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Christmas

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Moving from Remembrance to Receptivity

Traditions can be helpful when they enable us to RECIEVE the work God is doing in our lives.

Remembrance: RECALLING and REFLECTING on what God has done.

Receptivity: An OPENNESS to what God is doing and will continue to do in my life.
-Receiving the work that God is doing requires a response of OBEDIENCE.

What We are Receiving: Isaiah 9:2 John 1:9-18

TRANSFORMATION: a new way of living and being by God's grace.

-TRUTH a word God is speaking into your life.

-TRAJECTORY a new path and direction for your life.

-TRIAL a difficult place God is leading you through.

Roadblocks to Receptivity

-FAMILIARITY

-BUSYNESS

-EXPECTATIONS

-UNAWARE

Challenge: We have received something different than we expected or failed to receive what we hoped for.

RELEASE: anger, disappointment or wounding before we can be receptive.

Practices that Cultivate Receptivity: Proverbs 2:1-6

-INTENTIONAL PURSUIT

-REFLECTION

-SILENCE AND LISTENING

-WORD AND PRAYER

Engaging Traditions with Receptivity: When you do what you've ALWAYS done; slow down, think, reflect and pray asking: "God what would you have me

RECEIVE anew and afresh in this practice?"

THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

We need your help! GracePoint is ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 8 through December 13 at JCPenney, HyVee & Walmart. There are 13 spots to fill; the time slots are one hour. You can do this individually, as a couple, as a family or a Growth Group. Contact Kayla Weng (692-6671 or kweng@gracepointwesleyan.org) if you have questions. You can also sign up at the following link: signupgenius.com/go/4090b44aca82ba3ff2-salvation1

ONETHING: BROOKINGS EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

Brookings Empowerment Project is our Community Partner focus for the month of December. Stop by the OneThing kiosk to learn more and "Join the Conversation" around mental health in our community!

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- Sunday, December 16 – Christmas Sweater/Next Gen Sunday
- Wednesday, December 19 – KidsPoint & GSM Christmas parties
 - *No nursery (0 – 2 years) & no Adult Growth Groups
- Sunday, January 6 – All regular weekend & mid-week ministries resume.



*Please place your bulletin shell in the black recycle bins; NO CUPS OR TRASH!