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THE WATERMARK

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WATER JUG RIDDLE

If you only have a 5 gallon jug and a 3 gallon jug how can you measure out exactly 4 gallons?

This is a riddle from the movie Die Hard: With a Vengeance.

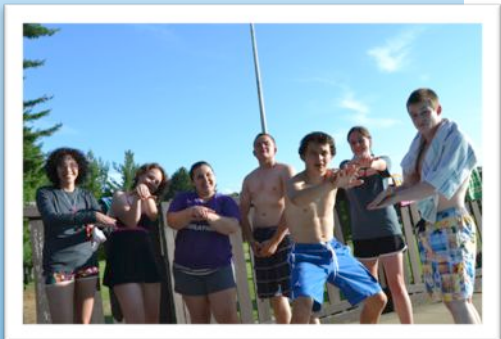
Hint: Since 3 and 5 are relatively prime (They have no common divisors) you can generate any number between 1 and 5. So this problem is not impossible.



Set Apart

This week we went over how water plays a role in the creation accounts in Genesis. Before God created light, the sky, animals, even dirt, there was water (Gen 1:2). Besides being the so-called “canvas” of all created things, it seems that water plays a very special role in creation. In fact, in chapter 1, water is consistently being separated from the other created aspects of heaven and earth. First, God separates the sky and the water, and he places water on the Earth (1:6-8). Then God separates the land from the water and places it in the ‘seas’ (1:9-10). Lastly, God separates animals and where they live, whether they live in the water or in the sky (1:20-23).

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THIS WEEK'S OUTING

PIZZA NIGHT & CAPTURE THE FLAG

Saturday evening we will have a pizza making contest with judges and everything! We will cap off the evening with a late night game of capture the flag.



Like water, Christians are created to be set apart from this world. This can be demonstrated in the way we treat the “least of these” with love and care, how we are called to care for all of creation, how we use our money, how we turn the other cheek, etc. In the Gospel of John chapter 15, Jesus best illustrates this through an example of how a branch bears fruit through a vine and Jesus refers to himself as the “true vine”. We are called to avoid getting our energy, direction, and drive from worldly things, but from the true vine, Jesus Christ, who gives us strength and wisdom to discern what is best for the Kingdom of God. Through the worldly things, we will always be left thirsting for more, but Jesus says if we drink from him, we will never thirst again (Our theme for this summer John 4:13-14).

As Christians set apart from the flesh, like water being set apart from other aspects of creation, we are called to define ourselves as “resident aliens”: a people who reside on earth, but are from a different world. This is a world that works through places like The Zone, a church, a family, or any other community in order to rebirth others (salvation through Christ) into a community of resident aliens that are set apart for the kingdom.

“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”

Philippians 3:20-21



BIG WORD OF THE WEEK

Ebullient

Definition: Zestfully enthusiastic

In a Sentence: Brian got 12 hours of sleep and woke up ebullient!