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## GROW Discipleship Groups (Ages 13+)

- **Ladies:** Classes resume in September
- **Men:** Wed Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30p at Agape

## Upcoming Events

Contact for more details  
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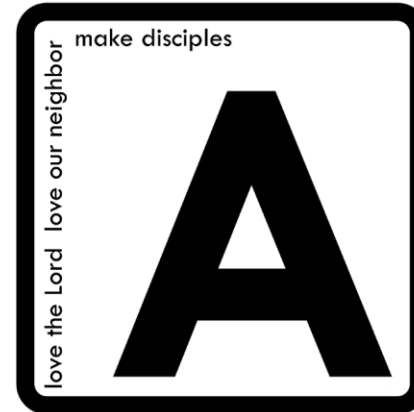
**Grocery giveaway - TODAY** after morning worship.

Our **Sunday Service nursery** for ages newborn to 5yrs **is closed until August 29<sup>th</sup>**. We will keep you posted on reopening plans.

**LEAD - Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>, 5pm at Agape.** A gathering for men that focuses on developing leaders in the home and church.

## Giving

If the LORD leads you to give as part of worship, you can use the offering box in our main worship area. You can also give on our **website or church center app**. Please visit  
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## Worship Service Guide August 22, 2021

### A Reading From Psalm 23 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## Prayer Focus for this Week

Email your requests to  
[prayer@agapepinson.com](mailto:prayer@agapepinson.com)

**Matthew 11:28** - Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *See also Jeremiah 31:25*

*Ask the LORD to give us His rest in this time of turmoil. Pray that many would come to know the rest of Jesus through us.*

Letters from  
**I & II PETER**  
 Pastor & Eyewitness

**#18: Keep Your Footing**

1 Peter 4:12-19 (ESV) || David McConnell

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup>For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" <sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

**Life-Truth:** Trials are \_\_\_\_\_ in the Christian life, as God wills, for the \_\_\_\_\_ of His people. (v12)

- Biblical \_\_\_\_\_ is not so much \_\_\_\_\_ proving something to God, but rather \_\_\_\_\_ proving something to us.
- Biblical trials serve to \_\_\_\_\_ we belong to God, as well as strengthen our spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Maturing us in our \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ: His death, resurrection, and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. (v13, Rom 6:5-10)
- Suffering for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus can lead to a \_\_\_\_\_ of power and the Holy Spirit. (v14)

**God's fire of testing...** (v17, Malachi 3:1-4)

- \_\_\_\_\_ His people for a life of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ our sin
  - Grows our \_\_\_\_\_ on God
  - Gives us greater \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ and His church
- Will \_\_\_\_\_ the wicked. (v18, Malachi 4:1)

**A Gospel Plea:** Keep your footing \_\_\_\_\_ by remembering that trials are part of God's \_\_\_\_\_ for His people. He sets their \_\_\_\_\_ and plans their \_\_\_\_\_. Make your trust in Him firm, by not shrinking back from \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.

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