

# Sermon Notes

## Commencement

### The Importance of Beginnings (Part 14)

Speaker: Dr. Michael D. Sproul  
 Text: I Cor. 9:24-26; Rev. 14:12-13; Rev. 19:7-8  
 Proposition: God is the Author of new beginnings.

1-8. Because He is the Author of the universe, human life, work, rules, family, redemption, sanctification, and heaven

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*I Cor. 9:24-26; Rev. 14:12-13; Rev. 19:7-8*

1. Seeing the Crown of \_\_\_\_\_  
*James 1:12; Revelation 2:10*

2. Seeing the \_\_\_\_\_ crown  
*I Cor. 9:24-25*

3. Seeing the Crown of \_\_\_\_\_  
*I Peter 5:1-4*

4. Seeing the Crown of \_\_\_\_\_  
*II Timothy 4:6-8*

5. Seeing the Crown of \_\_\_\_\_  
*I Thessalonians 2:19; Philippians 4:1*

### Warnings

1. You can \_\_\_\_\_  
*Rev. 3:11, Matthew 25:28-29*

2. You can \_\_\_\_\_  
*I Cor. 9:27*

3. You can \_\_\_\_\_  
*I Cor. 3:15*

4. You can \_\_\_\_\_  
*Matthew 6:5-6*

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# Care Group Lesson

## Week of July 25, 2010

### Welcome:

What was your favorite summer vacation?

### Worship:

**Read Revelation 15:3-4.** Take a few moments to praise God like those in heaven do! Pray for one another and share your joys from the week!

### Word:

**Read James 1:12 and Rev. 2:10.** What does one do to receive the Crown of Life? Why do you think God will give reward for these activities? How would you live so that one day God could give you this reward?

**Read I Corinthians 9:24-25.** What does one do to receive the Incorruptible Crown? Why do you think God will give rewards for these activities? How would you live out the activity to receive this reward?

**Read I Thessalonians 2:19 and Philippians 4:1.** What does one do to receive the Crown of Rejoicing or Soul Winner's Crown? Why do you think this crown deserves a reward from God? How should one live to receive this crown?

### Witness:

Remember, everyone around you is watching to see how a real Christian lives. Are you reflecting Christ? Are you a French Fry for Christ by being "salty" and making others thirsty to drink freely of His water?

### Care and Share Group of the Week

Spanish Speaking - Jorge Carlo  
 Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in 278

Pray for Us... Hebrews 13:18

**Pastor:** Mark and Ali Maxwell, Mike, Jeff and Tim

**Deacon:** Jim and Barbara Hoyle

**Vocational Staff:** Eunice Elie, Sandy Fullmer, Marcia Gammon, Keith Gephart (wife Cindi), Charissa Glazner, Nathan and Bethany Mestler (children Macy, Levi, and Grant), Kristina and Jarod Murdock, Taelor Pittenridge, Dr. Jerry Tetreau (wife Kit)—IBC

**IBM Missionary:** Solomon & Sandiyh Raju, Johannon and Jessika—India

**Health Needs:** Tiffany Brock, Ron and Yvonne Fish, Terri Gudmundson, Leta Jackson, Bill Kesen, Peggy Roberts, Judy Stephens, Theresa Trogen

If you have personal needs, requests, or blessings you wish to share with the pastoral staff, please send them to [info@tricityministries.org](mailto:info@tricityministries.org).

Weekly Schedule

### Sunday

Prayer Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Adult Bible Fellowships	9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.
Evening Preaching Service	6:00 p.m.
Vacation Bible School	6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday

Children's Choirs/Youth Group	6:15 p.m.
Care and Share Groups	6:15 p.m.
Re:vive Care and Share Groups	7:00 p.m.
Fwd:motion Care and Share Group	7:00 p.m.
Spanish Care and Share Group	7:00 p.m.

### Saturday

Men's Prayer Meeting	7:00 a.m.
Visitation/Outreach	9:30 a.m.

