VBS!

Ready to take a VACATION without leaving town? Then bring your entire family to the Jerusalem Marketplace, where Jesus walked to the Cross!

You'll travel back into Bible times—without setting foot outside our community. Smell the fresh, warm bread...yum! Weave a basket of reeds. Make clay pots. Can you hear the music echoing through the Marketplace? Engage all your senses as you are transported to a different time and place!

Each day, your family members can become part of history...as they experience what it was like to live in Bible times! You'll explore authentic marketplace shops while becoming students in the Synagogue School. Take part in interactive games and dance to lively Bible songs while praising Jesus.

You'll make new friends. You'll discover more about life when Jesus walked the earth. These experiences are guaranteed to make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate!

Families and kids of all ages are welcome!

**\*\*Kids under age 5 must be accompanied by an adult\*\***

Please **CLICK RIGHT HERE >>** <https://vbspro.events/p/events/9ef1b2>

Reserve your spot at The Jerusalem Marketplace now!

Your Host: Jill Cornforth

Dates: July 11-15 2022

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

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# **HUB 365 Groundbreaking...**

**May 26 was a momentous day for our Cloverdale church family.**

**It was the long-anticipated groundbreaking for our new HUB365 building. As of this date, work has begun in earnest. The building is going to be approximately 12,000 square-feet. It will house our thrift store, food pantry, commercial kitchen for events such as health education, better living classes and a whole variety of other services to meet the needs of our local community.**

**Jill Middag Cornforth is the visionary behind this amazing project. She, along with her husband Fred Cornforth have teamed up in a powerful way to bring this vision into focus. It is now a reality. We praise God for their leadership and generosity.**

**Elder David Prest, president of the Idaho Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, quoted words from Scripture that emphasizes our mission...**

**“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. . . Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”**

**Jesus spoke these words to encourage and inspire us. We as Christians are to be outward-focused. We are to serve and give to others in our community who need a helping hand.**

**As we gratefully look forward to the completion of this incredible project, I want to ask you...**

**What are you doing to serve? What are you doing to give back? Don't wait. We do not need a building to serve others. The time is now! There is a world out there that is scared. Out of control inflation is making it challenging for people to put food on their table. Our freedoms are being challenged. All kinds of diseases are attacking people at a frantic pace. Every week, the news reports more mass shootings. People are hurting...**

**We CAN make a difference. You CAN make a difference, even if it is just one other person.**

**Let's make it our pledge to make the world a better place, today and every day. Jesus is coming soon!**











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# Pastor's Corner...

## HOW TO GET MORE OUT OF THE BIBLE WITH THREE SIMPLE QUESTIONS!

Do you find that when you read the bible, sometimes you walk away...unsure of what you read or how to apply it? Sound familiar?

Below are three questions to help you get more out of God's word. Sometimes, I use these three questions as I am preparing a sermon or short devotional. (Note...always pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit in your life. Pray for wisdom before you read your bible)

- What is the scripture saying?
- What is the scripture saying to me?
- What am I going to do about it?

As I am reading this text from scripture, what is it saying? This is where you summarize the message in the text. A word of caution... be careful to avoid adding your personal view. Focus on staying true to its meaning.

What is the scripture saying to me personally? How does this scripture apply to me? This is where you observe and record any inspiration or impressions you receive. Understand that there are times when the message you receive from the text may not fit the actual context of the verse or chapter. Don't worry about that, as God will impress upon you what he wants you to hear.

Finally, ask yourself this important question. What am I going to do about it? You can't sit on it. The Word must move us to act! It must move us to make a change...or inspire us to move forward. Remember that you will gain more when you don't just think about the answer. Instead, write it down.



When you make a record of what God is doing in your life, He will inspire you to share your testimony. Your confidence will grow.

Guess what happens then? God will stretch you further! Welcome to the exciting world of evangelism!

***Be blessed ~ Pastor Jason***