# Welcome to the 2026 Prayer and Discipleship Journal.

This resource is designed not only to deepen your understanding of the topics we've explored during our Sunday worship gatherings, but also to help you cultivate a meaningful daily habit of spending time with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As you embark on this journey, you will discover the joy of entering into God's presence and delighting in His Word. He will meet you exactly where you are, filling you with a profound sense of His presence. Prepare to grow in ways you've never imagined! This is my heartfelt hope for you. "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." — James 4:8

I encourage you to use this journal as a strategic tool for spiritual development. Each day, as you engage with the readings, take a moment to invite the Lord to meet you. Ask for the transformative power of His Word to change you. Record your honest prayers daily and consider gathering regularly with a small group to share the incredible ways God is working in your life.

Remember that God's vision for you is much greater than your own! As you daily surrender your will to Him, He will reveal Himself to you in ways you could never imagine. My prayer is that you enjoy the journey!

With Love, Pastor Shane

Northpointe Church

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# Want to Buy a Journal For the Next Disciple?

# This \$6 journal was paid for by another member of our church body.

We believe in the impact that prayer and Bible study can have in your life if you choose to commit to it. As a church, we have committed to providing these journals for free to every attender of Northpointe.

If you would like to help pay for a journal to be given to another member of our church community, you can give online using the QR Code below. Every contribution will help others learn to pray and study the Bible.



Use this QR Code to pay for this Journal, or to buy one for another member of our church community.

## 2026

# "The Wonder of the Word"

What you consume speaks volumes about your overall well-being. If you're neglecting your nutrition, it's no surprise that you might be struggling. This principle holds true not only in the physical realm, but also in the spiritual realm. What you "feed" your spirit plays a crucial role in your spiritual vitality.

The Bible offers guidance, direction, and blessings that can transform your daily experiences. Through its teachings, you can find freedom from burdens, victory over challenges, and a path to personal holiness.

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." Psalm 119:11

"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good." 1 Peter 2:2-3

# What is Baptism?

Baptism is an outward symbol of the inward commitment to Christ - our testimony to the public of belonging to Jesus and joining the family of God.

We get baptized to follow the example Jesus set for us—He Himself was baptized in the Jordan River (Mark 1:9). It's also something He clearly told us to do when He said to go and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19–20).

Baptism is a way of showing that we believe—it's an outward sign of an inward faith, just like the early believers who heard the message, believed, and were baptized (Acts 18:8). And ultimately, it's one of the ways we show that we truly know and love Him—by doing what He's asked us to do (1 John 2:3).

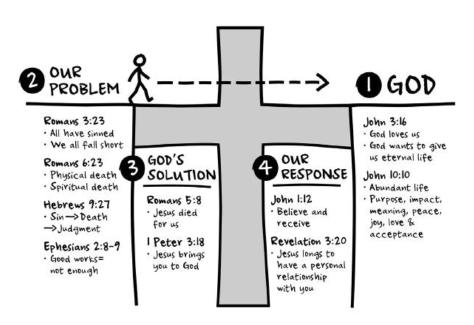


### Want to get baptized this Sunday?

We would love the chance to baptize you at any campus this weekend. Use the QR code to sign up, or walk out to the baptism area on the patio to get baptized!

# What is the Gospel?

At the center of everything we do as a church is the good news of the Gospel. Put simply, the Gospel is the good news that while we are all broken and sinful, God loves us and gave us eternal life with Him through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.





Scan the QR code to learn more about Jesus and to get in touch with someone at the church.

# How to Grow as a Christian

## When you walk in God's ways, you will grow.

Growing as a Christian takes time—like learning to eat solid food after milk (Hebrews 5:12–14; 1 Corinthians 3:1–2), a small seed growing into a tall tree (1 Corinthians 3:6), or the sunrise slowly getting brighter (Proverbs 4:18–19). You don't have to feel discouraged if you think you're behind. Take heart!

If you feel stuck or want to grow faster, there are a few things you can do right now. These three habits will always help your faith grow and bring you more joy in the Lord.



Scan the QR code to get more resources for growing in your faith.

# Three Habits to Help Your Faith Grow

### 1. Get alone with God.

Make time each day to be with God by (1) opening the Bible, (2) taking time to pray, and (3) learning to worship God, even when you're alone.

### 2. Get together with God's family.

You can't grow strong in faith on your own. The church is God's plan to help you grow spiritually. Start by (1) committing to worshipping at a church service weekly and (2) joining a mid-week group that encouraged you to learn and live for Christ.

### 3. Get active in obeying God's leading.

When you spend time with God and His people, the Holy Spirit will guide you. When you listen and obey – by serving others and sharing Jesus – you'll stay encouraged as you experience God's power in your life.

"Instead, speaking truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ." - Ephesians 4:15

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# Daily Worship and Prayer

"We must learn to be with Jesus inside the contours of our everyday life. Not an idealized version of the life we wish we had, used to have, or plan to have - but the life we actually have. Here, now, today.

The aim of a disciple of Jesus is to arrange our everyday, ordinary life so that we are experiencing real joy, peace, and love in God's presence all day long."

John Mark Comer
"How to Spend a Day with Jesus"

We pray that this journal will equip you to seek Jesus daily and connect with Him through worship, prayer, and Bible study.



Scan the QR code for more ways to connect with God at northpointe.org/prayer.

# Resources to Equip Your Daily Prayer Life



### 1. Lectio 365 Prayer App

Download the Lectio 365 App on your phone and you'll be able to participate in prayers at every morning, afternoon, and evening.



### 2. Spotify Playlists

Use these playlists to support your daily prayer and worship times. These curated playlists are put together by our worship teams and will help you draw near to God.



### 3. Daily Devotionals

Subscribe to our devotional video podcast on YouTube to get daily encouragement, Bible reading, and prayer that can help you focus in on what God wants to say to you.

# Daily Bible Readings

Thursday January 01 - Sunday January 4

Spend time each day seeking God in moments of prayer and Bible reading.