TBC Staff

Senior Pastor	<i>Dr. Michael Sproul</i>
Executive Assistant	<i>Pastor Todd Tjepkema</i>
Music Pastor	<i>Pastor Dave Stertzbach</i>
Children's Pastor	<i>Pastor Bryan Miller</i>
Youth/Family Pastor	<i>Pastor Mark Maxwell</i>
College Pastor	<i>Pastor James Yuen</i>
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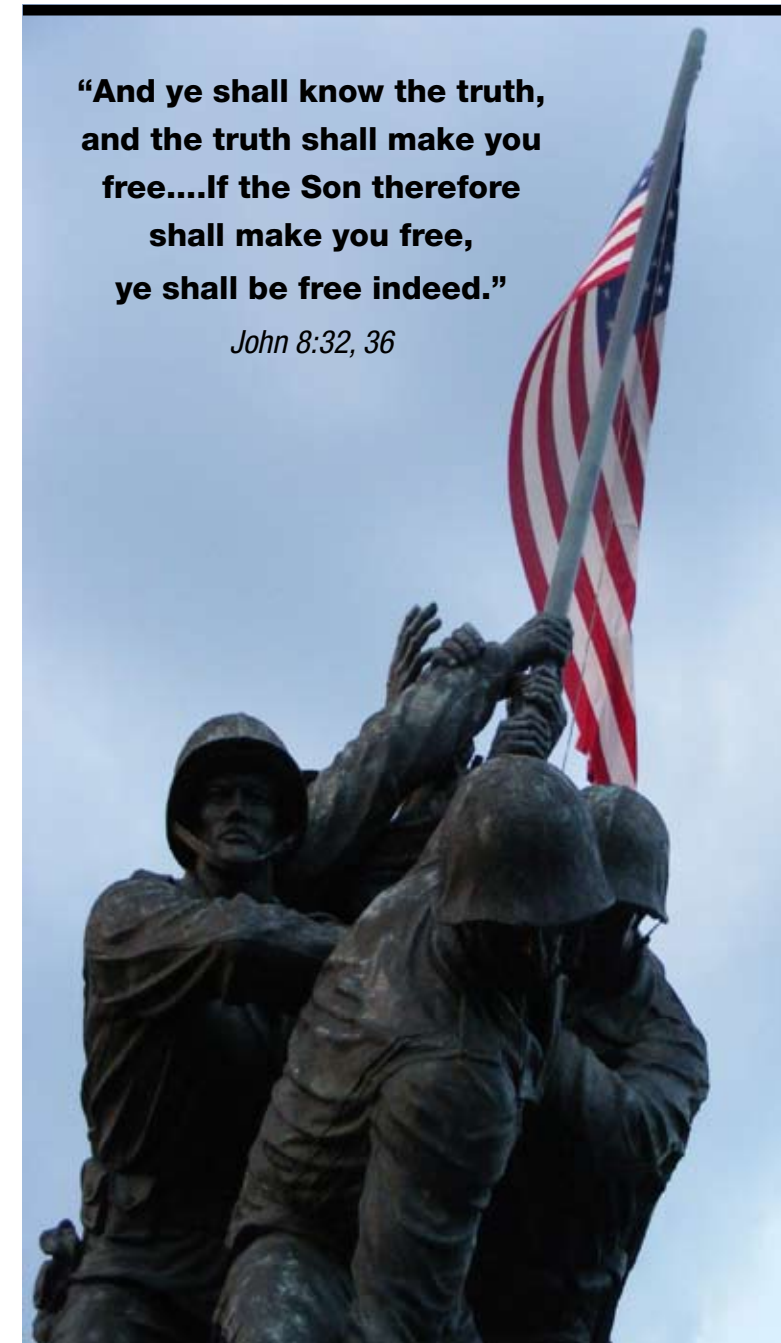
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**“And ye shall know the truth,  
 and the truth shall make you  
 free....If the Son therefore  
 shall make you free,  
 ye shall be free indeed.”**

*John 8:32, 36*



**July 25, 2010**

*Ministers – Every Member*

**IBC Fine Arts Summer Camps**

Last week nearly forty young people descended on Tri-City's campus for International Baptist College's first Fine Arts Summer Camps: Discover Music! *Camp for Kids* for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders, and Music Camp for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. This week IBC expects almost 50 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders for Band Camp.



See more photos and read more about this and other events on our website.

Photos may be taken at any church service or event and may be used for web or print publications. For more information about Tri-City's photography ministry, contact Vicki Tayloe at dtayloe@cox.net.

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Total Offering \$	Sunday ABF
General & Missions \$	<b>386</b>
Over/(Under) Budget \$	Sunday Morning
Grace Giving \$	<b>563</b>
Building Fund \$	Evening Service
IBC Building Fund \$	<b>241</b>
Other Designations \$	

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# Be Strong and Do It

2010 Theme • 1 Chronicles 28:20

**Band Camp Concert This Friday**

An exciting concert on Friday, July 30 at 7:00 p.m. will culminate a week of intense musical study at International Baptist College's Band Camp (5th-12th grade) which is being held this week. Encourage our young people by attending this special summer concert that will feature new instrumentalists through advanced musicians.

**Youth Invited to Phoenix 500 August 6**

On Friday, August 6 from 6:00-9:00 p.m., Tri-City's youth group will enjoy the Phoenix 500, a multi-vehicle scavenger hunt (parents drive). Cost: \$2. See Youth Pastor Mark Maxwell for more information.

**Senior Classics Meetball Lunch July 29**

Join the Senior Classics (Thursday Chapter—50 and older) for a ride on the Metro Light Rail to downtown Phoenix for a *meetball* lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory on Thursday, July 29. Please come to the Church by 11:00 a.m. to carpool to the eastern terminus of the Light Rail near Dobson Road in Mesa. (You may also drive directly to the station and meet at 11:30 a.m.) Tickets for the Light Rail are \$3.50 each except for riders 65 and over who pay only \$1.75. Each person will order from the menu at the restaurant. Please sign up at the information desk in the lobby for the trip.

**Honoring Spiritual Leaders Through Named Gifts**

While we were building, we asked people if they wanted to honor a loved one or spiritual leader who impacted them by giving a donation to "buy a room" in our new building. Many did exactly that.

