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1/15/12	Finishing Well	There Are Always Alternatives	Gen 6:9 & 9:18-25 Ecc 7:1	Die young (while Noah is still considered a righteous man) Or Finish Well (before your grapes are ready for harvest) That is why we can celebrate a life at the end of their life much more confidently than during their life So how will you finish well?
1/22/12	We are God's Action in the World	Arm of the Lord	Is 59:15-21	God intervenes God prepares us to intervene God intervenes through us
2/5/12	Abundant Giving	How?	Luke 10:25-37	<p>Not to show us how much to give, but that we can never give/do enough</p> <p>How much? How little? How long?</p> <p>How can I do more? (Wesley plan to make all you can and save all you can so you can give all you can)</p> <p>When asking about blessings, we want to know how much. How much will God do for me, How much does God love me, but when asked for sacrifice, how little becomes our question. How little can I offer of my life? How little can I give of my time? My gifts? Do I tithe on my net or my gross?</p> <p>How long must I be with you?</p> <p>How long must Christ be patient with you until you understand? Matt 17: 17 "O unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me."</p>

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2/12/12	Prayer	Spiritual Breathing	1 Thes 5:12-24	<p>Regular Prayers (3,6,7 times) Good reminder to refocus on God Times Hours Grace at meals AM/PM Reactive Prayers When problems occur When someone asks for prayer Resuscitation Prayers Prayers that give you life Without ceasing No prompting Life giving</p> <p>Prayer = love??</p>
2/22/12	Spiritual Discipline	Ash Heap	Lev 4:8-12 1 Sam 2:8 Ps 113:7-8 Lam 4:5-6	<p>Lev: Sin offering, what's left, incl. the offal (is that where we get out word awful?) ends up on the Ash heap He raises the poor from this awful heap of ashes and seats them with princes (not because poor, but because they realize they are awful and need a Savior) He takes the princes and puts them in the awful ash heap (not because they are rich, but because they haven't seen a need to take part in the atonement for sin) After Lent, what is left of your life? Will it be brought back from the awful ash heap or piled on top of it?</p>

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2/26/12	Suffering	Trials: Coming	Mark 13:11 Acts 12:1-5 1 Peter 1:6-9	<p style="text-align: center;">Trials Are Coming Not if, but whenever... Servant not greater than the master</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trials Have Consequences Herod part of Jesus' death Herod part of James' death Now Herod arrests Peter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trials Have a Reason God allows them for a reason To build your faith To build the faith of the church Don't worry about what to say, but who's you are The HS will speak thru you and will embolden you God uses them for a reason To embolden His people To reach the lost God is still in control The lost need to know that The church needs to know that</p>

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3/4/12	Temptations	Trial: Temptations	James 1:12-15	<p>Types of temptations (all from your own evil desires):</p> <p>Commission: Action (considered big sins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adultery Steal Kill <p>Then there is a subgroup:</p> <p>Tongue (considered little sins...)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gossip Lie Deny (faith/Jesus) <p>Omission (Avoid/Evade)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible pages still not opened Not putting God first in life Not remembering Sabbath day miss church Work in yard/ clean laundry Not following a prompting
3/11/12	Faithful Living	Trial: Court	Matt 5:25-26 Mark 13:11 Luke 12:4-5	<p>Don't Go</p> <p>Avoid, as far as it depends on you</p> <p>Don't Worry</p> <p>Re: what to say</p> <p>Don't Cave</p> <p>Don't fear those who can destroy the body...</p>

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3/18/12	Reality of Death	Trial: Disease and Mortality	Gal 4:13-15	<p>Jesus never turned from suffering, but moved forward to embrace it, even when it mean His death, heading into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, telling the disciples he would die and even facing death itself.</p> <p>Didn't mean he didn't grieve, just not as one without hope Not all diseases will be healed on earth, some are healed by healing our spirit to bear them, others by complete healing in heaven</p> <p>Trial to us Trial to those who love us Ultimate Trial</p>
3/25/12	Discipleship of Victory	Trial: Victory	2 Cor 8:1-8	<p>Victories might be our greatest trial if we don't handle them well Victory over trials brings us a trial of feeling self reliant, yet God promises us victory so we can learn how to live victorious lives:</p> <p>Victory Over Trials</p> <p>Victory Breads Generosity</p> <p>Victory Prioritizes 1st Lord 2nd Us (the church/fellow believers) 3rd Others</p>

