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GET CONNECTED

THIS weekend @ WG Saratoga & South Hills

Whether you've been around a while or you're brand new, we hope you get the sense that community matters to us. And now's the perfect time to get connected.

- If you want to hear more about WestGate's story and interact with our lead pastor Steve Clifford...
Discover WestGate:
Sunday, Jan 24 | 1 - 4 PM | Saratoga Campus
Sunday, Feb 28 | 1 - 4 PM | South Hills Campus
- If you want to learn more about the culture and values of WestGate and get a taste of community...
Discover Six40 Life: Led by WestGate Staff
9 weeks on Thursdays starting Jan 28 | 6:45 - 8:15 PM | Saratoga Gym
- If you want to jump in and begin doing life in community...
Life Groups: Life Groups start the week of Jan 24

Go to westgatechurch.org/bettertogether to find more details and sign up. You can also visit the Get Connected tables after services this weekend at both campuses.

BEAUTIFUL DAY TEAM HUDDLE

THURS, Jan 28, 6:30 PM @ WG Saratoga

Beautiful Day is a time where we, as a church, go out and love our neighbors. We have a variety of service projects in and around the San Jose area. We'd love for you to join us! This Thursday, January 28 is our Beautiful Day huddle. Come find out about our vision for Beautiful Day, the projects we have lined up, and how you can get involved! Email info@beautifulday.org for more details.

KIDZTOWN LIVE

WEDS, Feb 3, 5:30-7 PM @ WG Saratoga (Worship Center)

You're invited to our first KidzTown LIVE of the 2016 year! It is a good time with friends and family as we take a look at Cooperation and what that looks like for your family. Free dinner and a great show all included. Those with Kindergartners through 3rd Graders are encouraged to invite friends as this is a great way to meet other families while enjoying the show! You don't want to miss out!

RSVPs to kids@westgatechurch.org appreciated by Monday, February 1 (please include the number of children and adults who will be attending).

January 23 & 24, 2016

HEBREWS

PART 1: The Greatness of Jesus

LIFE GROUPS OF PLENTY

Why is it that we live in one of the most densely populated areas in the nation, yet it can be difficult to meet new people? Even in a church such as WestGate, it's easy to show up on a Saturday night or Sunday morning and then leave, going about our daily lives.



After attending Discover WestGate to learn what the church was all about, we tried joining a life group but due to scheduling conflicts and life events, it didn't work out. This past year we had the opportunity to attend Discover Six40 Life and we were again encouraged to join a life group. Unsure if it would be a good fit, we prayed a lot about it and decided to attend three different life groups with the hope that one would work out.

Well, here we are, still involved in all three life groups! Each group has been such a blessing in different ways. Instead of attending service and then going about our typical afternoon we run into our new friends and spend time catching up, encouraging one another and enjoying coffee or lunch together.

Now of course, we aren't suggesting you join three life groups, but we are encouraging you to connect! We pray that the Lord leads you to the group that's perfect for you!

-Carissa and Chris Smelser

WEEKLY SERVICES

Day	Event
SAT	Worship Services, 5 & 6:40 PM, Worship Center No JHM (<i>Jr. High Ministry</i>) this SAT, 1/23
SUN	Worship Services, 9:30 & 11:15 AM, Worship Center & Theater No HSM (<i>High School Ministry</i>) this SUN, 1/24
THURS	L2 (<i>College & Young Adults</i>), 7 PM, Theater

COMING UP

Find more info under "More" and "News & Events" on our website. Questions? Email staff@westgatechurch.org.

Go Trip Info Meeting - SUN, Jan 24, 9:30 AM @ WG South Hills, 1 PM @ WG Saratoga. Breakfast or Lunch provided.