We have several donors that we know of, but we don't want to miss any because of a miscommunication. Please, if you gave money to honor someone, will you confirm who that person is and, if possible, supply us with a good picture? We intend to start putting up plaques in their honor, and we would like a picture for each plaque.

We don't want to miss anyone who gave and wanted to honor a loved one. With the move from Tempe, we fear we could have lost track of a donor's intent at some point.

We still have numerous rooms available for honoring a loved one by a commemorative gift, and we still have building needs. If you would like to give a gift to honor one who has impacted your life, please contact the church office or one of the pastors.

**Service Opportunities**

**College Complex Volunteer Project: Drywall**

International Baptist College invites volunteers to help with drywall taping and mudding in the College Complex on Saturday, July 31, starting at 6:30 a.m. If you have dry wall tools for taping, please bring them. If you prefer to help during the week (any time between 6:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.), please contact Jess Chamberlain at 480-222-4771.

**TCA Seeks Sports Volunteers**

Tri-City Christian Academy is looking for volunteers to help with coaching, assisting, scoring, and bookkeeping for the fall and spring sports seasons. Team try-outs begin August 9, so if you are interested, please contact Coach Paul Brown at 480-245-7986.

The Next Three Weeks at TBC

Date	Event	Time	Location
Today	Re:vive Fellowship Night	TBA	TBA
	Video: Amazing Grace (Part 2)	6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
	Youth SNAC	7:30-9:00 p.m.	TBA
July 26-30	IBC Band Camp (see www.ibconline.edu for more info)		
Friday, July 30	IBC Band Camp Concert	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Saturday, July 31	College Complex: Drywall	6:30 a.m.	College Complex
Sunday, August 1	Evening Service: Pastor Maxwell	6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Friday, August 6	Youth Phoenix 500	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Meet at church
Saturday, Aug. 7	Re:vive Water Skiing - See Pastor James Yuen for details		
	TCA Cheer Camp	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Gym
Sunday, August 8	Re:vive Doulos Meeting	12:15 p.m.	251

Future Events

- Summer Enrichment Ends.....August 13
- Work Day .....August 14
- Vacation Bible School Ends ...August 15
- Fall Semester Begins (TCA)....August 18
- Fall Semester Begins (IBC).....August 25
- Awana Begins.....August 29
- Missions Conference..... Sept. 19-22
- IBC Fall Seminar.....October 5-7
- Men's Retreat .....October 22-23
- Ladies' Conference .....October 30
- Family Fun Night .....October 30
- IBC Youth Conference..... November 4-5

**Dear Friends,**

We have been looking for a chance to reach out to our neighbors. A few weeks ago a rain storm knocked out our power and Paul found that our neighbor, who lives on the same property, had 6-8in of water in his basement, covering some expensive electronics. Paul spent the next few hours helping them bucket the water out, and April brought out some goodies she had baked. It was a great opportunity to get to know them and to be a testimony. Please pray for them; their names are Nicu and Olivia.

Paul had a great opportunity to share the gospel with five male international students who are attending the university here in Cluj. He was invited to the group by someone who has been trying to do a Bible study with them. They are from several different religious backgrounds, but the Lord gave great liberty for him to share the gospel message with them. They asked a lot of questions and they spoke at length for nearly three hours. None made a decision, but he believes a couple were very close. Please pray for these five gentlemen.

The Monday after Pentecost, Paul went to his language class. They began talking about Pentecost (Rusalii in Romanian), and his Catholic student asked Paul why there was a group who called themselves Pentecostals. He explained what they believe and that led into discussing other things about the Scriptures. He was surprised about how open she was to talking with Him about her spiritual condition. She told him that she doubted that she would go to heaven if she died, and that she wanted to talk more about it at a later time. He has been working with her in translating some sermons relating to salvation. So he is getting to preach to her, and she is getting paid to listen.

April has been enjoying working with, and sometimes teaching, the international ladies Bible Study group here. One of the ladies who attends it has a very troubled marriage and two boys that spiral out of control easily. She asked advice from April. Please pray that the Lord will give her wisdom in working with Pania.

The end of June we are taking a short road trip with a lady that April befriended here. She is an unbeliever and is leaving the country soon. April has been very burdened for her, and we are hoping for an opportunity to witness to her. Please pray for Elyssa. Also, if you would pray for April, she has had a bad cough for the past 8 weeks or so, and is now on her second round of antibiotics, trying to kick it.

Sienna's language ability is growing with every day. We are amazed at how much Romanian she understands. We've been concentrating on English at home, and in the month of May she learned part of Isaiah 53:6. We were thrilled.

We were greatly encouraged to have a supporting pastor come visit. He was in a city near us and we were able to pick him up and see some sights. We are thankful for each of our supporting pastors, churches, and supporting individuals. We know that economically times are tough all over. We continue to trust the Lord Who cares for us and provides for us in His providence.

Please visit our website and check out the news section. We just set up a journal there to keep you up to date.

*Paul, April, and Sienna Lawrence, Romania*