

# Stuff You Need to Know...

## *Coming Soon!*

Small Groups:

ongoing till Nov. 4th

Clothing Loft

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 10-noon

### **Ladies Bible Study**

A group of about 18 women meet in the Upper Fireside Room on Tuesday mornings to study the Bible and see how it is relevant to their lives. If you are free on Tuesday mornings, consider joining this lovely group of women at 9:15am!

### **Weekly E-blast and Prayer Points!**

A listing of upcoming church events and Prayer Points is emailed to all those on the Congregational E-mail List. If you didn't receive an email on Friday, and you would like to be included in the weekly-email, please notify the church office

[office@spfamilychurch.ca](mailto:office@spfamilychurch.ca).

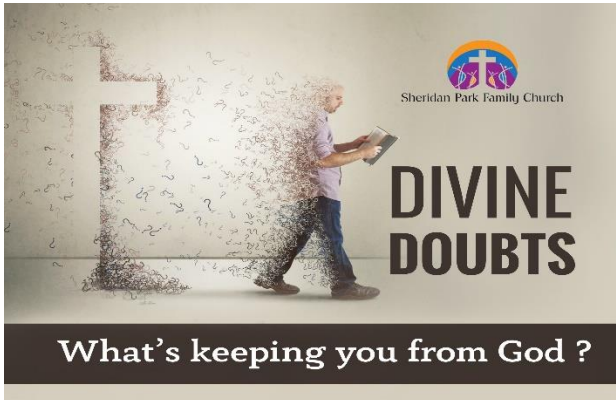
Would you like your church family to pray for you? Prayer requests may be submitted to the church office before Fridays.

**THE FOOD BANK...**is in need of **dish soap, coffee and pancake mix**. They would also appreciate plastic grocery bags. Financial donations may be made through your Sunday offering and designated to the Benevolent Fund.

**THE LOFT...**is in need of girls' and boys' clothes size 2 and up, men's clothes and winter apparel. A huge thank you to all who volunteered at yesterday's Clothing Loft.



## Sheridan Park Family Church



## Is the Bible Reliable?

**Sunday October 28, 2018**

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

10:30am Service

Speaker: Pastor Keith Piquette

This month's elder is Scott Cushing.

In case of need or an emergency he can be reached at 416-209-9393.

# 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](http://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.



## **Is the Bible Reliable?**

- The story you believe about who Jesus is determines everything. Therefore, we need to know we can trust the Bible's story about Jesus.
- It's common to believe that the Bible has not been preserved accurately; like a sloppy game of "telephone". However, the New Testament is the most reliable and accurate document that exists of any document written around that time.
- Some people think that the New Testament stories about Jesus were fabricated by his followers. However, many of the things that are written by Jesus' followers would not have been helpful if it was made up.
  - Many witnesses named, some were women.
  - Jesus crying out to God
  - Petty & slow-witted disciples
- Despite great opposition, the stories of Jesus spread and people died for what they believed.
- If the Bible is reliable we must let it challenge us and our own views and desires.
- If we undermine the authority of the Bible, we are left with a "Stepford God" who conforms to our will.

## **Small Group Discussion Questions: Oct 28, 2018**

### **Is the Bible Reliable?**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
2. Discuss last week's weekly challenge, "find at least one way in which you can help alleviate pain or suffering from another person(s). Let them know why you are helping them."
3. What are some of the things you have heard people say about the unreliability of the Bible?
4. What do you think are some of the results of having doubts about the reliability of the Bible?
5. Pastor Keith made mention of the illustration of the game "telephone". How is this illustration usually used? What are some ways in which this illustration falls apart?
6. Out of all the reasons given about why we can trust the Bible, which was most compelling to you? Why?
  - a. Which one would be most compelling to those you know?
7. In your group, choose two people to take opposite stances on the question "Is the Bible Reliable?" Have them engage in a charitable and fair conversation (5 min), Have the group provide feedback on what was said.
8. What is an area of the Bible that has challenged your views? How did you handle it?

### **This Week's Challenge:**

This week, find one part of the Bible that you disagree with. Ask yourself, "if this is the Word of God to me, what needs to happen?"