Single & Parenting - starts SUN, Jan 24, 4-5:30 PM @ WG Saratoga

Kidztown Live - WEDS, Feb 3, 5:30-7 PM @ WG Saratoga

Resolving Everyday Conflict Workshop - starts TUES, Feb 9, 6:45-8:15 PM

Baptisms - SAT/SUN, Feb 20 & 21, both campuses

Discover WestGate - SUN, Feb 28, 1-4 PM @ WG South Hills

Girlfriends Getaway - March 18-20

GIVING

UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF 01/17/16

General Offering:

Received: \$82,600.53
Budgeted: \$105,000

Fiscal YTD: (09/01/15—01/17/16)

Received: \$2,447,923
Budgeted: \$2,445,000

WestGate Water: (09/01/13—01/17/16)

Weekly Recycling Total: \$560.33
Inception to Date: \$71,297.08

100% toward well #17: Filtration system in Nigeria

LOUD Compassion/Missions YTD:

01/17/16 - Current Received: \$566,003

Pledge Cards: 231

Please note: any designated missionary gifts will be applied to the LOUD fund.

Got questions about giving, OR want to set up online giving?

Visit: www.westgatechurch.org/give

Giving statements for 2015 will be mailed out by January 31.

Hebrews

Jesus is Greater

¹Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. ²And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe. ³The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.

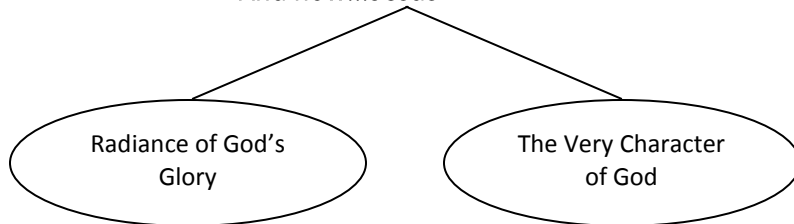
Hebrews 1:1-3 NLT

Progressive Revelation (1:1-2)

God Spoke

Many times...many ways

And now...Jesus



Colossians 2:9 - Fullness of God
 Revelation 1:17-18 - Alive forever
 Colossians 1:15-17 - Visible image of invisible God
 John 17:5 - Eternal Glory
 Hebrews 1:9 - Anointed above all, 10- Pre-existent, 12- Eternal

Sustains Everything (1:3)

Not holding up like Atlas

Carries all things forward

Cleansed Us From Our Sins

¹²With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. ¹³Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity.

¹⁴Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

^{26b} But now, once for all time, he has appeared at the end of the age to remove sin by his own death as a sacrifice.

Hebrews 9:12-14, 26b NLT

Sat Down in the Place of Honor

Honor

Authority

Work complete

Interceding (Romans 8:34)

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Week of January 24, 2016

Hebrews—Part 1

Jesus is Greater

QUESTION 1:

Welcome back to Life Group. And for first timers, welcome for the first time! Let's start with a simple question. What's been the best thing about the past couple of months?

QUESTION 2:

How do you personally define *greatness*? How do you distinguish between a *great pizza* and a *great marriage*? What are key differences in what we mean by *great* in each of those cases?

QUESTION 3:

Have one person read the first chapter of **Hebrews** out loud. Have everyone else close their eyes and listen. After the reading, spend some time discussing words, phrases, and ideas that stood out as you were listening. Also talk about what the experience of listening to the chapter read aloud was like. What sorts of thoughts and feelings did it bring up? Was anything particularly difficult about the experience?

QUESTION 4:

In **Hebrews 1:2**, the writer tells us that, *in these last days he (God) has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe*. Now, have one person open up and read **John 1:1-5 & 14** out loud. What big ideas are these two passages trying to share with us? What implications do these passage have for our everyday lives, here and now?

QUESTION 5:

As we look forward to this series in Hebrews, what do you hope to get out of it? And what will you do to set yourself up to get the most out of our time spent in this book?

*For Digging Deeper videos and content, select your desired sermon at westgatechurch.org/weekend-experience.
A link to Digging Deeper is available under each sermon video.