Thursday, January 01		
□ Psalm 119:1-48		
Friday, January 02		
□ Psalm 119:49-88		

Saturday, January 03  □ Psalm 119:89-137		
Sunday, January 4		
□ Psalm 119:137-176		



### **Daily Devotionals**

Use this QR Code to access daily devotionals that follow the Sunday Bible teachings.



## Living in His Victory

If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your one true God and Savior, you have declared your independence from the rule of sin and Satan in your life. This series is designed to help Christians embody that declaration and live it out with purpose and conviction.

January 4 - February 22

### Where We're Headed

In this series, we will explore the first three chapters of the Book of Revelation, focusing on the letters Jesus wrote to the seven churches. Our aim is to examine the key attributes of a victorious Christian as highlighted in these messages. A recurring phrase throughout Revelation is directed to "the one who overcomes." But what does it mean to be an overcomer? What qualities and characteristics qualify someone for ultimate victory in their faith? Together, we will seek answers to these vital questions.



Starting January 4, scan the QR code for extra resources and information around this series.

**Dates** January 4

Week 1
The Focus of Our
Victory

**Key Scripture** Rev 1:9-20

# Living in His Victory

### Rev 1:9-20

91, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, <sup>11</sup>which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus. Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."12 turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. 14The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup>His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. <sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 181 am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. 19"Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later.<sup>20</sup>The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

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### Small Group Questions

- 1. In verses 12–16, John describes Jesus with striking symbolic detail. Which description stands out most to you, and what does it reveal about His power and authority?
- 2. Why do you think Jesus gave the apostle John a vision like this one before sharing His message with the church? How does seeing Christ clearly change how we receive God's warning or God's instruction?
- 3. In verse 18, Jesus says, "I am the Living One." What does it mean to follow a Savior who is alive and active right now? How does that truth strengthen you when life feels overwhelming?
- 4. Everyone experiences challenges from time to time. Describe a "battle" you are facing. To what extent does knowing that the Jesus in Revelation 1 is present in your battle change your thinking about your situation? Does it impact how you feel?
- 5. When Jesus says, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last," how does His authority over death and the grave give you courage to walk with confidence today?

# Daily Bible Readings

Monday January 05 - Sunday January 11

Spend time each day seeking God in moments of prayer and Bible reading.

Monday, January 05
□ Genesis 9-10 □ Matthew 7 □ Proverbs 5 □ Psalm 10
Tuesday, January 06
□ Genesis 11-12 □ Matthew 8 □ Proverbs 6 □ Psalms 11-13
Wednesday, January 07
□ Genesis 13-14 □ Matthew 9 □ Proverbs 7 □ Psalms 14-16

Thursday, January 08
□ Genesis 15-16 □ Matthew 10 □ Proverbs 8 □ Psalm 17
Friday, January 09  □ Genesis 17-18 □ Matthew 11 □ Proverbs 9 □ Psalm 18
Saturday, January 10  Genesis 19-20 Matthew 12 Proverbs 10 Psalm 19
Sunday, January 11  Genesis 21-22  Matthew 13 Proverbs 11 Psalms 20-21



### Daily Devotionals

Use this QR Code to access daily devotionals that follow the Sunday Bible teachings.

**Dates** January 11

**Week 2** The Priority of Our Victory

**Key Scripture** Rev 2:1-7

# Living in His Victory

### Rev 2:1-7

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<sup>1</sup> "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. 21 know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. <sup>3</sup>You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. 4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. 5Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Scan this code to read the Bible online.

### Small Group Questions

- 1. How can our spiritual passion fade into mechanical routine? What subtle signs might indicate that our love for Christ is cooling, either personally or as a church?
- 2. In verse 4, Jesus says the church has forsaken its first love. Though they were faithful in many ways, their priorities had shifted. What warning does Jesus give about losing that love, and what steps does He call them to take to return to it?
- 3. The Bible often connects victory with love we overcome through Christ's love and experience it as a blessing from God (Romans 8:37, Revelation 3:21). How does knowing that His love secures your victory change the way you view moments of defeat?
- 4. Verse 5 calls believers to "repent and do the things you did at first." What does genuine repentance look like when it comes to rekindling our love for Jesus? What helps or hinders that process?
- 5. Jesus promises that those who overcome will eat from the tree of life (v. 7). How can listening to the Spirit and renewing our first love empower us to live victoriously in our faith each day?

# Daily Bible Readings

Monday January 12 - Sunday January 18

Spend time each day seeking God in moments of prayer and Bible reading.

Monday, January 12	
□ Genesis 23-24 □ Matthew 14 □ Proverbs 12 □ Psalm 22	
Tuesday, January 13	
□ Genesis 25-26 □ Matthew 15 □ Proverbs 13 □ Psalms 23-24	
Wednesday, January 14	
□ Genesis 27-28 □ Matthew 16-17 □ Proverbs 14 □ Psalm 25	

Thursday, January 15
□ Genesis 29-30 □ Matthew 18 □ Proverbs 15 □ Psalms 26-27
Friday, January 16  Genesis 31-32 Matthew 19 Proverbs 16 Psalms 28-29
Saturday, January 17 □ Genesis 33-34 □ Matthew 20 □ Proverbs 17 □ Psalms 30-31
Sunday, January 18 □ Genesis 35-36 □ Matthew 21 □ Proverbs 18 □ Psalm 32



### Daily Devotionals

Use this QR Code to access daily devotionals that follow the Sunday Bible teachings.

