

A watercolor illustration of a forest path. The path is made of light brown and tan stones, leading from the bottom center towards the background. It is flanked by tall, slender trees with dark brown trunks and lush green foliage. The foliage is painted in various shades of green, from light lime to deep forest green. The overall style is soft and painterly. Overlaid on the upper half of the image is the title 'Growth GUIDE' in a white, elegant script font. The word 'Growth' is in a larger, more flowing script, while 'GUIDE' is in a smaller, simpler sans-serif font. Faint, thin, wavy lines in a light yellow or gold color are scattered across the background, adding a subtle texture.

Growth GUIDE

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*I am the vine; you are the branches. If you
remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;
apart from me you can do nothing.*

– John 15:5

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Introduction

Welcome to the Spring 2023 edition of the VRBC Growth Guide! The idea behind this resource is that consistently spending time with God in Scripture and prayer is one of the keys to strengthening your relationship with him.

Where Does Growth Come From?

A couple of months ago, a friend of mine dropped by the house with a bag of big, beautiful lemons. This friend has a lemon tree in his yard and had recently harvested over a hundred lemons (!), and we had the blessing of enjoying the fruits of his labor in the form of sweet homemade lemonade and tart lemon squares.

I've never been much of a gardener myself, but I am absolutely fascinated by the miracle of growth. To think that my friend could have a lemon tree in his yard and that over time *actual lemons* would appear on the branches is amazing to me.

The growth of the lemons is a miracle – nothing my friend does can force it to happen. But that doesn't mean that he doesn't have a role to play. Far from it! He waters the tree regularly, fertilizes with special citrus fertilizer, and even has a portable "house" (complete with a heater!) that he puts around the tree when it's cold outside. By doing these things, he isn't creating lemons. Instead, he's creating the conditions where lemons can grow.

Spiritual growth works the same way. It is a miracle of grace what anyone becomes more loving, or peace-filled, or patient. There is nothing that we can do to make that happen. But like my friend with his lemon tree, we can create the conditions where that kind of growth can happen naturally.

There are lots of important ways to create these types of conditions, including investing in spiritual friendship, worship, serving, and more. But over the centuries, followers of Jesus have consistently found that *regularly reading and reflecting on God's word and talking with him about it through prayer is at the very center of any spiritual growth plan.*

That's the reason we've put this guidebook together: we want to encourage and resource you to deepen your relationship with Jesus by spending time with him in Scripture and prayer. And as you "remain in Jesus as he remains in you" (John 15:5), we look forward to celebrating the fruit that results through the power of the Holy Spirit!

How to Use This Guide

Each daily entry in this guide contains an opening Call to Worship, a Scripture passage to read and meditate on, a couple of questions to think about, and an opportunity to talk with God (pray) about what you've read and heard. Here are a few thoughts to keep in mind:

- We've designed these devotions to be flexible. If a daily devotion is a new experience for you, you might want to start by setting aside ten minutes a day to go through the material and pray. Don't worry too much about the length of time – it's better to spend a few minutes each day than to spend an hour every once in a while. And as time goes by and you get more comfortable, you may even find yourself naturally wanting to spend a little longer on each devotion.
- If you miss a day, don't stress over it! Just pick up where you left off the next day. We've only given you five devotions per week, so you have a couple of extra "catch-up" days built into each week. And remember, this is meant to be a blessing, not a burden!
- Many people find that picking a specific time and place to have their devotion each day helps them stay consistent. Remember – there's no "perfect" way to do this. Just find the time and place that works best for you where you can spend a few quiet, uninterrupted moments by yourself.
- Each day, you might want to follow a basic order like this:
 - o Take a moment to sit quietly, recognizing that God is with you and loves you completely.
 - o Begin by saying a short prayer. Share anything you need or want to say to God, welcome his Spirit into this moment, and ask him to speak to you through his Word.
 - o Go through the Scripture reading for the day. Make sure to take your time and read slowly. You might want to read the passage several times. As you read, ask yourself: What do I notice about the passage? How might God be speaking to me today through these words?
 - o Spend a few moments reflecting on and answering the questions listed. Many people find it helpful to jot down a few of their thoughts about the questions in the space provided. Taking a few notes has a way of helping us clarify what we're thinking, and it will also help you remember your experience better so you can share it with others.

- o Close by spending a few moments in prayer, submitting yourself to God and asking him to make you more like Jesus. If you like, you can write out some or all of your prayer in the space provided.

A Few Details

The Scripture readings included in this guide have been intentionally selected to complement the topics we'll be covering in the Sunday sermons and our Grow Group sessions. Most weeks, the Friday reading comes from the passage we're currently planning to use for that weekend's sermon (of course, the sermon texts are all tentative and could change between now and then). The majority of the other readings come from books of the Bible that have some connection with what we're studying.

During the first four weeks, we'll be going through a sermon series covering the *"One Anothers"* of Scripture. In the Sunday sermons and the daily readings, we'll be focusing on how followers of Jesus are to treat one another.

Over the next seven weeks, during the season of Lent, we'll be reading through a significant portion of the gospel of John. Lent is a time where Christians traditionally focus on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. These readings will help us do that as well as supporting the *"This Is My Story"* sermon series, also from the gospel of John, that we'll be going through during that timeframe.

Our next sermon series will come from Revelation 2-3, and our daily readings will come from the first part of the book of Revelation, as well as some corollary passages that support the themes of the sermons. We'll finish the spring with selected readings from the Psalms and the first two chapters of Acts.

As you look through the readings, you'll notice that some days we give you a passage of 10 or 15 verses to read, but then we specify a few verses to focus on. On these days, we're including the longer reading to give you context, but encouraging you to focus specifically on the few verses that the questions will be based on. We suggest that you read the entire passage once and then read the verses to focus on several times. Note that the longer reading may be the same for several days in a row, while the verses to focus on will change each day. This gives you several days to soak in a longer passage, concentrating on a bit at a time each day.

