



Mobilizing everyone's God-given potential to deeply love Christ and their neighbors.

WELCOME TO **valley**

MAY 4 & 5

We are so glad you could celebrate with us today. If you are a newcomer, please visit Guest Services. We'd love to meet you and give you a gift. Brandon Early brings the message today.

10-Minute Party (TODAY After Each Worship Gathering)

New to Valley? Visit the Welcome Center to enjoy refreshments and get connected!

NEXT 101 (THIS SUNDAY from 11 am-2 pm)

Want to discover how to get more involved at Valley Church? Become a member? NEXT is a four-week course to learn about our vision and values and find your purpose and place at Valley Church. Join us **this Sunday!** Lunch and childcare are provided. Remaining sessions will be on May 12, 19, and 26 from 11 am-Noon. Learn more at valley-church.com/next.

Valley KIDS Facebook Group

Find us on Facebook to stay up-to-date with Valley Children's Ministry news. It's also a place to talk with other parents and be able to learn and grow together.

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World

Please pick up a booklet at the Global Display to join with others in passionately praying that God would meet with Muslims during Ramadan, a time when most Muslims are deeply sensitive to spiritual matters. Join the Holy Spirit's work in seeing many Muslims understand the Good News of the love and gift of Jesus who God sent for them!

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DUMB THINGS SMART PEOPLE BELIEVE

3 DUMB THINGS SMART PEOPLE BELIEVE ABOUT SIN

What you _____ influences how you _____

1. All _____ is the _____

Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23,
Luke 20:47, 1 Corinthians 6:18

2. I am not a _____

Romans 3:10, 1 John 1:8, Romans 3:23

3. Since I've already _____

_____, I might as well keep
_____ _____.

Romans 6:1–2, 2 Corinthians 5:17

If you don't see yourself as a
_____, you will never see
your need for a _____.

God, I am smart enough to know that I do not have everything figured out, and you still love me. God, what am I misunderstanding or ignoring about the things in my life that do not honor you? Help me know what is true so I can know what to do. And help me to do...





life group guide

SHARE

1. When have you locked yourself out of your car or house? What happened?

2. What's one thing you believed as a child you now know isn't true?

STUDY

3. Reflect on Pastor Brandon's main sermon points.

4. Which of the three sin myths have you previously believed? Explain.

5. Pastor Brandon said he sometimes feels like he's living in a tornado of tolerance. When have you been in a similar situation and what was it like?

6. How have you, or someone you know, successfully resisted sin when tempted? See 1 Corinthians 10:13 & 2 Corinthians 5:17.

7. Why does sin have the greatest power when it's kept a secret?

8. How can we avoid falling for myths about sin and embrace areas where God wants us to grow? See 1 John 1:8.

9. Why should we stay away from the idea "most people are good" when building bridges with outsiders? How might this idea minimize the need of being rescued from sin?

Digging Deeper...

10. Read Proverbs 3:1-4. How might being faithful to God bring about goodwill with family, friends, and neighbors?

11. Why shouldn't we rely solely on our insights (v. 5) when making decisions?

12. Why does having reverence for God (v. 7) make it easier to resist sin and stay on the right path?

13. How do you best distinguish between earthly and godly wisdom?

14. When have you witnessed God work something out because you trusted in Him and not your own intuition?

SUPPORT

15. Share how God is personally growing your friendships with outsiders.

16. Consider seeking someone from your group who will listen and help you turn away from a specific sin.

SERVE

If you'd like more information about any of these opportunities to SERVE, send an email to serve@valley-church.com.

- Get ready for Love You Des Moines Days
- Have a neighborhood scavenger hunt
- Build a friendship by helping a neighbor in need

Take a look at upcoming opportunities for Valley Church to reach our community!

Love You Des Moines Days (June 8-16)

This summer we are excited to once again host Love You Des Moines Days! Over the course of 9 days, you'll get the opportunity to find out what's possible when we're all mobilized in fun, easy, and meaningful connection with our neighbors and community. We need you, your family, and your friends to join in as we put on over 100 community activities, plus celebrations in your own neighborhoods.

Valley Community Center Host

Connect with Valley Community Center guests, meet new friends, and serve through a variety of daily programs and services. Contact Jeremy to learn more at jeremyd@valleycommunitycenterdm.com.

Compassion Experience (May 17-20)

Ever wonder what life is really like around the world? What if you could experience it for yourself — without leaving Iowa?

The Compassion Experience will bring you as close to another country and culture as you can get without a passport. This interactive, immersive display allows you to step into the life of a child who has suffered under the crippling weight of poverty. But the journey does not end there!

Don't miss this life-changing event brought to you by Compassion International and Valley Church!

Free and appropriate for all ages. Make a reservation at valley-church.com/compassion. Walk-ins are also welcome.