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4/1/12	Reality of God	Trial: The Fool	Ps 53:1 John 12:12-18	<p>Fools Deny God – Psalm (in heart)</p> <p>Fools Deny Christ- (in life) Want the miracles, but not the life (I want to be rich and famous, but I don't want to be hounded by paparattzi or have to be on a perpetual diet or have to live in LA/NY or ...)</p> <p>Fools Deny Truth – Palm Sun (in hopes/dreams/plans) Jesus Death = truth Jesus Rule = hopes and dreams</p>
4/15/12	Being Jesus in the World	And Then...	John 14:12-18	<p>Jesus in Flesh → in the church</p> <p>Jesus in one place → everywhere</p> <p>Jesus of miracles → greater things (more important?/ more impressive?)</p> <p>Jesus speaking to some → Spirit prompting (my sheep know my voice)</p> <p>Possible supporting passage: Heb 9: 11 When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation.</p>

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5/6/12	Prayer and Communion	Eyes Wide Open	2 Kings 6:14-23	<p>Open your eyes, are they open, really?</p> <p>Open eyes to see God's Provision Like Jesus' gift of grace</p> <p>Open eyes to see Your Peril Like the penalty for even your righteousness being as filthy rags</p> <p>Open Eyes to see God's Plan Like following Jesus, not just adoring Him</p>
5/13/12	Modeling Godly Living	Mother May I?	Judges 4:4-24	<p>Leader</p> <p>Empowerer (encourages independence)</p> <p>Modeler (participant) (not just do as I say, but as I live)</p>
5/20/12	Spiritual Reality	Blessings and Curses	Num 22:2-34	<p>Are curses real?</p> <p>Are blessings real?</p> <p>Are our limits real?</p>

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5/27/12	Heritage Atonement Discipleship	Remember	Exodus 32:30-35	<p>Remember those who died for your freedom Greater Love than to offer own life</p> <p>Remember the One who died for Abundant Life Only Jesus can atone for our sin</p> <p>Remember you are called to die to self daily and offer your life for those who have sinned greatly You are a priest of God, a priest of the ungodly</p> <p>Pentacost is about the power being given to you to do that. Red is a symbol of that power... the fire comes from heaven to empower you to be their Moses</p>
6/3/12	Trinity	Three Faces of God	Gen 1:26 1 Peter 1:14-16 John 16:7-15	<p>Father – the face of the Creator The Judge, the Decision Maker</p> <p>We are in His image, but we rule over the creatures, not over each other</p> <p>Jesus – the face of Savior, The Grace-giver, the Friend, the Brother He is our brother, but the older brother, we don't get to make Him after our image, but we are to conform to His image Possible backup passage John 10: 30 I and the Father are one."</p> <p>Spirit – the face of the Counselor, the Empowerer, the Comforter, the Wisdom</p>
6/10/12	Heritage	Pass It On	2 Chron 7:11-22	<p>Heritage Received From our fathers/mothers</p> <p>Heritage Agreed Available to us</p> <p>Heritage Not Guaranteed Dependent on us</p>

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6/24/12	Obedience	March On	Josh 5:13-6:20	<p data-bbox="1041 237 1906 302">Do the silly thing (march around the wall) When you don't see the point, march on</p> <p data-bbox="1041 342 1906 407">Do the stupid thing (shout and go to war against an armed city) When you think it's stupid, march on</p> <p data-bbox="1041 448 1906 513">Do the smart thing (devote your victories to the Lord; don't take credit or plunder for yourself) When you are tempted to take the lead, march on</p>