A Final Word

I'd love to invite you to keep one thing in mind as you go through this book. You aren't doing this to earn brownie points with God or to impress your friends! God already loves you fully and completely. Spending time with him in Scripture and prayer doesn't make him love you any more, and missing a day won't make him love you any less. That isn't the point!

The point is that because God loves you, he wants to spend time with you. And because a dynamic, transformative relationship with Jesus is the best possible thing for us, investing in that relationship is an opportunity, not an obligation.

So please, don't view this resource as a guilt trip, a duty, or a way to "be a good person." View it instead as an invitation to experience the beauty, joy, and transforming power of spending time with our loving and gracious King.

May God bless you as you "abide in the vine"!



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WEEK 1



MONDAY
JANUARY 23

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

PSALM 119:18



SCRIPTURE READING:
ROMANS 12:1-21

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
1-2

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Why do you think Paul thought it was important to add "in view of God's mercy" before telling the Romans to sacrifice their lives for God? How might a greater understanding of God's mercy lead to the "renewing of your mind"?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Spend a few moments reflecting on God's mercy in your life and thank him for it.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. ROMANS 15:13

TUESDAY
JANUARY 24

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

PSALM 119:18



SCRIPTURE READING:
ROMANS 12:1-21

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
3-8

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What are the implications of Paul's description of all Christians as members of the same body that belong to each other? How might this impact the way you treat other believers?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray for a stronger connection between the people of our church.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. **ROMANS 15:13**

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 25

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

PSALM 119:18



SCRIPTURE READING:
ROMANS 12:1-21

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
9-13

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What are some specific ways you can "honor one another above yourselves" this week?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray for a heart that naturally puts others first.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. **ROMANS 15:13**

THURSDAY
JANUARY 26

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

PSALM 119:18



SCRIPTURE READING:
ROMANS 12:1-21

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
14-21

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Our natural response when others hurt us is to "repay evil for evil," but Paul encourages us to humbly do the opposite! Who is someone in your life with whom you can put this into practice this week?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray for the person you identified in the previous question and ask God to help you treat them with love.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. **ROMANS 15:13**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

PSALM 119:18



SCRIPTURE READING:
HEBREWS 10:19-25

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What are some specific ways you can live out the command to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds" this week?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray especially for the people in your Grow Group, that God would use you to encourage each other in your faith.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. **ROMANS 15:13**



WEEK 2



MONDAY
JANUARY 30

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

PSALM 126:3



SCRIPTURE READING:
ROMANS 15:5-7

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- How does the fact that "Christ accepted you" empower you to accept others? What would it look like to extend acceptance to the people in your life who don't deserve it?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would give the members of VRBC "one mind and one voice."

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS BE WITH GOD'S PEOPLE.

REVELATION 22:21

TUESDAY
JANUARY 31

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

PSALM 126:3



SCRIPTURE READING:

EPHESIANS 4:29-32

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Think about the way you've spoken to others this week. Is there an area where you need to repent? How might you use your words to "build others up according to their needs"?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would make you sensitive to the unique needs of others so that you can build them up in the way that fits their personality and situation.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS BE WITH GOD'S PEOPLE.

REVELATION 22:21

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

PSALM 126:3



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 17:20-23

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Jesus roots the disciples' unity in his own unity with the Father and his presence in his disciples. How does this differ from the world's typical foundation for unity?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that the members of VRBC would find their unity in Christ alone.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS BE WITH GOD'S PEOPLE.

REVELATION 22:21

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 2

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

PSALM 126:3



SCRIPTURE READING:

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-7

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Who in your life needs comfort right now? How can you extend to them the comfort you have received from Christ?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray for the people you wrote down in the previous question.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS BE WITH GOD'S PEOPLE.

REVELATION 22:21

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

PSALM 126:3



SCRIPTURE READING:
1 PETER 4:7-11

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What are some of the specific gifts God has given you? How can you use them to serve others?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that the Spirit would open your eyes to ways you can use your spiritual gifts to bless others this week.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS BE WITH GOD'S PEOPLE.

REVELATION 22:21



WEEK 3



MONDAY
FEBRUARY 6

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.

ISAIAH 6:3



SCRIPTURE READING:

1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-15

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:

12

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Who are some of the people in your life who "care for you in the Lord"? How can you acknowledge and bless them this week?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would sustain and strengthen all those who serve in leadership positions in our church.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

I HAVE LOVED YOU WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE; I HAVE DRAWN YOU
WITH UNFAILING KINDNESS. JEREMIAH 31:3

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 7

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.

ISAIAH 6:3



SCRIPTURE READING:

1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-15

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:

13

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Do you think it's actually possible for people to "live at peace with each other," even when we disagree? What would this look like?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that the Spirit would guard the unity of our church.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

I HAVE LOVED YOU WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE; I HAVE DRAWN YOU WITH UNFAILING KINDNESS. JEREMIAH 31:3

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 8

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.

ISAIAH 6:3



SCRIPTURE READING:

1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-15

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:

14

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Today's verse lists four groups of people in our lives and how we should treat them. Which group is most on your heart today, and how might the Spirit be calling you to love and serve them?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would give you a specific opportunity to do what you talked about in the previous question.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

I HAVE LOVED YOU WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE; I HAVE DRAWN YOU
WITH UNFAILING KINDNESS. JEREMIAH 31:3

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 9

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.

ISAIAH 6:3



SCRIPTURE READING:

1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-15

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:

15

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- The word "strive" implies that doing what is good for each other will take effort! How is your current motivation to work for the good of others in your life? What might increase this motivation?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that the Spirit would fill your heart with true love for others so that you naturally want to work for their good.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

I HAVE LOVED YOU WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE; I HAVE DRAWN YOU WITH UNFAILING KINDNESS. JEREMIAH 31:3

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.