**Dates** January 18

Week 3
The Faithfulness of
Our Victory

**Key Scripture** Rev 2:8-11

# Living in His Victory

### Rev 2:8-11

<sup>8</sup> "To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

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### **Small Group Questions**

- 1. In verse 9, Jesus describes the church in Smyrna as "poor, yet rich." What does it mean to be rich in faith even when life is difficult or painful? How does this kind of spiritual wealth give us confidence and victory in seasons when others might feel defeated?
- 2. In verse 10, Jesus acknowledges the suffering of the believers in Smyrna. How would it impact you to hear Jesus speak these words to you in a season of hardship or suffering? What do you think He hoped they would do in response?
- 3. Jesus promises the "crown of life" to those who remain faithful even to the point of death. How does keeping an eternal perspective change the way we approach daily struggles and long seasons of testing?
- 4. Jesus tells the church, "Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer." What helps you combat fear when facing the unknown? How does faith in Christ's victory give confidence in moments of pressure or pain?
- 5. When believers suffer or feel pressure, how important is the support of Christian community? What are some practical ways we can strengthen and encourage one another to remain faithful and victorious in difficult times?

# Daily Bible Readings

Monday January 19 - Sunday January 25

Spend time each day seeking God in moments of prayer and Bible reading.

Monday, January 19
□ Genesis 37-38 □ Matthew 22 □ Proverbs 19 □ Psalm 33
Tuesday, January 20
□ Genesis 39-40 □ Matthew 23 □ Proverbs 20 □ Psalm 34
Wednesday, January 21
□ Genesis 41-42 □ Matthew 24 □ Proverbs 21 □ Psalm 35



### Daily Devotionals

Use this QR Code to access daily devotionals that follow the Sunday Bible teachings.

# 2026 Proposed Budget

We believe in being good stewards of the money God has entrusted to us as a church body.

This belief moves us to be open and transparent about the state of our church budget. We invite you to view the proposed budget for 2026 and reach out with any questions.

To reach the Finance Team, call the church office at 559-276-2300 or email finance@northpointe.org



Scan the QR code to view the 2026 proposed budget.

# 2026 Vision Sunday

### **January 25**

As a church family, we are committed to seeing our neighbors experience the love of Jesus and find purpose and belonging in His Church.

We have a vision to create warm and welcoming spaces where people from every walk of life are lovingly invited into life-changing relationship with Jesus. In 2026, we are more focused than ever on helping people understand the wonder of God's Word and encouraging them to grow in a relationship with the Living God.

All the ministry that helps people experience this purpose is made possible through the tithes and offerings of our church family. **Today, we're asking you to vote on the approval of our 2026 budget.** 



Scan this QR code to cast your vote for the 2026 proposed budget.

You can also vote at northpointe.org/vote

**Dates** January 25

Week 4
The Commitment
of Our Victory

**Key Scripture** Rev 2:12-17

# Living in His Victory

### Rev 2:12-17

<sup>12</sup> "To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp, doubleedged sword.<sup>13</sup>I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives. 14 Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality.15Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

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### Small Group Questions

- 1. The teaching of Balaam led God's people to blend in with the surrounding culture. How can we tell when cultural influence is leading us to compromise rather than to compassion?
- 2. In verse 12, the reference to the "sharp, double-edged sword" is a reference to Christ's authority to judge and redeem sinners. How does this imagery challenge your thinking about God's view of sin?
- 3. The church in Pergamum is warned about compromising the truth by holding onto false teachings. What are some contemporary examples of compromises Christians might be expected to make today? How can we guard against these compromises in our own faith?
- 4. In verse 17 Jesus promises to give "manna" or spiritual nourishment to the victorious. In what ways have you noticed that obedience and victory over compromise lead to deeper spiritual satisfaction? How have you experienced compromise leaving you feeling drained or empty?
- 5. Jesus says that anyone can "listen to the Spirit and understand what He is saying." How have you made it a priority to listen to the Holy Spirit in your life? What helps you recognize and feel confident that you've truly heard His voice?

# Daily Bible Readings

Monday January 26 - Sunday February 01

Spend time each day seeking God in moments of prayer and Bible reading.

Monday, January 26
□ Exodus 1-2 □ Romans 1-2 □ Proverbs 26 □ Psalms 40-41
Tuesday, January 27  □ Exodus 3-4 □ Romans 3-4 □ Proverbs 27 □ Psalms 42-43
Wednesday, January 28
□ Exodus 5-6 □ Romans 5-6 □ Proverbs 28 □ Psalm 44

□ Exodus 7-8 □ Romans 7 □ Proverbs 29 □ Psalms 45-46
Friday, January 30  □ Exodus 9-10 □ Romans 8 □ Proverbs 30 □ Psalms 47-48
Saturday, January 31  □ Exodus 11-12 □ Romans 9-10 □ Proverbs 31 □ Psalm 49
Sunday, February 01  Exodus 13-14 - Romans 11 - Proverbs 1 - Psalm 50



### Daily Devotionals

Use this QR Code to access daily devotionals that follow the Sunday Bible teachings.

**Dates** February 1

Week 5
The Intolerence of
Our Victory

**Key Scripture** Rev 2:18-29

# Living in His Victory

### Rev 2:18-29

18 "To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze.<sup>19</sup>I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.<sup>21</sup>I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling.<sup>22</sup>So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways.<sup>23</sup>I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. 24 Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you,25 except to hold on to what you have until I come.' <sup>26</sup> To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations-27that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery'-just as I have received authority from my Father.<sup>28</sup>I will also give that one the morning star.<sup>29</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

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### Small Group Questions

- 1. In verse 20, Jesus mentions a woman named Jezebel who leads the church into immorality. The victorious resist false teachers. How can we identify and address false teachings or influences in our lives or churches today?
- 2. The Christians in Thyatira felt like they were losing people to false teachers, but Jesus reminded them that He would bring judgment. How does knowing that Jesus will deal with false teachers change the way we respond to deception or discouragement in the church?
- 3. Verses 14-16 describe God's judgement. When you hear about God's judgment on those who tolerate or follow false teaching, what does that show you about the seriousness and authority of God's Word? Does it challenge you in how you think about reading and studying the Bible?
- 4. The promises in verses 26-28 are for those who are victorious in holding fast to the truth. What are some of the things that Jesus promises to do for these people? Where do you need more of these things in your own life?
- 5. Victory over the deceptions of sin are offered to anyone who "listens" and "understands" what the Spirit is saying. How have you made it a priority to listen to the Holy Spirit in your life? What helps you recognize and feel confident that you've truly heard His voice?

