

guests

Please fill out the connection card provided for you in the handout and hand it to a guest services person or simply put it in the offering basket when it is passed later in the worship experience. We also encourage you to visit our website at **rockcanyon.org** where you will find more specific ministry related information about rcc.

have a special need?

If you would like to talk with Pastor about your journey with Jesus, please indicate that on the back of the guest card and drop it in the offering basket when it is passed during the worship experience. If you are in need of prayer or would like to speak to someone after the worship experience, please go to the connection center.

get connected

There are many opportunities to get to connected at rcc. From youth ministry(XL, xcellent life) activities to club kp(kidz prayz), rcc band and MORE there is a place for you! Our small groups, connection groups, meet weekly to build relationships, and help one another along this journey of life. We invite you to join us as we grow and serve God. To find out more about becoming a member of RCC please stop by the hospitality center.



thanks for coming!

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to participate in our Worship Experience. RCC is a place where all faiths come to worship God & connect with others on their spiritual journey through life. It is our hope & prayer that your experience during your time with us will move you closer to God & enable you to reach the potential He has created in you! If this is your first visit, please take a few moments & fill out the information card provided for you. Then give it to the hospitality team or simply put it in the offering basket when it is passed later in the service.



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TODAY'S SUBJECT connecting through rites of passage

dean jackson, lead pastor

ecclesiastes 3 contemporary english version

Everything Has Its Time

1 "Everything on earth has its own time and its own season. 2 There is a time for birth and death, planting and reaping, 3 for killing and healing, destroying and building, 4 for crying and laughing, weeping and dancing, 5 for throwing stones and gathering stones, embracing and parting. 6 There is a time for finding and losing, keeping and giving, 7 for tearing and sewing, listening and speaking. 8 There is also a time for love and hate, for war and peace.

What God Has Given Us To Do

9 What do we gain by all of our hard work? 10 I have seen what difficult things God demands of us. 11 God makes everything happen at the right time. Yet none of us can ever fully understand all he has done, and he puts questions in our minds about the past and the future. 12 I know the best thing we can do is to always enjoy life, 13 because God's gift to us is the happiness we get from our food and drink and from the work we do. 14 Everything God has done will last forever; nothing he does can ever be changed. God has done all this, so that we will worship him. 15 Everything that happens has happened before, and all that will be has already been-- God does everything over and over again

The Future Is Known Only to God

16 Everywhere on earth I saw violence and injustice instead of fairness and justice. 17 So I told myself that God has set a time and a place for everything. He will judge everyone, both the wicked and the good. 18 I know that God is testing us to show us that we are merely animals. 19 Like animals we breathe and die, and we are no better off than they are. It just doesn't make sense. 20 All living creatures go to the same place. We are made from earth, and we return to the earth. 21 Who really knows if our spirits go up and the spirits of animals go down into the earth? 22 We were meant to enjoy our work, and that's the best thing we can do. We can never know the future."

births

many people connect through baby _____ &



welcome to rcc!

We are people from many nations who care about each other enough that we gather together in small groups on a regular basis, think together, discuss together, pray together, and play together in order to learn to:

- Love unconditionally
- Serve God and not money
- Humble ourselves
- Give without seeking a return
- Empower and not control
- Show mercy, not revenge
- Seek justice and freedom for all people
- Encourage and not discourage
- Spread hope and not despair
- Believe and not doubt

We have decided to do this together in order to establish throughout the world a "revolution of love" so powerful that the division and animosity separating people and nations will be greatly eliminated or replaced by the spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation as modeled by Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus said this can only be accomplished by the transformation of the human heart by the power of God and not man, which is causing us, little by little and step by step to begin to:

- Think like Jesus
- Talk like Jesus
- Act like Jesus
- Love like Jesus

This then is creating a climate throughout the world where men and women will find the order of the day

- To see the invisible
- To believe the incredible
- To do the impossible

In spite of the fact that many think this is an unachievable dream, we as a family of friends are learning to become better citizens, not only as part of our own nation but also as citizens of the world. We are learning on a day to day basis what it means to "love God and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves." We call ourselves brothers and sisters according to the command of Jesus.

coming up...

daylight savings ends! turn clocks back 1 hour
sunday, november 6th

last week of fall semester of rcc connection groups
sunday, november 13th

happy thanksgiving!
thursday, november 24th



prayer requests
(date requested/date answered)

our world

our country

our state leaders

our city leaders

our church and leaders

personal requests

graduations

many schools offer _____ services

marriages

christian weddings are a _____ between a couple & God

careers

many organizations utilize _____, including congress

deaths

funeral services provide an opportunity for _____ & _____

ask yourself... *have you connected with God through any of these rites of passage?*

notes:





homework

connecting through rites of passage enough about you, let's talk about me

what are your most memorable rites of passage?

what made them so special?

what part if any, did God have in that rite of passage?

do you think people miss the opportunity to connect with God during rites of passage? why or why not?

if you do think people miss the opportunity to connect, what passage(s) do you think this happens and why.

scripture diving

according to the new testament, what rite of passage did Jesus choose to do his first miracle?

why do you think he chose it?

does that have any significance for us today?
why or why not?

connecting

are there any rites of passage that you could do a better job of connecting with God?

this time it's personal

at the beginning of this series we asked the questions below. after hearing the previous week's sermons do you have the same or different answers? please explain.

how could you better connect with God?

how could you better encourage your family and friends to connect with God?

what can your connection group do to encourage them to connect?