ISAIAH 6:3



SCRIPTURE READING:
JAMES 5:13-20

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Many people view their relationship with God as a private matter, but James seems to say that we play a crucial role in each other's spiritual lives through prayer. What might it look like for you to pray for others (and be prayed for by others) more regularly?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray specifically for the people in your life today.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

I HAVE LOVED YOU WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE; I HAVE DRAWN YOU
WITH UNFAILING KINDNESS. JEREMIAH 31:3



WEEK 4



MONDAY
FEBRUARY 13

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

PSALM 145:18



SCRIPTURE READING:
COLOSSIANS 3:1-17

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
1-4

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What do you think Paul means in verse 4 when he says that Christ "is your life"? How could seeing Christ as the very core of your identity change your thoughts? Your actions?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? You might want to use today's passage as a guide for your prayer time.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MAY YOUR UNFAILING LOVE BE WITH US, LORD, EVEN AS WE PUT OUR
HOPE IN YOU. PSALM 33:22

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 14

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

PSALM 145:18



SCRIPTURE READING:
COLOSSIANS 3:1-17

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
5-10

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- How does the fact that we are "being renewed" in God's image help us to obey Paul's commands to put to death the things that belong to our earthly nature?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Consider praying through the listing of sinful habits in today's passage and asking God to set you free from each of them.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MAY YOUR UNFAILING LOVE BE WITH US, LORD, EVEN AS WE PUT OUR HOPE IN YOU. PSALM 33:22

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 15

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

PSALM 145:18



SCRIPTURE READING:
COLOSSIANS 3:1-17

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
11

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Do you think Paul is saying that we lose our individuality in Christ? If not, what is his main point?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that VRBC would experience more unity within diversity as we "passionately follow Jesus together."

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MAY YOUR UNFAILING LOVE BE WITH US, LORD, EVEN AS WE PUT OUR
HOPE IN YOU. **PSALM 33:22**

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 16

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

PSALM 145:18



SCRIPTURE READING:
COLOSSIANS 3:1-17

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
12-14

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- In which of the areas listed in these verses would you most like to see the Spirit transform you?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would help you "put on love" this week.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MAY YOUR UNFAILING LOVE BE WITH US, LORD, EVEN AS WE PUT OUR HOPE IN YOU. PSALM 33:22

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

PSALM 145:18



SCRIPTURE READING:
COLOSSIANS 3:1-17

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
15-17

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- With what kind of message are we to "teach and admonish" each other? How might this differ from admonishing each other with our own opinions?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would fill you with gratitude this week.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MAY YOUR UNFAILING LOVE BE WITH US, LORD, EVEN AS WE PUT OUR
HOPE IN YOU. **PSALM 33:22**



WEEK 5



CALL TO WORSHIP:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

PSALM 136:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 1:1-18

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is full of both grace and truth (v14)? When it comes to your relationships with others, is it easier for you to be full of grace or full of truth?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would make you more like Jesus in the way you relate to others.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU; THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE ON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU; THE LORD TURN HIS FACE TOWARD YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE. **NUMBERS 6:24-26**

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 21

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

PSALM 136:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 1:19-28

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What might it look like for you to "make straight the way for the Lord" in the various parts of your life? (Thoughts, calendar, priorities, relationships, etc.)
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that the Spirit would help you remove everything that might keep God from working in your life.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU; THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE ON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU; THE LORD TURN HIS FACE TOWARD YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE. **NUMBERS 6:24-26**

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 22

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

PSALM 136:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 1:29-34

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- John the Baptist said that Jesus would "baptize with the Holy Spirit." What are some of the blessings you have experienced from having the Holy Spirit in your life?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that you would be more aware of the Spirit's presence with you and in you this week.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU; THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE ON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU; THE LORD TURN HIS FACE TOWARD YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE. **NUMBERS 6:24-26**

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 23

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

PSALM 136:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 1:35-42

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- When Jesus met Simon, he gave him a new name (Peter) and a new identity. What are some of the things that have changed for you since meeting Jesus?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Thank God for the ways he is "making all things new" in your life.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU; THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE ON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU; THE LORD TURN HIS FACE TOWARD YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE. **NUMBERS 6:24-26**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

PSALM 136:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 1:43-51

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Nathanael thought that "nothing good" could come from Nazareth. In what areas of your life could you be more open to the possibility that God could do something miraculous by his grace?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Ask God to open your eyes to the possibility that he is "able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." (Eph 3:20)

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU; THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE ON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU; THE LORD TURN HIS FACE TOWARD YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE. **NUMBERS 6:24-26**



WEEK 6



MONDAY
FEBRUARY 27

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters.

ISAIAH 55:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 2:1-11

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Verse 12 says that through this miracle, Jesus "revealed his glory" and the disciples believed in him. What are some of the ways that Jesus has revealed his glory to you over the years?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Thank the Holy Spirit for all the ways he has been revealing Jesus to you in recent days.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

WAIT FOR THE LORD; BE STRONG AND TAKE HEART AND WAIT FOR THE
LORD. PSALM 27:14

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 28

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters.

ISAIAH 55:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 2:12-25

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Why do you think Jesus referred to himself as a "temple" in verse 19 when he predicted his death and resurrection? What connection might there be between this statement and his criticism of how the people were treating the Temple?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Thank Jesus that he is the "new Temple" where we can meet with God.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

WAIT FOR THE LORD; BE STRONG AND TAKE HEART AND WAIT FOR THE LORD. PSALM 27:14

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters.

ISAIAH 55:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 3:1-15

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
1-4

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- When Nicodemus hears Jesus talking about being "born again," he is incredulous. Why do you think Jesus uses this image instead of something less extreme?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Praise God for the brand-new life you have in Christ.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

WAIT FOR THE LORD; BE STRONG AND TAKE HEART AND WAIT FOR THE
LORD. PSALM 27:14

THURSDAY
MARCH 2

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters.

ISAIAH 55:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 3:1-15

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
5-9

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What do you think Jesus means by saying "born of the Spirit"? In verse 6, where does he say this new birth comes from?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Thank the Holy Spirit for giving you this new birth and invite him to have his way in every area of your life.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

WAIT FOR THE LORD; BE STRONG AND TAKE HEART AND WAIT FOR THE LORD. PSALM 27:14

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters.

