

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.30.2025

TCCO GIVES 2025: We have adopted 25-30 children & their parents again this year from families, many who are displaced, and all who are in need this holiday season. We will provide them with Christmas dinner and buy gifts from their wish lists. 3 Ways to Help: 1) Mark any donations over and above your tithes/offerings to help sponsor these families as "TCCO Gives." 2) Take gift tags to shop for gifts for these children on the Christmas trees in our lobby. Please sign-up in the lobby on the clipboards for whichever tag/s you take. See gift tags with instructions (or QR code) for drop-off days and times. 3) We also need volunteers to sign up to help receive gifts on drop-off days at TCCO, Sun. 12/7 (1-3pm) and Mon. 12/8 to Thurs. 12/11 (5:30-7:30pm), and to help drive and make deliveries to each family on Sun. 12/14, after the 11am service. To volunteer, or with any other questions, please email outreach@theconnecting.co.

CHRISTMAS SHE EVENT: Join us for our next TCCO Ladies Night this Fri. 12/5, 6:30-8:30pm at TCCO. We have a special Christmas themed night planned for you...a light dinner (soup, salad, & bread), hot cocoa bar, time of worship, devotion from Pastor Leann, intentional time to talk and connect with other ladies, and a "favorite things" gift exchange. (For anyone who wants to participate, bring a wrapped gift, one of your "favorite things", valued at \$10 or less, new, wrapped, and ready to exchange.) Also, feel free to wear your favorite Christmas comfies if you would like! Open to all ladies 16 & older; invite all the ladies in your life! Use the QR code to register, no later than Tues. 12/2. No childcare is provided. However, if that would keep you from being able to attend and you have an extenuating circumstance, please contact one of our staff ladies. We can't wait to share this night with you all! Questions? Contact brittany@theconnecting.co.

TCCO MEN'S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST: All Men 16 & older are invited to join this Sat. 12/6 at 9am at TCCO. Don't miss out on a great breakfast (pancakes, eggs, bacon, coffee!), a powerful devotion from Pastor Travis, and a great opportunity to connect & grow together with other men! Use the QR code to register, no later than Thurs. 12/4. Invite all the men in your life to join you, and we look forward to seeing you there! Questions? Contact travis@theconnecting.co.

TCCO STUDENTS+ CHRISTMAS PARTY: All 6th-12th grade students are welcome to join us for a super fun Christmas event on Wed. 12/10. Doors open at 6:15pm; Party is 6:30-8:30pm. Come celebrate the end of the semester with us, wear your favorite pj's, invite all your friends, and be ready to build a Gingerbread House! Contact Pastor Walter with any questions at walter@theconnecting.co. (Reminder: No TCCO Students, 12/17-12/31 for Christmas Break. We will start back on Wed. 1/7.)

TCCO CHRISTMAS SUNDAY CANDLELIGHT SERVICES: Join us on Sun. 12/21 at 9am or 11am, as we conclude our "The Way Back to Wonder" series & this Advent season. We will have some Christmas treats, our TCCO Kids Christmas music performances, and get to share our Christmas candle lighting time together. You will not want to miss this special day! Be sure to invite all your family & friends, and to also grab a picture in our Christmas photo op. We can't wait to celebrate this season and special time together with you all!

SAVE THE DATES

Tues. 12/30, TCCO Kids Connect Event, 10:00-11:30am

Sun. 12/28, No Sunday Services @ TCCO

Fri. 1/2, TCCO Christmas Tear Down/Cleaning Day, 9:30-11:30am



THE WAY BACK TO WONDER "The Road: Redemption In Motion"

Pastor Travis Cherry



we exist to
connect people
to Jesus and
each other

THE WAY BACK TO WONDER – WEEK 4

“The Road: Redemption In Motion”

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KEY SCRIPTURES: LUKE 22:26-43; ISAIAH 53:4-6

LUKE 23:26-43 (ESV)

26 And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. 27 And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. 28 But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ 30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ 31 For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” 32 Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 33 And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. 35 And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” 38 There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” 39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43 And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Jesus shows us that _____ is immediate, personal, and entirely rooted in His _____.

Isaiah 53:4-6 (ESV)

24 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

The _____ or the movement in this _____ story is not us _____ our way back to God...it is God _____ toward us.

4 People on the Road to the Cross:

1. _____ – Grace that Interrupts.

Sometimes _____ looks and feels like an _____.

The cross did not _____ Simon... the cross _____ him.

2. THE _____ – The Danger of Indifference.

You and I can be _____ Jesus and still _____ Him.

There is a real danger in being _____ to Jesus but being completely _____ by Him. There is a danger _____ the cross without embracing its _____.

_____ to Jesus is not the same as _____ with Jesus.

3. THE _____ – Grace received by Faith.

It is often the most _____ and most _____ people who see Jesus the most _____.

2 Responses to Grace

- Expecting _____ without repentance, faith or _____.
- _____ our sin and _____ salvation.

“Jesus lived the _____ we should have lived and died the _____ we should have died, so that we can _____ the life we never could have earned.” -Tim Keller

4. _____ – Redemption in motion.

“The essence of _____ is we substitute ourselves for God. The essence of _____ is God substitutes Himself for us.” -John Stott

The cross you and I are asked to carry is not an _____. It is an _____. Your weakness for His _____. Your burden for His _____. Your plans for His _____.