

This Sunday at Riverside

Today, Josh will be sharing about what it means to truly follow Jesus, and how this can have a major impact on our lives.

Next Sunday at Riverside

Next week, Darren will be continuing on the series about the Holy Spirit. We are enjoying growing our understanding of what it truly means to live with the Holy Spirit in our lives.

This Week at Riverside

Monday	22nd June	Building Closed	Brekky Packs available 9am - 10am
Tuesday	23rd June	Café and Play Café	9am - 1:30pm
Wednesday	24th June	Bubbles Café and Play Café	9:30am - 11:30am 11:30am - 1:30pm
Thursday	25th June	Café and Play Café Creationships Prayer Meeting	9am - 1:30pm 10am - 12noon 6:45pm
Friday	26th June	Café and Play Café Shout Youth	9am - 1:30pm 7pm - 9pm
Saturday	27th June	Brekky Club	9am - 10am
Sunday	28th June	Prayer Meeting Riverside Worship Splash Men's Life Group	9am 9:45am 11:45 am 11:45am

Generous Hearts

For those of you who feel led by the Holy Spirit to give financially to Riverside, whether that be regularly or on special occasions. Please talk to or email Kate for the BPAY details. kate.adami@salvationarmy.org.au
We can also accept EFTPOS through the Café till or cash in the offering.



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Leaders Retreat and Reflection

Even though the bakery was closed on the way up and no sprinkle donuts were consumed, our leadership retreat was still impactful! Thank you for your prayers during our time away, Colin Stoodley shared powerful Spirit led insights that will shape our church for generations to come. After our second session, I remember feeling overwhelmed with all the insights and how this was going to be worked out. I decided to go away to the bush chapel for some prayer. I asked the Holy Spirit for guidance, and I felt called to read about Gideon in Judges 6. God had called Gideon to fight against the Midianites, and he too had insecurities and doubts. In Judges 6:14-15 it reads,

The Lord turned to him (Gideon) and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?"

"Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

Poor dude didn't have much confidence, because he was looking at himself as the judge of how successful his mission would be. I think we can all have moments where we judge future success based on how good or bad we think our abilities are. So, for me, and maybe for you, we can be encouraged by God's response in Judges 6:16

The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive."

God didn't tell Gideon how amazing he was, He didn't give him a pre-game speech about the strength of the playing group. He simply said, *"I am with you"*. He had already told Gideon to *"go in the strength you have"* – He was saying, where you are at right now, Gideon, I'm good to use you right now with what you have, I just need you to know I am with you, and that is enough.

As we grow, refine and discern God's work for his kingdom, as God challenges us, and stretches us to go and grow, it isn't reliant on our strength, it is reliant on us recognising that He is the one with us, He is in control, and we can trust His plan. Blessings from Josh



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Kim at More Conference!

Kim Hamilton-Waycott continues to oversee our Shout Youth Ministry and works within the Crisis Support Team. Kim has dedicated many hours to supporting our local community and gives generously of her time. This year, Kim has been invited to attend More Conference in Queensland, and there are substantial costs associated with this trip. The Salvation Army has covered the cost of the conference, but Kim is paying for flights and accommodation which has added up to \$1400. We would love our church community to rally around Kim to support this cost. If you are able, could you contribute by BPAY - Biller code 438580 Reference 2 023 0 or place some cash in an envelope marked More Conference. Thank you.

John Drama Info Session

The John Drama information session is happening this afternoon at 4:30pm. We are excited for this opportunity to act out the Gospel of John for our town on August 22nd and 23rd at the Civic Centre. Come and hear what it is all about!

Purrua Garden

Over the last few weeks, we have had many people come to Riverside and explore the back garden. Our garden has become a place that people feel they can meet with God. Rick and Mandy are running the garden group fortnightly on Tuesday at 10am. This is a space for those who love gardening, and want to grow together with Jesus. The group starts with a tea or coffee, devotion, pastoral care time and prayer. They then work on projects in the garden before eating more food, and drinking more coffee! Thank you to Rick and Mandy for their work around the community garden grant which is getting close to completion. This includes disability accessible paths, nature play, playgrounds, a yarnning circle, irrigation upgrades and more plants! Thanks to Wayne for upgrading the irrigation system and to other Jesus followers who have contributed in many ways. If you would like to get involved in the group and garden ministry, please speak to Rick Mierisch or Josh Sanders

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Q1. What is the best thing about following Jesus?

Q2. Who do you say Jesus is?

Read Matthew 16:13-20

Q3. What does this tell us about who Jesus is?

Q4. What do you think Peter was thinking and feeling through these verses?

Read Matthew 16:21-28

Q5. What was Jesus teaching his followers through these verses?

Q6. What do you think Peter was thinking and feeling through these verses?

Q7. In what ways do we try and save our life?

Q8. What does it mean for you to lose your life for Jesus?

Q9. What will you find when you do this?

Q10. From today's discussion, what do you need to pray about?

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