ISAIAH 55:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 3:1-15

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
10-15

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What is the significance of Jesus' reference to Moses lifting up a snake in the wilderness? (Check out Numbers 21.) How does Jesus being "lifted up" on the cross connect with this story?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Thank Jesus for the healing that comes when we look to him.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

WAIT FOR THE LORD; BE STRONG AND TAKE HEART AND WAIT FOR THE
LORD. PSALM 27:14



WEEK 7



CALL TO WORSHIP:

Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.

DANIEL 2:20



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 3:16-21

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- John 3:16 is possibly the most famous verses in the Bible. Because of its familiarity, it's easy to skim through it without thinking deeply about it. Spend a few minutes reflecting on the truths of this verse and write down whatever the Spirit brings to mind.
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that the Lord would help you "come into the light" this week.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

WORTHY IS THE LAMB, WHO WAS SLAIN, TO RECEIVE POWER AND WEALTH AND WISDOM AND STRENGTH AND HONOR AND GLORY AND PRAISE!" REVELATION 5:12

TUESDAY
MARCH 7

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.

DANIEL 2:20

SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 3:22-36

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Why is it so hard to live the way that John the Baptist describes in verse 30? What would it look like practically speaking if you were to increasingly live this way?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray for a clearer picture of who Jesus is and for the humility that comes with that deeper understanding.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

WORTHY IS THE LAMB, WHO WAS SLAIN, TO RECEIVE POWER AND WEALTH AND WISDOM AND STRENGTH AND HONOR AND GLORY AND PRAISE!" REVELATION 5:12

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.

DANIEL 2:20



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 4:1-42

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
1-26

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What might Jesus mean in verse 14 when he says that the person who drinks the water he gives will never thirst again? In what ways is Jesus "quenching your thirst"?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Ask God to help you see that all you truly need is found in Jesus.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

WORTHY IS THE LAMB, WHO WAS SLAIN, TO RECEIVE POWER AND WEALTH AND WISDOM AND STRENGTH AND HONOR AND GLORY AND PRAISE!" REVELATION 5:12

THURSDAY
MARCH 9

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.

DANIEL 2:20



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 4:1-42

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
27-38

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What is the woman's first instinct after she meets Jesus? What do you think her motivation is for sharing her story?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God will fill you with a desire to tell others about your experience of Jesus.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

WORTHY IS THE LAMB, WHO WAS SLAIN, TO RECEIVE POWER AND WEALTH AND WISDOM AND STRENGTH AND HONOR AND GLORY AND PRAISE!" REVELATION 5:12

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.

DANIEL 2:20



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 4:1-42

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
39-42

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What kind of change has taken place for the Samaritans in verse 42? What would need to happen for you to increasingly "hear from Jesus for yourself" rather than only relying on the testimony of others?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray today that God would help you experience more of Jesus' transforming power for yourself.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

WORTHY IS THE LAMB, WHO WAS SLAIN, TO RECEIVE POWER AND WEALTH AND WISDOM AND STRENGTH AND HONOR AND GLORY AND PRAISE!" REVELATION 5:12



WEEK 8



CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.

NAHUM 1:7



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 5:1-15

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What kind of mental shift does verse 11 reveal has taken place in the life of the healed man? Why would he be willing to break the ceremonial Sabbath laws?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would help you trust the words of Jesus more than your own traditions.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MERCY, PEACE AND LOVE BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE. JUDE 2

TUESDAY
MARCH 14

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.

NAHUM 1:7



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 6:1-15

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Why do you think Jesus involved the disciples in this miracle instead of just performing it by himself? How has watching Jesus meet your needs and the needs of others strengthened your faith?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would use you to serve and encourage others through his power this week.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MERCY, PEACE AND LOVE BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE. JUDE 2

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.

NAHUM 1:7



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 6:25-35

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What does Jesus say in verse 29 is the "work" that God requires? What are some of the things that might be included in "believing" the one God sent?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would give you a greater hunger for Jesus, the bread of life.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MERCY, PEACE AND LOVE BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE. JUDE 2

THURSDAY
MARCH 16

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.

NAHUM 1:7



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 8:1-11

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What two things does Jesus say to the woman in verse 11? Do you think the order is important? If so, why?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that in your relationships, you would reflect the character of Jesus, leading with forgiveness.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MERCY, PEACE AND LOVE BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE. JUDE 2

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.

NAHUM 1:7



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 4:46-54

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Reflect on the faith demonstrated by this man in verse 50. In what areas of your life do you need to "take Jesus at his word"?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would give you more faith in Christ and his word.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MERCY, PEACE AND LOVE BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE. JUDE 2



WEEK 9



CALL TO WORSHIP:

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. PSALM 100:1-2



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 9:1-41

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
1-5

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What kind of worldview does the disciples' question in verse 2 reveal? What did this worldview mean they must have thought about themselves since they weren't blind?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Thank God that his grace is available to all sinners, including you!

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

GRACE TO ALL WHO LOVE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WITH AN UNDYING LOVE. EPHESIANS 6:24

TUESDAY
MARCH 21

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. PSALM 100:1-2



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 9:1-41

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
6-12

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Why might the man's neighbors have had a hard time believing that he has been healed (v8)? In what ways do you sometimes put mental limits on what God might do?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would expand your vision of how he might choose to work for his glory.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

GRACE TO ALL WHO LOVE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WITH AN UNDYING LOVE. EPHESIANS 6:24

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 22

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. PSALM 100:1-2



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 9:1-41

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
13-16

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- How do the Pharisees "miss the forest for the trees" in the first part of verse 16? What might be causing them to miss the point of the miracle?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would help you keep your eyes fixed on what is most important.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

GRACE TO ALL WHO LOVE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WITH AN UNDYING LOVE. EPHESIANS 6:24

THURSDAY
MARCH 23

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. PSALM 100:1-2



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 9:1-41

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
17-23

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Why does John say that the man's parents refuse to answer the Pharisees' questions? How has fear kept you from sharing your experience with Jesus?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Ask God for help in overcoming your fear of sharing the good news of Jesus with others.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

