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Matthew 5:10-12

*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

— MATTHEW 5:10

BIG IDEA: A faith _____ is a faith _____

and will lead to a life of _____.

1. _____ are you persecuted _____?

2. _____ are you persecuted?

3. _____ are you persecuted?

4. _____ are the blessings of persecution?

- It _____ your faith is making a difference. – *1 Peter 1:7*
- It _____ you spiritually. – *James 1:3*
- It _____ you to Christ's suffering. – *2 Timothy 2:12*
- It _____ eternal rewards. – *Matthew 5:12*

Monday

READ: Matthew 5:10-11

REFLECT: When we live out the beatitudes, we can expect opposition. Jesus' teaching goes against the grain of culture. Many translations of verse 11 use the word when, not if, people insult you. Jesus is implying that when we do good works as His followers, we can expect opposition, harassment, and other forms of persecution.

RESPOND: What kind of opposition have you faced for being a follower of Jesus? Ask God to help you discern whether your life shines His light into dark places.

Tuesday

READ: 1 Peter 1:7

REFLECT: Peter says that we can rejoice in the outcome of our persecution when we are faithful to endure. This joy comes when we see how our endurance results in God's glory and the impact it makes on others. In other words, it shows our faith is authentic.

RESPOND: When facing opposition for your faith, do you move forward with ongoing boldness, or do you retreat? How can your response to opposition impact others?

Wednesday

READ: James 1:2-4

REFLECT: Like physical exercise, persecution strengthens our spiritual muscles. However, sometimes we can be spiritual couch potatoes and not experience the maturity that persecution provides. We don't live out our faith in a way that gets the attention of others, so we never face opposition. We don't grow and mature in the way God desires.

RESPOND: How are you growing your faith muscles through others' opposition to your faith?

Thursday

READ: 2 Timothy 2:11-12; Philippians 3:10

REFLECT: There are few bonds that are stronger than the bond among those in the military. They share an unbreakable and intimate bond that connects them like nothing else can. In a similar way, persecution connects us to Christ. We enter a "fellowship of sufferings" with Him and form a new bond of identity in our relationship with Him.

RESPOND: How does it comfort you to face opposition similar to what Jesus experienced? Ask God to grow an appreciation for this similarity.

Friday

READ: Matthew 5:12

REFLECT: Jesus wants us to be full of joy when we are persecuted, because it leads to eternal rewards. When we are in a place of comfort we focus only on the here-and-now. Persecution stirs within us an ache for our eternal home. It is this hope that helps us endure any sufferings because no matter what, our hope still remains!

RESPOND: Praise God that your suffering is not the final word. Praise Him for the hope of eternity. Ask Him to help you find strength amidst your sufferings.

W E L C O M E

New here?

We're so glad you're here. We'd love to meet you, answer your questions, and help you get connected at PCC. If you're ready to learn more, we invite you to do any/all of the following:

1

Connect Card

We'd love to get to know you and help you get connected! Scan the code to fill out a digital Connect Card.



2

Guest Services

Stop by Guest Services in the lobby. We'd love to get acquainted, give you a welcome packet, and a gift. If you have questions, we have answers!

3

Intro

Join us for Intro where you'll hear Pathway's story, meet some staff, and learn about next steps. Scan the code to sign up.



Support Groups

Life is unpredictable. God's design for His people—the Church—is that we stand together with one another to provide hope and healing in all seasons of life. This is the heart of Care Ministries at PCC. If you currently are faced with circumstances that are challenging or unexpected, there are places at Pathway where you can receive the support you need.

Support Groups include:

- Celebrate Recovery
- GriefShare
- Infertility & Loss Support
- Mom of an Addict
- Trauma REBOOT
- Breast Cancer Community Group
- DivorceCare
- Military REBOOT



Scan the code to learn more.

