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# IGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### Calendar

FamilyLife Leaders meeting Today at 12:45 PM in the cafeteria.

Oct. 27 Sunday Services 9:30 AM & 5:30 PM New Series - 'Forgotten Virtues'

Nov. 3 Young Christians Lunch 11:30 AM in the cafeteria.

Nov. 8-10 Southwest Conference, Long Beach, CA (see details below) Services Sunday will be held in the Long Beach Arena - not here at the Temple.

Nov. 24 International Day of Giving

<u>Dec. I</u> Services will be held at Cal Poly Pomona at 10:00 AM

#### **Prayer Requests**

**Maria**- Foster child we are praying for this month - Adoption

**Rosie Gastalum's Mother**- suffered a car accident this week.

**Linda Harrison** - Serious health challenges - pray for recovery.

**Dmitri Bystritski** - Bren's son who is having serious health challenges.

**Jamie Slobodnik** - Continued improvement of heart condition...

Lori Campbell - Health problems

Our Brothers & Sisters in the Middle East-Protection & opportunity

Amira Angulo - Her health - recovery

# Newsletter

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Follow: 'Unfollow'



Jesus invites everyone to follow him. Being a sinner is a prerequisite. Having doubts is a prerequisite. That's because we're all sinners and we all have doubts.

Following Jesus results in overwhelming faith, but at times it can also be inconvenient, costly, and even embarrassing. It can cause us to miss opportunities, lose business, or stand out in the crowd when we'd rather fit in. Even Jesus' earliest followers wrestled with this tension. But one of his disciples asked a question that put everything in perspective: "To whom shall I go?"

# Southwest Conference - Nov. 8-9 Long Beach, CA

With great anticipation, preparations have begun for the 2013 Southwest Christian Conference "BREAKTHROUGH" in Long Beach, California. The conference will begin at 1pm on Friday and we are asking everyone to take the day off of work and arrive early. Friday will be an important part of the conference that you won't want to miss. Register @ <a href="https://swcc.laicc.net/">https://swcc.laicc.net/</a>



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In the coming months consider the many ways we can let our light shine in the community: "Increasing the Odds", Food Bank, Thanksgiving Baskets for needy

families, Mentoring and the International Day of Giving.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

Read John 6:25-31,35-70

- 1.) Do you embarrass easily? What kinds of things embarrass you?
- 2.) Talk about a time when you were embarrassed by a friend or family member. How did you respond?
- 3.) Read John 6:56–61. Are there things Jesus said or did that offend you or that used to offend you? Explain.
- 4.) In the message, Peter said, "Questions tend to complicate things. Considering the options simplifies them." Do you agree? Why or why not?
- 5.) When has following Jesus been inconvenient, embarrassing, or costly for you? What did you do?
- 6.) Is transition, trouble, or temptation currently getting in the way of your ability to follow Jesus? What can this group do to support you?

#### **MOVING FORWARD**

When transition, trouble, or temptation cause you to question your faith, consider the options. When you do, the fog will begin to lift. You will find the courage and strength to believe. And on the other side of your doubt, you will experience the faithfulness of God. When you doubt, you've got to ask, "If not Jesus, who? If not Christianity, what?"

#### CHANGING YOUR MIND

"We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." John 6:69

# **Lighthouse Recap September**

Average Weekly Attendance (including Latins) = 743

Avg. Weekly Giving <u>Actual</u> **Budget** \_+/-September \$17,041 \$17,500 (459)

Special Missions \$168,000 (16k was raised via Fundraiser)

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