GRACE TO ALL WHO LOVE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WITH AN UNDYING LOVE. EPHESIANS 6:24

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. PSALM 100:1-2



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 9:1-41

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
24-41

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- How has Jesus opened your eyes to see things in a new way?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that Jesus will heal you of your spiritual blindness and help you see your desperate need for him and his grace.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

GRACE TO ALL WHO LOVE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WITH AN UNDYING LOVE. EPHESIANS 6:24



WEEK 10



CALL TO WORSHIP:

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

PSALM 24:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 10:1-18

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
1-5

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What do you think Jesus means when he says that the sheep follow the shepherd because they "know his voice"? (And run from a stranger because they don't recognize his voice?)
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Ask God to help you become so familiar with Jesus' voice that you always recognize when he's speaking and willingly follow where he leads.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MAY THE TENDER MERCY OF OUR GOD, BY WHICH THE RISING SUN WILL COME TO US FROM HEAVEN, SHINE ON THOSE LIVING IN DARKNESS AND GUIDE OUR FEET INTO THE PATH OF PEACE. LUKE 1:78-79

TUESDAY
MARCH 28

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

PSALM 24:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 10:1-18

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
6-10

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- How has Jesus helped you live a more full and abundant life? In what areas would you like to experience more of this kind of life?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would protect you from "the thief" and fill you with the full and abundant life of Christ.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MAY THE TENDER MERCY OF OUR GOD, BY WHICH THE RISING SUN WILL COME TO US FROM HEAVEN, SHINE ON THOSE LIVING IN DARKNESS AND GUIDE OUR FEET INTO THE PATH OF PEACE. LUKE 1:78-79

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

PSALM 24:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 10:1-18

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
11-18

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What does Jesus say makes him the good shepherd? How does this contrast with our world's view of greatness?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would transform you through the renewing of your mind and that you would begin to see love and sacrifice as the true markers of greatness.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MAY THE TENDER MERCY OF OUR GOD, BY WHICH THE RISING SUN WILL COME TO US FROM HEAVEN, SHINE ON THOSE LIVING IN DARKNESS AND GUIDE OUR FEET INTO THE PATH OF PEACE. LUKE 1:78-79

THURSDAY
MARCH 30

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

PSALM 24:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 12:1-11

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What are some of the ways you can follow Mary's example and worship Jesus extravagantly during this season of Lent?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Praise Jesus for his beauty, love, and glory.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MAY THE TENDER MERCY OF OUR GOD, BY WHICH THE RISING SUN WILL COME TO US FROM HEAVEN, SHINE ON THOSE LIVING IN DARKNESS AND GUIDE OUR FEET INTO THE PATH OF PEACE. LUKE 1:78-79

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

PSALM 24:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 12:12-16

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- How do you think Jesus' death and resurrection helped the disciples understand the meaning of Jesus' Triumphal Entry? (See v16.)
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Acknowledge Jesus not just as THE king, but as YOUR king.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

MAY THE TENDER MERCY OF OUR GOD, BY WHICH THE RISING SUN WILL COME TO US FROM HEAVEN, SHINE ON THOSE LIVING IN DARKNESS AND GUIDE OUR FEET INTO THE PATH OF PEACE. LUKE 1:78-79



WEEK 11



CALL TO WORSHIP:

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

PSALM 130:5



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 13:1-17

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- In verse 14, Jesus specifically tells the disciples (and us!) that we should follow his example of humble service. In what area(s) of your life is the Spirit calling you into this kind of serving relationship?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would transform you to the point where you naturally serve others like Jesus did.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN ALL WE ASK OR IMAGINE, ACCORDING TO HIS POWER THAT IS AT WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS, FOR EVER AND EVER! AMEN.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21

TUESDAY
APRIL 4

CALL TO WORSHIP:

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

PSALM 130:5



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 14:1-14

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- How do verses 1-3 give you hope today? How should knowing that we have a glorious future impact our present decisions?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Thank God for the blessed hope we have in Christ.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN ALL WE ASK OR IMAGINE, ACCORDING TO HIS POWER THAT IS AT WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS, FOR EVER AND EVER! AMEN. **EPHESIANS 3:20-21**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

PSALM 130:5



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 15:1-17

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Read verses 4-5 again. How are you doing recently with "remaining in the vine"? How could you intentionally stay more closely connected to Christ this week?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would fill your life with the fruit of the Spirit.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN ALL WE ASK OR IMAGINE, ACCORDING TO HIS POWER THAT IS AT WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS, FOR EVER AND EVER! AMEN.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21

THURSDAY
APRIL 6

CALL TO WORSHIP:

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

PSALM 130:5



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 18:1-40

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Reflect for a few moments on the events described in today's reading. What do you feel as you think about this scene?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Today could be a good day to spend time confessing your sins to God.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN ALL WE ASK OR IMAGINE, ACCORDING TO HIS POWER THAT IS AT WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS, FOR EVER AND EVER! AMEN. **EPHESIANS 3:20-21**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

PSALM 130:5



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOHN 19:1-42

NOTE: BEFORE SUNDAY WORSHIP, READ
JOHN 20:11-18

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Read John 19:5-6 again. In what specific areas would you like to see this righteous King (the Lord Jesus!) reigning more fully in our nation? In your family? In your heart?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Thank Jesus for the glorious love that led him to this shameful death on the cross.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN ALL WE ASK OR IMAGINE, ACCORDING TO HIS POWER THAT IS AT WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS, FOR EVER AND EVER! AMEN.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21



WEEK 12



CALL TO WORSHIP:

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. PSALM 63:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
REVELATION 1:1-8

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
1-4

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Given that he's writing to Christians experiencing persecution, why might John think it's important to remind them that God is the one "who is, and who was, and who is to come"? How does the fact that God is eternal encourage you today?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Praise God as the one "who is, and who was, and who is to come."