## Daily Bible Readings

Monday February 02 - Sunday February 08

Spend time each day seeking God in moments of prayer and Bible reading.

Monday, February 02
□ Exodus 15-16 □ Romans 12-13 □ Proverbs 2 □ Psalm 51
Tuesday, February 03
□ Exodus 17-18 □ Romans 14-15 □ Proverbs 3 □ Psalms 52-54
Wednesday, February 04
□ Exodus 19-20 □ Romans 16 □ Proverbs 4 □ Psalm 55

□ Exodus 21-22 □ 1 Corinthians 1-2 □ Proverbs 5 □ Psalms 56-57
Friday, February 06   Exodus 23-24 1 Corinthians 3-4 1 Proverbs 6 1 Psalms 58-59
Saturday, February 07   Exodus 25-26 1 Corinthians 5-6 Proverbs 7 Psalms 60-61
Sunday, February 08  Exodus 27-28 - 1 Corinthians 7 - Proverbs 8 - Psalms 62-63



### Daily Devotionals

Use this QR Code to access daily devotionals that follow the Sunday Bible teachings.

**Dates** February 8

**Week 6**The Authenticity of Our Victory

**Key Scripture** Rev. 3:1-6

# Living in His Victory

### Rev. 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup> "To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup>Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup>Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you. 4 Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. 5The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

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- 1. The church in Sardis is called to wake up from its spiritual slumber. What are some signs of spiritual passivity we should be aware of in our lives and communities?
- 2. Verse 1 indicates that Sardis has a reputation of being alive, but is dead. They were known for the acts of faith they did in the past, not for a rich present love. How can we ensure that we are living out our faith in the present? What practices can help us maintain authenticity in our walk with Christ?
- 3. What are you known for by the people in your life? Think about how people in your family, work, school, or friends would describe you. How can this make you aware of areas in your life where you might be spiritually asleep?
- 4. In Revelation 3, Jesus promises that those who remain faithful will be "clothed in white," symbolizing purity and righteousness. Through faith in Christ, we're covered by His forgiveness and called to live with integrity and holiness. What are some practical ways we can show that we've been clothed in Christ's righteousness, in our words, our work, or our relationships?
- 5. What do you think it will be like to have Jesus "announce" your name before God in Heaven? How can that encourage you to live as a good example to others?

Monday February 09 - Sunday February 15

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□ Exodus 29-30 □ 1 Corinthians 8-9 □ Proverbs 9 □ Psalms 64-65
Tuesday, February 10
□ Exodus 31-32 □ 1 Corinthians 10 □ Proverbs 10 □ Psalm 66
Wednesday, February 11
□ Exodus 33-34 □ 1 Corinthians 11-12 □ Proverbs 11 □ Psalms 67-68

Thursday, February 12
□ Exodus 35-36 □ 1 Corinthians 13 □ Proverbs 12 □ Psalm 69
Friday, February 13   Exodus 37-38 1 Corinthians 14 1 Proverbs 13 1 Psalms 70-71
Saturday, February 14 □ Exodus 39-40 □ 1 Corinthians 15-16 □ Proverbs 14 □ Psalm 72
Sunday, February 15  Leviticus 1-2 = 2 Corinthians 1 = Proverbs 15 = Psalm 73



### Lent

We celebrate Lent as a season to embrace repentance and spiritual renewal in response to Christ's death and resurrection.

Wednesday, February 18 – Thursday, April 2 Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter).

We recognize Lent as the forty days preceding Easter. While scripture doesn't prescribe the observance of Lent specifically, this early church tradition helps integrate biblical teachings into a Christ-centric lifestyle.



Scan the QR code to learn more about Lent and how to practice it.

# Three Ways to Seek God During Lent

#### Practice Eager Repentance and Confess Sin to a Friend

"Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning." — Joel 2:12-13

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins..." – 1 John 1:9

"Confess your sins to one another and be healed" - James 1

#### Fast Meals as a Way to Re-order Our Desires

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." — Luke 9:23

"When you fast..." - Matthew 5

#### Invest Time Daily in Prayer and Communion with Jesus

"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you."

James 4:8

**Dates** February 15

Week 7
The Obedience of
Our Victory

**Key Scripture** Rev 3:7-13

# Living in His Victory

#### Rev 3:7-13

<sup>7</sup> "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. 81 know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. 91 will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. 10 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. 11 I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. 12The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. <sup>13</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

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- 1. Verse 7 references the authority of Christ as the one who opens and shuts doors. How does understanding Christ decides who belongs in God's Kingdom help you make obeying Him a priority?
- 2. The church in Philadelphia is commended for its endurance. How does it encourage you to know that the victorious Christian life is reflected in not giving up? How does it encourage you to keep working on areas where you are struggling to obey God?
- 3. In verse 10, Jesus promises protection from the hour of trial. How does obeying God feel scary or risky in today's world? How does this promise encourage you when obedience feels like it is too difficult or costly?
- 4. The imagery of being made a pillar in God's temple (v. 12) speaks to stability and permanence. Why do you think Jesus uses the image of forever being in God's presence as a motivator to these persecuted Christians? Does the idea of being forever in God's presence excite you? Why or why not?
- 5. How can our faithfulness and endurance serve as a testimony to others? How does endurance stand out in a culture that tolerates and applauds abandoning commitments?

