

We encourage you to get the most out of the livestream by:

- Participating prayerfully
- Removing distractions
- Printing this Sunday Handout
- Having your Bible close at hand
- Worshiping with others
- Singing to the King!

Winter Midweek Classes

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM

Our winter midweek classes began last week and it's not too late to register and jump in! Session 1 includes DCC Foundations, Exploring Christianity, Evangelism, and Systematic Theology. To register, open up the DCC app or visit our website. The Foundations class is encouraged if you are new with DCC.

Upcoming Events

MIDWEEK CONNECT & PRAYER

Wednesday, January 13th @ 8-8:30AM

PRE-GATHERING CONNECT & PRAYER

Sunday, January 17th @ 9:15-9:45AM

MERCY TRAINING

Sunday, January 17th @ 1PM

FORUM ON RACIAL HARMONY

Sunday, January 24th @ 1PM

COVENANT MEMBERS MEETING

Sunday, January 31st @ 4:30PM

Mercy Training

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH @ 1PM

Join us we look at Scripture's call to serve those in need around us, introduce our current Mercy Ministries, discuss opportunities for us to serve, and pray together for our city. This is an excellent place for those who are looking to get started or to take the next step in serving with our Mercy Ministries. For details and registration, check the DCC app or visit our website.

Connect & Prayer

As way to pray together and fellowship with one another through the week in this season, we host Connect & Prayer meetings twice a week: Wednesdays at 8AM and Sundays at 9:15AM. These prayer times are led by DCC pastors. For more information and virtual meeting link, see our email communications and the DCC app.



Who is Jesus?

Our greatest prayer is that you would come to know Jesus. Though we have all rebelled against God—in thought, word, deed, and motive—He sent Jesus, his only Son, on a rescue mission into our broken world. So that, through Jesus' obedient life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection, sinners can be forgiven and reconciled to God by faith. If you would like to talk with someone to learn more about Jesus and what it means to follow him, we would love to meet with you. We encourage you to connect with a pastor or email info@downtowncornerstone.org.

Why Preaching? (And How to Receive God's Word)

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-4:4 | JANUARY 10TH, 2021

DOWNTOWN CORNERSTONE CHURCH

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2 TIMOTHY 3:16-4:4 | PREACHED BY PASTOR ADAM SINNETT

This morning we are beginning a set of annual sermons we refer to as our *new year essentials*. These sermons address subjects and important themes that we must repeatedly return to for the glory of God and the transformation of our inner and outer lives. These are not, of course, the *same* sermons. Rather, they are different sermons, taking different angles, on issues we need to come back to again-and-again. We begin our series by considering the significance of preaching and how best to receive God's preached Word.

A SERMON YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER HEARD

THE APOSTLE PAUL'S FINAL CHARGE

(2 Tim. 3:16-4:2a)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "PREACH THE WORD"?

(2 Tim. 4:2b-4)

HOW TO RECEIVE THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

#1 **Pray** for a heart that is able to hear and receive God's Word (1 Cor. 2:14).

#2 Physically **prepare** to hear God's Word (1 Tim. 5:23).

#3 **Humble** yourself as you listen to God's Word (2 Tim. 4:3).

#4 **Engage** with God's Word as you listen (Acts 17:11).

#5 Aim for **communion** with God, not merely content about God (Jn. 15:17).

#6 Be regularly **present** with God's people to hear His Word (1 Cor. 14:26).

#7 Consider how God is calling you to **respond** (Jas. 1:22).

#8 Set aside time to **review** God's preached Word (2 Peter. 3:1).

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION:

- Do I give God's preached Word the kind of reverence and weight it deserves?
- What is the biblical purpose of preaching? Why is this important to understand?
- What's at stake if we misunderstand the role of preaching in our discipleship?
- What changes might you need to make in *how* you listen to sermons? Be practical.
- How might the way we listen to sermons *hurt* us instead of *help* us?

NEXT WEEK:

Romans 12:9, Pastor Adam Sinnett