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR GOD, WHO SAID, 'LET LIGHT SHINE OUT OF DARKNESS,' MADE HIS LIGHT SHINE IN OUR HEARTS TO GIVE US THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S GLORY DISPLAYED IN THE FACE OF CHRIST. 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6

TUESDAY
APRIL 11

CALL TO WORSHIP:

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. PSALM 63:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
REVELATION 1:1-8

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
5-8

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Which part of Jesus' work described in verses 5-6 is the most meaningful to you today? Why?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Thank God that one day, Jesus will return as King.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR GOD, WHO SAID, 'LET LIGHT SHINE OUT OF DARKNESS,' MADE HIS LIGHT SHINE IN OUR HEARTS TO GIVE US THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S GLORY DISPLAYED IN THE FACE OF CHRIST. 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6

CALL TO WORSHIP:

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. PSALM 63:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
REVELATION 1:9-20

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
9-16

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- In what areas of your life are you currently suffering? How does John's description of Jesus in this passage encourage you?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that the Spirit would fill you with "the patient endurance that is ours in Jesus."

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR GOD, WHO SAID, 'LET LIGHT SHINE OUT OF DARKNESS,' MADE HIS LIGHT SHINE IN OUR HEARTS TO GIVE US THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S GLORY DISPLAYED IN THE FACE OF CHRIST. 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6

THURSDAY
APRIL 13

CALL TO WORSHIP:

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. PSALM 63:1

SCRIPTURE READING:
REVELATION 1:9-20VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
17-20

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- "Do not be afraid" is one of the most frequent commands in Scripture. What are some of the things that most often make you fearful? What would it look like to trust God more fully in those areas?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would empower you to choose not to live in fear.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR GOD, WHO SAID, 'LET LIGHT SHINE OUT OF DARKNESS,' MADE HIS LIGHT SHINE IN OUR HEARTS TO GIVE US THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S GLORY DISPLAYED IN THE FACE OF CHRIST. 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6

CALL TO WORSHIP:

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. PSALM 63:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
REVELATION 2:1-7

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- John says the church at Ephesus has "lost their first love." What kinds of things could cause a follower of Jesus to experience this?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? If your "first love" feels cold at the moment, repent and ask God to fan the flame of your love for him. If it feels vibrant right now, thank God for his grace.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR GOD, WHO SAID, 'LET LIGHT SHINE OUT OF DARKNESS,' MADE HIS LIGHT SHINE IN OUR HEARTS TO GIVE US THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S GLORY DISPLAYED IN THE FACE OF CHRIST. 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6



WEEK 13



CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

PSALM 145:13



SCRIPTURE READING:
REVELATION 2:8-11

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- How can the people of Smyrna be poor and rich at the same time? What are some of the ways that God has made you "rich"?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray today for godly perseverance in difficult situations.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR YOU WERE ONCE IN DARKNESS, BUT NOW YOU ARE LIGHT IN THE LORD. LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT. **EPHESIANS 5:8**

TUESDAY
APRIL 18

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

PSALM 145:13



SCRIPTURE READING:

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-9

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Reflect on the contrast between rich and poor in verse 9. How might this influence the way you view God? The way you view yourself?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray for a greater awareness of the riches you have in Christ and a renewed spirit of generosity.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR YOU WERE ONCE IN DARKNESS, BUT NOW YOU ARE LIGHT IN THE LORD. LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT. **EPHESIANS 5:8**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

PSALM 145:13



SCRIPTURE READING:

REVELATION 2:12-17

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- John's description of Pergamum ("where Satan has his throne") is pretty stark! What are some specific ways you can "remain true to God's name" even in a culture like ours where most people don't recognize Jesus' lordship?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Ask God to help our church keep its eyes focused on Jesus in the midst of all the distractions in our society.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR YOU WERE ONCE IN DARKNESS, BUT NOW YOU ARE LIGHT IN THE LORD. LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT. **EPHESIANS 5:8**

THURSDAY
APRIL 20

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

PSALM 145:13



SCRIPTURE READING:

JOHN 17:14-19

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Just like in yesterday's passage, Jesus draws a contrast in these verses between his followers and the world around them. But in verse 15, he says that he doesn't pray that we'd be taken out of the world. What might it look like to remain faithful to God without turning our back on the world?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Ask the Spirit to help you see yourself as called not to escape the world, but to shine the light of Christ into the world.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR YOU WERE ONCE IN DARKNESS, BUT NOW YOU ARE LIGHT IN THE LORD. LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT. **EPHESIANS 5:8**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

PSALM 145:13



SCRIPTURE READING:

REVELATION 2:18-29

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- In verse 19, the church is commended for their good deeds. But then in verse 20, they're warned about an area of sin they're committing. What can this teach us about our responsibility to humbly examine ourselves, even when we're trying our best to follow Jesus?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Ask the Spirit to show you any areas where you're tolerating sinful attitudes in your heart.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR YOU WERE ONCE IN DARKNESS, BUT NOW YOU ARE LIGHT IN THE LORD. LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT. **EPHESIANS 5:8**



WEEK 14



MONDAY
APRIL 24

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28



SCRIPTURE READING:
MATTHEW 5:21-30

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Why do you think Jesus encourages us to shift from focusing only on outer behavior to focusing on our inward attitudes?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that the Spirit would transform you from the inside out.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

GALATIANS 6:18

TUESDAY
APRIL 25

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28



SCRIPTURE READING:

REVELATION 3:1-6; MATTHEW 23:27

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- How can a church look alive from the outside but be dead on the inside? (you might want to look back at yesterday's passage)
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Ask the Spirit to purify our church and help us be fully committed to him not only in our actions, but also in our attitudes.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

GALATIANS 6:18

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 26

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28



SCRIPTURE READING:
ROMANS 13:11-14

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- In what areas of your life might the Spirit be prompting you to "wake up from your slumber"?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Ask the Lord to help you "put on the armor of light."

