



Tuesdays, 9:15-11am

Ladies' Bible Study

Tuesdays, 11:15-12:30pm

Food Bank

Wednesdays, 7-8pm

Prayer Meeting

Sat., March 23, 10-noon

Clothing Loft

Mon., March 25 Final day for Mission Trip Registration & Deposit

Sat., April 6, 10-noon

Women Connected

Pot Luck Breakfast and "Hats off to WC" – wear your favourite hat

Saturday April 13, 8am

Men's Prayer & Breakfast

Friday, April 19, 10:30am

Good Friday Service



Online Sacred Pathway Quiz:

<http://northpoint.org/care/pathways/>

Explanation of Pathways and printable Quiz:

<https://irpcdn.multiscreensite.com/2988a589/files/uploaded/Sacred%20Pathways%20New%20.pdf>



Sheridan Park Family Church



Living The Larger Christian Life: Receiving Guidance

Sunday March 17, 2019

9:00-10:00am Prayer in the Downstairs Fireside Room

10:30am Service

Speaker: Pastor Keith Piquette

Welcome!

We are so glad you are joining us this morning. We would love to greet you personally at our Welcome Table. Please pick up an information sheet about our various ministries or visit our website: **www.spfamilychurch.ca**.

THE FAMILY ROOM is available for parents of children who need a temporary space away during the service yet close enough to easily slip back in. The room is located on the drum-side overflow at the back of the upper auditorium. Please feel free to check it out.



Sermon Summary: March 17, 2019

Living the Larger Christian Life: Receiving Guidance

- Receiving regular guidance from God is a key component to living the larger Christian life.
 - The spiritual discipline of guidance is the discipline of listening to God.
- Many fail to hear God daily because we aren't attentive to Him.
 - The main cause for this kind of spiritual mindlessness is an adverse influence from our culture.
 - The truth of Scripture is that God is personally involved in this world and in our lives.
 - Even in the very small things.
 - We can and should expect to hear from God on a regular basis. (Acts 13:2-4)
- God often guides us in order to accomplish His mission.
- God's purpose in guidance is not always just to get us to perform the right actions, but to help us become the right kind of people.
- God's guidance comes to us in many ways.
- God's guidance involves listening and responding.
 - You need to submit to His will.
 - Each person needs to discover personal practices to remind themselves to listen and respond to God's guidance regularly.

Small Group Questions: Mar 17, 2019 The Larger Christian Life: Receiving Guidance

1. The week before last the discipline of renewing our thoughts was presented. How have you been active since then in renewing your thoughts? Did you get a chance to do the weekly challenge? (Take a few minutes to think of a creative way you could memorize Scripture that is enjoyable and engaging; then set out to memorize at least one verse, that is significant to you, using that technique.) What did you discover?

2. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

3. Tell about a time that you clearly received guidance from God. What did he say to you and how did you respond?

4. Read Psalm 139. What stood out to you in this passage?

a. What do you think is the main point of this Psalm?

b. Why might the Psalmist have written this Psalm?

c. How does this passage reflect the weekly message?

d. What are some of the deeper implications of this passage?

5. The main point of the message this week was "Receiving regular guidance from God is a key component to living the larger Christian life." What do you think about this statement and why?

6. In the message there was a distinction made between our cultural worldview (everything should be understood from rational scientific reasoning) and the Biblical worldview (everything should be understood as being controlled and enacted by God). The example that was given was, how does one explain a mirror cracking?

a. Give the group your thoughts on this.

b. To what degree do you explain your experiences through God's guiding hand?

c. Do you think you should be more mindful of how God is at work in the world and your life? Explain.

7. Pastor Keith said, "God's purpose in guidance is not always just to get us to perform the right actions, but to help us become the right kind of people." How do you understand this statement?

This Week's Challenge: This week take some time to actively listen to God through an exercise called "Palms up, Palms Down." This should not replace the ongoing practice of listening to God through the experiences and events of our day to day lives.

Sit comfortably in a quiet place with your hands on your lap. Breathe deeply and relax. Intentionally place yourself in the presence of God. Turn your palms down and begin to drop your cares, worries, agendas, and expectations into God's hands. When you have given your cares to God, turn your palms up on your knees. Open your hands to receive God's presence and voice. Listen to what He wants to tell you or where He wants to guide your thoughts. When you feel prompted to stop, tell God that you will be obedient to respond to the guidance He gave you.