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□ Leviticus 3-4 □ 2 Corinthians 2-3 □ Proverbs 16 □ Psalm 74
Tuesday, February 17
□ Leviticus 5-6 □ 2 Corinthians 4-5 □ Proverbs 17 □ Psalms 75-76
Wednesday, February 18
□ Leviticus 7-8 □ 2 Corinthians 6-7 □ Proverbs 18 □ Psalm 77

□ Leviticus 9-10 □ 2 Corinthians 8-10 □ Proverbs 19 □ Psalm 78
Friday, February 20  □ Leviticus 11-12 □ 2 Corinthians 11 □ Proverbs 20 □ Psalms 79-81
Saturday, February 21  □ Leviticus 13-14 □ 2 Corinthians 12-13 □ Proverbs 21 □ Psalms 82-83
Sunday, February 22  Leviticus 15-16 - Galatians 1-2 - Proverbs 22 - Psalms 84-85



**Dates** February 22

Week 8
The Dedication of
Our Victory

**Key Scripture** Rev 3:14-22

# Living in His Victory

#### Rev 3:14-22

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<sup>14</sup> "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. 151 know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! <sup>16</sup>So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. 181 counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. <sup>20</sup>Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. 21 To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

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- 1. In Laodicea, the water piped into the city arrived lukewarm—neither hot like the healing springs of Hierapolis nor cold like the refreshing waters of Colossae. In the same way, Jesus said the church had lost its spiritual usefulness and vitality. What are some signs that a church—or a believer—has begun to lose that transforming, compassionate, and refreshing witness, and how can we regain it?
- 2. Verse 20 depicts Jesus standing at the door and knocking. In what ways does this imagery reflect His desire for a personal relationship with us? How does this fellowship with Christ revitalize our lives? How does spending time with Christ make us more effective?
- 3. The call to buy from Jesus gold refined in the fire (v. 18) speaks to spiritual wealth. How can we pursue true spiritual richness in our lives, and what does that look like practically?
- 4. Verse 19 emphasizes that Jesus disciplines those He loves. How can we view discipline as a sign of His love rather than punishment? What does this mean for us when we face correction?
- 5. Jesus describes the victorious Christian as spiritually rich. What are some of the spiritual riches you have received from Christ? Where do you feel spiritually needy? How can you make time to "share a meal" with Christ?

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Friday, February 27 □ Leviticus 25-27 □ Ephesians 4 □ Proverbs 27 □ Psalms 93-94
Saturday, February 28
□ Numbers 1-2 □ Ephesians 5-6 □ Proverbs 28-31 □ Psalm 95
□ Numbers 1-2 □ Ephesians 5-6 □ Proverbs 28-31 □ Psalm 95
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**Dates** March 1

**Key Scripture** Psalm 100 Isaiah 61:10

#### Psalm 100

Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.

Acknowledge that the LORD is God!

He made us, and we are his.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good.

His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

#### Isaiah 61:10

I am overwhelmed with joy in the LORD my God! For he has dressed me with the clothing of salvation and draped me in a robe of righteousness. I am like a bridegroom dressed for his wedding or a bride with her jewels.

#### Why We Choose to Celebrate

We believe that thanksgiving and praise are central to a daily relationship with Jesus. Throughout the year we intentionally set aside weekends for the purpose of remembering and celebrating God's work in our lives. On these weekends, our church family magnifies the Lord through extended times of worship, prayer, and prophetic exhortation. We celebrate the finished and ongoing work of Jesus through the corporate sharing of the Lord's Supper, stories of life change, and baptism.

#### Three Prayers to Pray this Week:

- Remember the faithfulness of Jesus in my life
- Celebrate God's work in the lives of the people around me
- Renew my faith and hope in God's promises



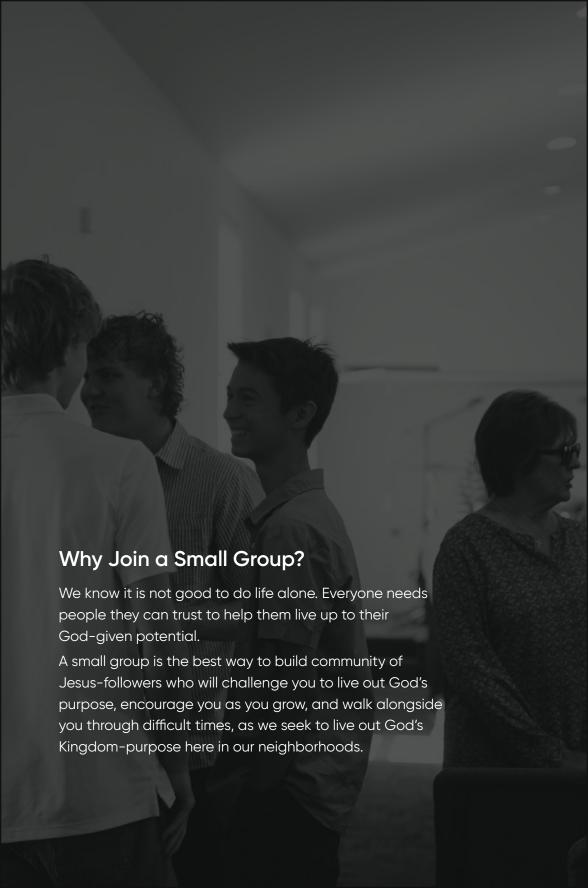
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Monday March 02 - Sunday March 08

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□ Numbers 5-6 □ Philippians 2-3 □ Proverbs 2 □ Psalms 98-100	
Tuesday, March 03	
□ Numbers 7-8 □ Philippians 4 □ Proverbs 3 □ Psalms 101-102	
Wednesday, March 04	
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Thursday, March 05  □ Numbers 11-12 □ Mark 2-3 □ Proverbs 5 □ Psalm 104
Friday, March 06  □ Numbers 13-14 □ Mark 4 □ Proverbs 6 □ Psalm 105
Saturday, March 07  □ Numbers 15-16 □ Mark 5 □ Proverbs 7 □ Psalm 106
Sunday, March 08  Numbers 17-18  Mark 6  Proverbs 8  Psalm 107





# Small Group Launch

Join this 6-week, all-church Bible study and get to know others in our community who want to grow in their relationship with God.

