

“Godless”

The other day I saw an article discussing the status of our world. It examined the rise in crime rates, the increase in human rights violations, the multiple humanitarian crises around the globe, the growing acts of indiscriminate violence, and the overall selfishness that pervades our thinking. The author’s primary conclusion was this:

We, as Christians, need to admit to ourselves that we are living in not only a post-Christian society (a time where Christian views and values are no longer in the majority and no longer guide our culture) but in a truly godless society.

I **don’t agree** with this, but I was intrigued by the idea.

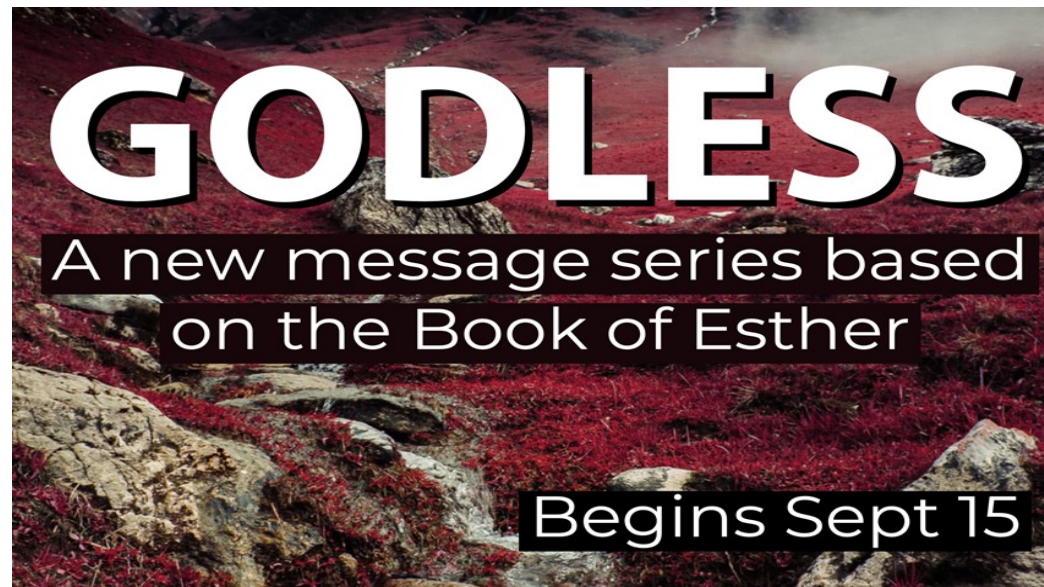
This coming Sunday we are going to take a look at a Biblical story of a “Godless” society. For the next several weeks we will focus our discussion on the Book of Esther – the only book in the Bible that does not mention God by name.

The Book of Esther is a beautiful story found in the Old Testament. It is located at the end of what I call the first half of the Old Testament – the books prior to the Book of Psalms. It is placed between Nehemiah’s prophecies and the reconstruction of the Temple, and the story of Job’s faithfulness in the midst of difficult circumstances. The book of Esther is 10 chapters long and tells the story of how two Jews maintained their faithfulness to God while living in a society that renounced both their faith and ancestry. The main purpose of Esther is to explain the origin of Purim – a Jewish celebration of the day the people of God were saved through the courageous acts of Esther and her uncle, Mordecai.

I invite you join us this Sunday as we take a look at the book of Esther and discuss how God can help us to remain faithful in what, at times, can feel like a Godless society.

Blessings,

Chris



September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 Services 8 & 10:00 am	9	10 Missions Meeting 7:00	11 S/PPRC Meeting 7:30	12	13	14
15 Services 8 & 10:00 am	16	17 Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm	18 Be an Angel Yoga 6:15 Women's Small Group 7:15	19 Men's Small Group 7pm	20	21
22 Services 8 & 10:00 am	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Services 8 & 10:00 am Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 am	30					



Women's Small Group

1st & 3rd Wednesday

@7:15

Contact Sara Snyder at sstephen-son.snyder@gmail.com OR text to 417-343-1124 to

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Men's Small Group 1st & 3rd Thursday @ 7:00 pm

Ashley	Don McGowan
Les Case	Jerry Metcalfe
Sandy Case	Bob Necessary
Donna Casey	Don Raymond
Wade Davis	Steve Raymond
Janet Ford	Nancy Rowe
Winnie Fuerst	Larry Sparks
Harvey Geary	Cole Von Ohlen
Michael Hatfield	Dorothy Wilson
Karin (Spreitzer)	Irene Zabel

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***Join us for our Fellowship
Breakfast Sunday 29th at 9:00***

***Please bring your favorite
breakfast dish to share.***

Everyone Welcome!