Ways to Give



- 1 | Scan to give
- 2 | Text GIVE to 1-833-568-5410
- 3 | Click GIVE on pccfw.org
- 4 | Tap GIVE on the PCC at Home app
- 5 | Drop your gift in the offering buckets or boxes



Ministries & Events
APRIL 2025

Scan the code for more information on these events



GROUPS

ONGOING
DAYS/TIMES VARY

LIFE GROUPS

NEXT STEPS

APR 13 | 9am
LIFE AT PATHWAY

WOMEN

MONDAYS | 9am
WOMEN'S COFFEE & CONVERSATION

APR 29 | 9am
MOM2MOM

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

APR 12+13
FOOD PANTRY DONATION WEEKEND
(Every 2nd Sunday)

THRIVE

APR 24 | 6:30pm
FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

BETHEL UNIVERSITY AT PATHWAY

APR 24 | 6:30pm
PARENT & STUDENT INFO MEETING

MARRIAGE & PARENTING

APR 13 | 2pm

FAMILY DEDICATION

APR 30 | 6:30pm
TRUE VINE MOM SUPPORT GROUP

CARE & SUPPORT

TUESDAYS | 7pm
CELEBRATE RECOVERY

TUESDAYS | 7pm
DIVORCECARE

THURSDAYS | 6:30pm
GRIEFSHARE

THURSDAYS | 6:30pm
MOM OF AN ADDICT

MOST SUNDAYS | 7:45am
Last Sunday of the month | 10:15am

SUNDAY PRAYER GATHERINGS

APR 24 | 7pm
INFERTILITY & LOSS SUPPORT

COLLEGE

ONGOING
DAYS/TIMES VARY

LIFE GROUPS

APR 24 | 7pm
PCC COLLEGE GATHERING

STUDENTS

SATURDAYS | 5pm
SUNDAYS | 9+11am
PROJECT 5 (5th Grade)

SUNDAYS | 9+11am
IMPULSE: DIGGING DEEPER

WEDNESDAYS | 6:15pm
IMPULSE (Middle School)

WEDNESDAYS | 7:30pm
IMPACT (High School)

KIDS

SATURDAYS | 5pm
SUNDAYS | 9+11am
KIDCITY

FEATURED GROUPS



Saturdays 5pm | Sundays 9am+11am
1010 Carroll Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46845
260.469.4444



Bethel University at Pathway

PARENT & STUDENT INFO MEETING

Thursday, April 24 | 6:30pm

Bethel University and Pathway Community Church are partnering together to bring Christian higher education and ministry training to degree-seekers in our community. As part of this innovative program, students will receive a high-quality education that is affordable, local, and fully accredited. They will also receive hands-on training in Pathway's ministry environments that will provide real-world experience for their future careers.

Parents and students — if you are interested and would like to know more about this program, we invite you to attend our upcoming info meeting.

Scan the code to learn more and sign up.



Financial Peace University

Thursdays, April 24 - May 22 | 6:30pm

Financial Peace University is a life-changing program that will provide you with the plan and the tools to achieve your financial goals. In this five-week class you'll learn practical steps to eliminate debt, build savings, and attain financial freedom. If you (and your spouse) attend and complete 5 out of 5 sessions, you will graduate from FPU. If you graduate, we will refund all your expenses from FPU back to you!

Cost: \$25 per person/couple | KidCare: \$30/family

KidCare is available for children who are pre-registered one week prior to the start date.

Scan the code to sign up.



Good Friday at Pathway

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 | 3pm + 5pm*

This year's Good Friday experience at Pathway will be two identical services that invite us to remember Christ's sacrifice for us. Through special music, prayer, scripture, and quiet reflection, we'll invite Jesus to meet us at the place of our greatest need.

**KidCare will be available at the 5pm service for infants through pre-k on a first-come first-served basis.*

Easter Worship at Pathway

We invite you to join us this Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each of our five identical services offers an engaging worship experience and a message of hope that applies to real life. It's one of our favorite weekends of the year, and we would be thrilled to have you with us at Pathway this Easter!

All services are identical. Services live-streamed at pccfw.tv.

*Infant through 4th grade available in all services except the 8am.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19
3pm + 5pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 20
8am* + 9:30am + 11:30am

THE VENUE | Saturday, 5pm and Sunday, 9:30am+11:30am

Easter Serving Opportunities

It takes a village. It takes many people with willing hearts to serve a community of this size. If Pathway is your home, we encourage you to say "yes" to an Easter serving opportunity. Give a little of your time — one hour at one service — and you can be a reason someone draws near to Jesus. That's worth celebrating!

KIDCARE

If you have a heart for kids, you can provide an opportunity for their parents to attend a Good Friday service.

Email Angie at
aashby@pccfw.org

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

From greeters to ushers to our coffee team, First Impressions is all about making people feel welcome at Pathway.

Email Dan at
dlitwiller@pccfw.org

KIDCITY

Snuggle a baby or come alongside a child as they learn more about Jesus in KidCity.

Email Treasa at
tdemond@pccfw.org

Scan the code to learn more and sign up!