April 12 - May 24

#### What is a Small Group Launch?

You'll be invited to a 6-week Bible study where you will connect with others from our church in a relaxed group environment.

These gatherings are designed to help you jump into a group, learn basic tools to study the Bible, and build friendships with others who are looking to grow. If you want to be part of a small group, Small Group Launch is the best way to get started.



Scan this QR code to signup for the Small Group Launch.

# New Teaching Series

### Following Jesus

One of the extraordinary gifts we receive through the indwelling Holy Spirit is known as "resurrection life." But what does it truly mean? Join us for this inspiring series as we dive deep into answering this critical question.

March 8 - April 5

#### Where We're Headed

In the weeks leading up to Easter, we will explore the letters of First and Second Peter to address a vital question: What kind of life should we live now in light of the resurrection of Jesus? As we delve into these letters, we will uncover significant themes Peter addresses, enriching our understanding of our faith journey and the transformative power of the resurrection.



Starting March 8, scan the QR code for extra resources and information around this series.

**Dates** March 8

Week 1 Our Identity

**Key Scripture** 1 Peter 1:1-2; 2:9-12

#### 1 Peter 1:1-2; 2:9-12

<sup>1</sup>Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup>who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.; <sup>2:9</sup>But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. <sup>11</sup>Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

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- 1. When have you felt like an outsider? How do people typically behave when they don't feel at home in a group or setting?
- 2. In 1 Peter 1:1–2, Peter writes to believers scattered from their homes, calling them "elect exiles." What does it mean to follow Jesus as someone who is both chosen by God and living as an exile in this world? How does that identity shape the way we respond to unfamiliar or uncomfortable places—and the way we view others around us?
- 3. In 1 Peter 2:9, believers are called a "royal priesthood." What was the role of a priest in the history of Israel? What does it mean for you to live out this identity in your daily life?
- 4. What does verse 10 say God does for His people? What are those who are not a part of God's Kingdom missing out on?
- 5. In verse 12, Peter encourages believers to live good lives among non-believers so they will "give honor to God when he judges the world." What does that communicate about how people will view your good works? How do we decide which behaviors are good and honorable?

Monday March 09 - Sunday March 15

Monday, March 09
□ Numbers 19-20 □ Mark 7-8 □ Proverbs 9 □ Psalm 108
Tuesday, March 10
□ Numbers 21-22 □ Mark 9 □ Proverbs 10 □ Psalm 109
Wednesday, March 11
□ Numbers 23-24 □ Mark 10 □ Proverbs 11 □ Psalms 110-111

□ Numbers 25-26 □ Mark 11-12 □ Proverbs 12 □ Psalms 112-113
Friday, March 13  □ Numbers 27-28 □ Mark 13 □ Proverbs 13 □ Psalms 114-115
Saturday, March 14  □ Numbers 29-30 □ Mark 14 □ Proverbs 14 □ Psalm 116
Sunday, March 15  Numbers 31-32  Mark 15-16  Proverbs 15  Psalms 117-118



**Dates** March <u>15</u>

Week 2 Our Call

**Key Scripture** 1 Peter 1:13-17

# Following Jesus

#### 1 Peter 1:13-17

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<sup>13</sup>Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. <sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. <sup>15</sup>But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup>for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." <sup>17</sup> Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.

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- 1. In 1 Peter 1:13, Peter encourages believers to "prepare your minds for action." What does it mean to have a mindset that is ready for action in our faith? How can we cultivate this mindset in our daily lives?
- 2. The passage calls us to set our hope fully on the grace to be revealed. How does focusing on God's future grace impact the way we live today? How often do you think about what God has promised to do for you in the future?
- 3. Peter urges believers to "be holy as God is holy" (v.16). What does it mean to pursue holiness in real, everyday choices? How might inconsistency between what we say and how we live distort people's understanding of God?
- 4. Verse 17 speaks of living our lives in reverent fear. What does this mean for you personally? How can a healthy fear of God influence our choices and behavior?
- 5. How can we ensure that our conduct reflects our identity as God's children? What are some areas in our lives where we might need to reassess our behavior in light of our calling?

Monday March 16 - Sunday March 22

Monday, March 16		
□ Numbers 33-34 □ Acts 1 □ Proverbs 16 □ Psalm 119		
Tuesday, March 17		
□ Numbers 35-36 □ Acts 2-3 □ Proverbs 17 □ Psalms 120-124		
Wednesday, March 18		
□ Deuteronomy 1-2 □ Acts 4 □ Proverbs 18 □ Psalms 125-127		

Thursday, March 19
□ Deuteronomy 3-4 □ Acts 5 □ Proverbs 19 □ Psalms 128-131
Friday, March 20  □ Deuteronomy 5-6 □ Acts 6 □ Proverbs 20 □ Psalms 132-133
Saturday, March 21 □ Deuteronomy 7-8 □ Acts 7 □ Proverbs 21 □ Psalms 134-135
Sunday, March 22  □ Deuteronomy 9-10 □ Acts 8 □ Proverbs 22 □ Psalm 136



**Dates** March 22

Week 3
Our Cross

**Key Scripture** 1 Peter 1:6-9; 3:13-18

# Following Jesus

#### 1 Peter 1:6-9: 3:13-18

<sup>6</sup>In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup>These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire-may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.; 3:13 Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? 14But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." 15But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup>keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup>For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

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- 1. Jesus said His followers must "take up their cross," and 1 Peter 4:13 tells us to rejoice when we share in Christ's sufferings. How do you respond to the idea that bearing the cross—sharing in Christ's suffering—is part of the Christian identity and calling? What sacrifices might be necessary in your life to truly follow Him?
- 2. 1 Peter 1:6-9 speaks of rejoicing in trials because they reveal our faith, like a flame burns away impurities to reveal the gold underneath. How does the suffering of Christians reveal the power and love of God? What sorts of things get stripped away in moments of suffering?
- 3. In 1 Peter 3:13-18, believers are called to respond to suffering with grace. What does it look like to maintain a Christ-like attitude when facing persecution or criticism for our faith? Where do you find God's grace to help sustain you in trials?
- 4. How, when challenged, can we prepare ourselves to give an answer for the hope we have in Christ? What resources or practices can help us effectively share our faith?
- 5. 1 Peter 3:18 says that Christ suffered and died to bring us home to God. As people who are "foreigners and strangers" in this world, how does that truth bring you comfort? How might it change the way you live today?