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

GALATIANS 6:18

THURSDAY
APRIL 27

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28



SCRIPTURE READING:
PSALM 37:5-11

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Why is it hard to stay encouraged when wickedness seems to prevail around us? How can we "be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him" when we see this happening?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Ask God to fill you with peace and patience knowing that one day, he will make all things right.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

GALATIANS 6:18

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28



SCRIPTURE READING:
REVELATION 3:7-13

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- In what areas of your life right now do you feel like "you have little strength" (v8)? What might it look like to continue to "keep God's word," even in these areas?
- Take a moment to talk with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Thank God for his sustaining power in our human weakness and pray that he would strengthen our church.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

GALATIANS 6:18



WEEK 15



CALL TO WORSHIP:

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

ISAIAH 55:6



SCRIPTURE READING:

REVELATION 3:14-18

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What do you think might have led to the Laodiceans being "lukewarm" in their faith? How can we avoid sliding into this kind of spiritual complacency?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would fan the flames of your passion for him this week.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR FROM HIM AND THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM ARE ALL THINGS. TO HIM BE THE GLORY FOREVER! AMEN. **ROMANS 11:36**

TUESDAY
MAY 2

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

ISAIAH 55:6



SCRIPTURE READING:

REVELATION 3:17; LUKE 12:13-21

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- How can material prosperity be a stumbling block to true faith?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray today that God would help you more fully see and feel your brokenness and your desperate need for his grace.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR FROM HIM AND THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM ARE ALL THINGS. TO HIM BE THE GLORY FOREVER! AMEN. **ROMANS 11:36**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

ISAIAH 55:6



SCRIPTURE READING:

ISAIAH 64:6, REVELATION 3:17-18

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- These two passages paint a pretty bleak picture of our current situation. How does the beginning of Revelation 3:18 provide a ray of hope in this darkness?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that the Spirit would help you hunger and thirst for the purity and beauty that is found in Christ and his grace.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR FROM HIM AND THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM ARE ALL THINGS. TO HIM BE THE GLORY FOREVER! AMEN. **ROMANS 11:36**

THURSDAY
MAY 4

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

ISAIAH 55:6



SCRIPTURE READING:

REVELATION 3:19; HEBREWS 12:4-11

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- How might viewing tough times as loving discipline from God change the way we respond to difficulty?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would help you see his loving hand in your life, even in the hard parts.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR FROM HIM AND THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM ARE ALL THINGS. TO HIM BE THE GLORY FOREVER! AMEN. **ROMANS 11:36**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

ISAIAH 55:6



SCRIPTURE READING:

REVELATION 3:20-22

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What are some of the things that can distract you from hearing Jesus knocking/speaking?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Today as you pray, you might want to picture yourself sitting down to a dinner with Jesus as verse 20 describes.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR FROM HIM AND THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM ARE ALL THINGS. TO HIM BE THE GLORY FOREVER! AMEN. **ROMANS 11:36**



WEEK 16



CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

PSALM 66:16



SCRIPTURE READING:
PSALM 1

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- In your experience, what are some of the ways that delighting in the Lord leads to a life of fruitfulness like the one described in verse 3?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that the Spirit would help you find your deepest delight in Jesus.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR I AM CONVINCED THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE, NEITHER ANGELS NOR DEMONS, NEITHER THE PRESENT NOR THE FUTURE, NOR ANY POWERS, NEITHER HEIGHT NOR DEPTH, NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL CREATION, WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

ROMANS 8:38-39

TUESDAY
MAY 9

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

PSALM 66:16



SCRIPTURE READING:
PSALM 2

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- How do you reconcile this picture of the Messiah as a conquering King with the picture often painted in the New Testament of Jesus as meek and mild? In which of these parts of Jesus' character and identity can you most grow in your understanding?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray today that God would help you see more fully how Jesus' might and his mercy work together in the mystery of grace.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR I AM CONVINCED THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE, NEITHER ANGELS NOR DEMONS, NEITHER THE PRESENT NOR THE FUTURE, NOR ANY POWERS, NEITHER HEIGHT NOR DEPTH, NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL CREATION, WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

ROMANS 8:38-39

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

PSALM 66:16



SCRIPTURE READING:
PSALM 3

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- How do you think the Psalmist can choose not to fear, even when he is surrounded by his enemies? What might this look like in your life?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Ask God to help you choose to live in faith rather than fear, even in challenging circumstances.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR I AM CONVINCED THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE, NEITHER ANGELS NOR DEMONS, NEITHER THE PRESENT NOR THE FUTURE, NOR ANY POWERS, NEITHER HEIGHT NOR DEPTH, NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL CREATION, WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

ROMANS 8:38-39

THURSDAY
MAY 11

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

PSALM 66:16



SCRIPTURE READING:

PSALM 4

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Verse 4 describes the Psalmist's commitment to silence and reflection. Why are these important disciplines in the life of a Christ follower?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Spend part of today's prayer time in silent reflection.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR I AM CONVINCED THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE, NEITHER ANGELS NOR DEMONS, NEITHER THE PRESENT NOR THE FUTURE, NOR ANY POWERS, NEITHER HEIGHT NOR DEPTH, NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL CREATION, WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

ROMANS 8:38-39

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

PSALM 66:16



SCRIPTURE READING:
MARK 10:13-16

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What does Jesus' acceptance of children in this passage teach us about the way God's Kingdom works?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Ask the Spirit to help you recognize your total dependence on God and his unconditional acceptance of you in Jesus.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

FOR I AM CONVINCED THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE, NEITHER ANGELS NOR DEMONS, NEITHER THE PRESENT NOR THE FUTURE, NOR ANY POWERS, NEITHER HEIGHT NOR DEPTH, NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL CREATION, WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

ROMANS 8:38-39



WEEK 17



CALL TO WORSHIP:

I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted.

