

1. What is Loneliness?- II Timothy 4:9-16

Loneliness is a feeling of _____

2. What is the Root of Loneliness?

The root of loneliness is fear of _____ by God

3. How Does the Gospel Address Loneliness?- Matthew 1:18-23

4. What is the Presence of Christ?- II Tim. 4:16-18, Psa. 34:18, Dan. 3:24-25

The presence of Christ a strengthening, enabling, delivering _____ with Christ

5. How Do I Get There? How Do I Know this Presence?

- 1) Take a Step of _____ - John 14:21
- 2) Take a Step Toward _____ - Psa. 145:18, Isaiah 55:6, James 4:8
- 3) Take a Step Toward _____ - II Timothy 4:9-11, Matthew 18:20, John 14:20

6. What Resources are Available?

John G. Paton: Missionary to the New Hebrides, Banner of Truth Press

http://www.amazon.com/Story-Paton-Thirty-Years-Cannibals-ebook/dp/B0083ZH2DW/ref=sr_1_2_twi_kin_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1449250875&sr=8-2&keywords=john+paton+autobiography

Text questions to 22333 and begin your text with 14774 followed by your question.

TODAY

- ◆ If You Are Visiting Grace Community Church for the first time, we are so glad you are worshipping with us!
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor information card and either place it in the offering basket or drop it off at the Information Center.
- ◆ **Children’s Activity Bags** are available near the double entry doors!
- ◆ **Children’s Church** following the scripture reading. The children will practice for the *Christmas Program* to be held December 13 during the worship service! To help prevent distractions, please leave toys and phones with parents/guardians.
- ◆ **Connection Groups & FINAL Kids’ Connection**

THIS WEEK

- ◆ **Men’s Prayer Time**
 Tuesday morning at 6:00 ~ 122 Marshall Street, Trudeau’s home
- ◆ **IGNITE youth group!** Wednesday evening
 Middle School 6-8:00 High School 7:45-9:30
 Fuel Cells small group Bible Studies Wednesday evening
 Middle School 8-9:00 High School 6:30-7:45
- ◆ **Stephen Ministry Training** (For those currently enrolled in the class)
 Thursday evening reading assignment: Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close , SMTM 343-358
- ◆ **Women’s Study ~ Suffering and the Sovereignty of God**
 Friday morning at 10:00 ~ GCC Library
 Saturday morning at 9:00 ~ 327 Sunrise Street, home of Deb Todd
- ◆ **Men’s Bible Study**
 Saturday morning at 8:00 ~ GCC Library
- ◆ **Children’s Christmas Program Practice**
 Saturday from 10:00 - noon.

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK!

Happy Birthday: 12/06 – Mirrka Taylor; 12/08 - Jennifer Caskey, Kaylynne Christenson; 12/09 - Brooklynn Thompson; 12/10 - Shellie Grabau, Weston Powers, Jaden Wright; 12/11 - **Mike Baldus 50th!**, **Cindy O’Neal**; 12/12 - **KrisAnne O’Neill**
Happy Anniversary: 12/06 - Kyle & Dana Hana

NEXT SUNDAY 12/13

- ◆ 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Time (coffee & treats)
- ◆ 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for ALL Ages!
- ◆ **10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Children’s Christmas Program**

Connection Groups Today!

Leaders	Meeting time & location
Richard & Katie Darby 298.3104	Meet during Sunday School 9:15 am
Tim & Rita Knight 432.7653	Hiram & Jolene Philo 5:15 2022 Five Mile Drive
Chris & Paulette Myers 432.4071	Chris & Paulette Myers 5:15 560 Linden Lane
Joe & Robin Smith 432.8416	Check with Leaders 5:15
Tim & Cari Trudeau 433.1146	Ron & Jamie Brown 5:15 318 West 5th Street
Matt & Shellie Grabau 515.344.1274	GCC for Kids’ Connection 5:00

As Connection is the primary place for outreach and assimilation, fellowship, discipleship, missions promotion, communication, and care and accountability for the members of Grace, please consider getting involved!

For more information contact any Connection leader, the church office or stop at the Information Center.

Small Church Discussion Questions, 12/6/15
Emotions X: From Loneliness to Presence

David Wells, in “The Courage to be Protestant,” writes, “Loneliness is the modern plague...We are the Wired Generation living in a mostly electronically mediated world. However, have you noticed that while everyone is speaking, no one is really listening? We are swamped by voices. So many want our time and attention that for our own protection we must shut out most of them. And while we are surfing the net, emailing, watching television, or playing video games, we are doing it all alone. We are wired, but we are also more lonely and have fewer confidants than ever before.” Do you agree? In what ways has technology either increased or decreased our sense of loneliness?

Define loneliness, and illustrate it from Paul’s experience in II Timothy 4:9-16.

What is the incarnation? How does Christ as “Emmanuel” provide an answer to the question, “Will God leave me alone?”

In John 14:21, Jesus promises, “Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” What is the “manifest presence” of Christ? How does He “manifest” His presence to us? What does it feel like, how do we experience it?

What are the conditions of this manifest presence? Who experiences it?

James writes, “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” How does a person “draw near” to God?

In what sense do we “incarnate” the presence of Christ to one another?
What is the connection between being in relationship with other Christians and experiencing the presence of Christ?