Monday March 23 - Sunday March 29

Monday, March 23
□ Deuteronomy 11-12 □ Acts 9 □ Proverbs 23 □ Psalms 137-138
Tuesday, March 24
□ Deuteronomy 13-14 □ Acts 10 □ Proverbs 24 □ Psalm 139
Wednesday, March 25
□ Deuteronomy 15-16 □ Acts 11 □ Proverbs 25 □ Psalms 140-141

Thursday, March 26  □ Deuteronomy 17-18 □ Acts 12 □ Proverbs 26 □ Psalms 142-143
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Friday, March 27 □ Deuteronomy 19-20 □ Acts 13 □ Proverbs 27 □ Psalm 144
Saturday, March 28  □ Deuteronomy 21-22 □ Acts 14 □ Proverbs 28 □ Psalms 145-146
Sunday, March 29  □ Deuteronomy 23-24 □ Acts 15 □ Proverbs 29 □ Psalm 147



**Dates** March 29

**Week 4**Our Power

**Key Scripture** 2 Peter 1:3-11

# Following Jesus

#### 2 Peter 1:3-11

<sup>3</sup>His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup>Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 5For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup>and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup> and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. <sup>8</sup>For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, "and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



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- 1. In 2 Peter 1:3, Peter writes that God's divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life. How does understanding this truth change the way we approach challenges and spiritual growth?
- 2. The passage emphasizes the importance of knowledge about God. How can we actively seek to grow in our knowledge of Him? What resources (books, sermons, studies) have been particularly helpful in this journey?
- 3. Peter lists several qualities to cultivate: faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, and more. Which of these do you feel most challenged to develop, and why? How can we support one another in this growth?
- 4. In verses 8-9, Peter indicates that growing in these qualities will keep us from being ineffective and unproductive. How can we measure our spiritual growth? What practical steps can we take to ensure we are growing in our faith?
- 5. The passage concludes with the promise that those who practice these qualities will never fall and will receive a rich welcome into the eternal Kingdom. How does this assurance of salvation impact your day-to-day life? How can we encourage one another to remain steadfast in our faith?

Monday March 30 - Sunday April 05

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□ Deuteronomy 25-26 □ Acts 16-17 □ Proverbs 30 □ Psalms 148-149
Tuesday, March 31
□ Deuteronomy 27-28 □ Acts 18 □ Proverbs 31 □ Psalm 150
Wednesday, April 01
□ Deuteronomy 29-30 □ Acts 19 □ Proverbs 1 □ Psalms 1-3

Thursday, April 02
□ Deuteronomy 31-32 □ Acts 20 □ Proverbs 2 □ Psalms 4-5
Friday, April 03  □ Deuteronomy 33-34 □ Acts 21 □ Proverbs 3 □ Psalms 6-7
Saturday, April 04 □ Joshua 1-2 □ Acts 22 □ Proverbs 4 □ Psalms 8-9
Sunday, April 05  Joshua 3-4 Acts 23-24 Proverbs 5 Psalm 10



**Dates** April 3

**Theme**Our Vocation

**Key Scripture** 1 Peter 2:4-10

# GOOD FRIDAY

#### 1 Peter 2:4-10

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, the living Stone-rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him-5you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." <sup>7</sup>Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," <sup>8</sup>and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message-which is also what they were destined for. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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- 1. Peter describes believers as "living stones" being built into a spiritual house. What do you think it means to be part of something God is building? On a scale of 1–10, how connected do you feel to what God is building through His Church right now?
- 2. Verse 9 says we are "a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation." How does this identity shape the way you view your everyday work, relationships, and purpose? What would change if you truly believed this about yourself?
- 3. Peter says we are called to "declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light." What are some practical ways we can live out that calling—especially during Good Friday, when we remember Christ's sacrifice?
- 4. In verses 7–8, Peter contrasts those who believe in Christ with those who reject Him. How does our response to Jesus shape our vocation or calling in the world? What does it look like to stand firm in faith when others may not understand or agree?
- 5. Verse 10 reminds us, "Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God." How does this truth bring hope and unity to believers today? How can we help others discover their belonging in God's family?

**Dates** April 5

Week 5 Our Hope

**Key Scripture** Ephesians 2:1-10

# Following Jesus EASTER SUNDAY

#### Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



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- 1. Paul says we were once "dead in our transgressions and sins." How does remembering where you came from help you appreciate what God's done in your life today? What changes do you see in your attitude, priorities, or habits because of that grace?
- 2. Verse 4 emphasizes that "God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ." How does this statement reshape our understanding of God's character and His motivation towards humanity? On a scale from 1 to 10, how easy is it to believe that God is rich in mercy towards you?
- 3. In verse 5, we see that we have been made alive with Christ. How does this new identity affect your daily life and interactions with others? What happens to the Christian who forgets this identity?
- 4. Ephesians 2:8-9 emphasizes that we are saved by grace through faith, not by works. How does this truth challenge the common cultural notion of earning our way or achieving success through our efforts? How can we cultivate a deeper reliance on God's grace in our spiritual journey?
- 5. Verse 10 states that we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. What does it mean for you to be considered God's handiwork? How can you discern the specific good works God has prepared for you? How can we actively seek to live out our calling as those created for good works?