EXODUS 15:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
PSALM 5

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Read verse 7 several times. What does David say allows him to come into God's presence? How does he respond?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Thank God for the privilege of being in his presence and praise him for his holiness and love.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THEREFORE, MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, STAND FIRM. LET NOTHING MOVE YOU. ALWAYS GIVE YOURSELVES FULLY TO THE WORK OF THE LORD, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:58**

TUESDAY
MAY 16

CALL TO WORSHIP:

I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted.

EXODUS 15:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
PSALM 6

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- In today's Psalm, David doesn't pull any punches! What can we learn from his honesty with God in this passage?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Think today of the people in your life who are hurting and struggling and specifically lift them up to the Lord in prayer.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THEREFORE, MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, STAND FIRM. LET NOTHING MOVE YOU. ALWAYS GIVE YOURSELVES FULLY TO THE WORK OF THE LORD, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:58**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted.

EXODUS 15:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOSHUA 1:1-9

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
1-2

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- How do you imagine Joshua felt in this moment? Have you ever had a similar experience where you wondered if you had what it takes to do what you were being asked to do?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Ask the Lord to teach you to trust him more fully and rely on him for strength.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THEREFORE, MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, STAND FIRM. LET NOTHING MOVE YOU. ALWAYS GIVE YOURSELVES FULLY TO THE WORK OF THE LORD, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:58**

THURSDAY
MAY 18

CALL TO WORSHIP:

I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted.

EXODUS 15:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOSHUA 1:1-9

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
3-6

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- How might these words have encouraged Joshua? How do they encourage you?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would help you be more aware of his constant presence with you today.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THEREFORE, MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, STAND FIRM. LET NOTHING MOVE YOU. ALWAYS GIVE YOURSELVES FULLY TO THE WORK OF THE LORD, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:58**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted.

EXODUS 15:1



SCRIPTURE READING:
JOSHUA 1:1-9

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
7-9

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Where does this passage teach that prosperity comes from? What kind of prosperity do you think the passage is talking about?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Commit today to "keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night."

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THEREFORE, MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, STAND FIRM. LET NOTHING MOVE YOU. ALWAYS GIVE YOURSELVES FULLY TO THE WORK OF THE LORD, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:58**



WEEK 18



CALL TO WORSHIP:

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

PSALM 96:2



SCRIPTURE READING:
ACTS 1:1-14

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
1-5

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Why do you think Luke considers it important to tell his readers that after Jesus' resurrection, he "gave many convincing proofs that he was alive"? What difference does it make that Jesus was physically resurrected?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Praise Jesus that he isn't dead, but alive!

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

PHILEMON 1:25

TUESDAY
MAY 23

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

PSALM 96:2



SCRIPTURE READING:
ACTS 1:1-14

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
6-11

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- How does the fact that Jesus has ascended into heaven and will come back again influence the way you live today?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would help you remember that Jesus is alive and at work in heaven right now and that he will come back soon as King.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

PHILEMON 1:25

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

PSALM 96:2



SCRIPTURE READING:
ACTS 1:1-14

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
12-14

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Verse 14 gives a beautiful description of the disciples' response to Jesus' ascension: "they all joined together constantly in prayer." How can you as an individual and we as a church follow this example more fully?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Commit today to praying together with other believers more frequently.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

PHILEMON 1:25

THURSDAY
MAY 25

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

PSALM 96:2



SCRIPTURE READING:
ACTS 1:15-26

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- After everything that had happened, it would have been easy for the disciples to give up and go back to their previous lives. But instead, they chose to continue the ministry. In what areas is the Lord calling you to continue Jesus' work?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that the Spirit would give you wisdom about where to invest your time and who to partner with in ministry.

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PHILEMON 1:25

CALL TO WORSHIP:

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PSALM 96:2



SCRIPTURE READING:
ACTS 2:1-11

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, a day when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. In what ways are you most thankful for this gift?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray for a fresh indwelling of the Holy Spirit this week.

NOTES:

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THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

PHILEMON 1:25



WEEK 19



CALL TO WORSHIP:

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.

REVELATION 15:3



SCRIPTURE READING:
ACTS 2:12-41

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
12-21

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Why do you think Peter quotes from the Old Testament when he describes what is happening here? What are the implications of the fact that God's Spirit is now available to "all people" (v17) rather than just a select few?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray today that God would pour out his Spirit on our church.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

NOW TO THE KING ETERNAL, IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, THE ONLY GOD, BE HONOR AND GLORY FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN. 1 TIMOTHY 1:17

TUESDAY
MAY 30

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.

REVELATION 15:3



SCRIPTURE READING:
ACTS 2:12-41

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
22-36

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What do you think Peter means in verse 36 where he says that Jesus is "both Lord and Messiah?" Is it easier for you to see Jesus as Lord (King of your life) or as Messiah (the chosen one through whom we have forgiveness)?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray today that God would give you a clearer and more vivid picture of Jesus as both Lord and Messiah.

NOTES:

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CALL TO WORSHIP:

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REVELATION 15:3



SCRIPTURE READING:
ACTS 2:12-41

VERSES TO FOCUS ON:
37-41

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- Spend a few moments thinking about the phrase in verse 39: "all whom the Lord our God will call." Who in your life might the Lord be calling to trust in him? What role might you have in extending that call?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray today for the people in your life who don't yet know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

NOTES:

BENEDICTION:

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THURSDAY
JUNE 1

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.

REVELATION 15:3



SCRIPTURE READING:
ACTS 2:42-47

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- There's no question that the Church around the world is broken in many ways (because it's full of broken people!) But despite its brokenness, it's also beautiful! What is it about the Church that you find most compelling?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray today our church would live out God's beautiful plan for us as a community more fully.

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CALL TO WORSHIP:

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REVELATION 15:3



SCRIPTURE READING:
GALATIANS 5:13-18

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As you read today's passage, what stood out? Was there a particular word, phrase, or idea that caught your attention?
- What do you think Paul means by saying that the flesh and the Spirit "are in conflict with each other"? How have you experienced this personally?
- Spend a few minutes talking with God through prayer about this passage. What might God be saying to you? What do you need to say to him? Pray that God would help you walk by the Spirit this week.

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