Monday April 06 - Sunday April 12

Monday, April 06
□ Joshua 5-6 □ Acts 25 □ Proverbs 6 □ Psalms 11-13
Tuesday, April 07
□ Joshua 7-8 □ Acts 26 □ Proverbs 7 □ Psalms 14-16
Wednesday, April 08
□ Joshua 9-10 □ Acts 27-28 □ Proverbs 8 □ Psalm 17
□ Joshua 9-10 □ Acts 27-28 □ Proverbs 8 □ Psaim 17

Thursday, April 09
□ Joshua 11-12 □ Colossians 1-2 □ Proverbs 9 □ Psalm 18
Friday, April 10    Joshua 13-14   Colossians 3-4   Proverbs 10   Psalm 19
Saturday, April 11  □ Joshua 15-16 □ 1 Thessalonians 1 □ Proverbs 11 □ Psalms 20-21
Sunday, April 12   Joshua 17-18 - 1 Thessalonians 2-3 - Proverbs 12 - Psalm 22



## New Teaching Series

# The Wonder of the Word

The benefits of the Bible in your everyday life are numerous! The Bible offers guidance, direction, and blessings that can transform your daily experiences. Through its teachings, you can find freedom from burdens, victory over challenges, and a path to personal holiness.

April 12 - May 17

#### Where We're Headed

What you consume speaks volumes about your overall well-being. If you're neglecting your nutrition, it's no surprise that you might be struggling. This principle holds true not only in the physical realm but also in the spiritual realm. What you "feed" your spirit plays a crucial role in your spiritual vitality. Join us as we explore the profound connection between spiritual nourishment and your spiritual well-being.



Starting April 12, scan the QR code for extra resources and information around this series.

**Dates** April 12

Week 1 Scripture Gives Life

**Key Scripture** I Peter 1:23-24

# The Wonder of the Word

#### I Peter 1:23-24

<sup>23</sup>For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup>For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall".

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- 1. How have your thoughts about the Bible changed over time? What are some ways God has used the scriptures to shape your life?
- 2. Verse 23 states that we have been born again through the living and enduring Word of God. What does it mean to you personally to be "born again"? How has this new birth shaped your identity and your understanding of life in Christ?
- 3. Peter describes God's Word as "living and enduring." How have you seen the Bible come alive in your own life? What makes Scripture different from other books or stories you've read?
- 4. Verse 24 draws a contrast between the temporary nature of human life (like grass and flowers) and the enduring nature of God's Word. How does this put your everyday thoughts and conversations into perspective? How does it empower you to be gracious in conversations with others?
- 5. In what ways do you see Scripture providing nourishment and sustenance for your spiritual life? How can you incorporate more of God's Word into your daily routine to ensure you are being spiritually fed?

Monday April 13 - Sunday April 19

Monday, April 13
□ Joshua 19-20 □ 1 Thessalonians 4-5 □ Proverbs 13 □ Psalms 23-24
Tuesday, April 14
□ Joshua 21–22 □ 2 Thessalonians 1–3 □ Proverbs 14 □ Psalm 25
Wednesday, April 15
□ Joshua 23-24 □ 1 Timothy 1-2 □ Proverbs 15 □ Psalms 26-27

Thursday, April 16  □ Judges 1-2 □ 1 Timothy 3-4 □ Proverbs 16 □ Psalms 28-29
Friday, April 17    Judges 3-4 1 Timothy 5-6 Proverbs 17 Psalms 30-31
Saturday, April 18  □ Judges 5-6 □ 2 Timothy 1-2 □ Proverbs 18 □ Psalm 32
Sunday, April 19
□ Judges 7-8 □ 2 Timothy 3-4 □ Proverbs 19 □ Psalm 33



**Dates** April 19

Week 2 Scripture Gives Spiritual Direction

**Key Scripture** Psalm 119:105

# The Wonder of the Word

#### Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

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- 1. Reflecting on a significant decision in your life, how did Scripture provide direction or clarity? Can you share a specific verse or passage that influenced your decision-making process?
- 2. In what ways do you turn to Scripture when faced with uncertainties or questions about your future? Are there particular themes or topics in the Bible that you find especially relevant to your current stage of life?
- 3. Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." As followers of Jesus, His Word guides how we walk each day. How do you learn to recognize God's voice through Scripture amid all the noise of life? What daily habits help you stay in step with His quidance?
- 4. Hebrews 10:24–25 says, "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another." How can you encourage one another from the Scriptures? How often are you able to encourage other believers through God's Word?
- 5. Psalm 119:37 says, "Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word." What barriers or distractions tend to keep you from seeking God's direction through Scripture? How can you rely on God's help to overcome them and stay focused on His Word? Once you sense His direction, what practical steps can you take to put it into action in your daily life?

Monday April 20 - Sunday April 26

Monday, April 20
□ Judges 9-10 □ Luke 1 □ Proverbs 20 □ Psalm 34
Tuesday, April 21
□ Judges 11-12 □ Luke 2 □ Proverbs 21 □ Psalm 35
Wednesday, April 22
□ Judges 13-14 □ Luke 3 □ Proverbs 22 □ Psalm 36

Thursday, April 23  □ Judges 15-16 □ Luke 4 □ Proverbs 23 □ Psalm 37
Friday, April 24  □ Judges 17-18 □ Luke 5 □ Proverbs 24 □ Psalm 38
Saturday, April 25  □ Judges 19-21 □ Luke 6 □ Proverbs 25 □ Psalm 39
Sunday, April 26  Ruth 1-2 Luke 7 Proverbs 26 Psalms 40-41



**Dates** April 26

Week 3 Scripture Gives Spiritual Blessing

**Key Scripture** Psalm 1:1-3

# The Wonder of the Word

#### Psalm 1:1-3

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<sup>1</sup>Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, <sup>2</sup>but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. <sup>3</sup>That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

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- 1. Psalm 1 begins by declaring that the one who delights in the law of the Lord is blessed. In Scripture, "blessed" (esher) means a deep sense of joy, contentment, and flourishing that comes from walking closely with God—not just having good circumstances. How does that definition shape your view of what it means to live a blessed life? What does this kind of blessing look like in your daily walk with God?
- 2. Verse 1 speaks about not walking in the counsel of the wicked or standing in the way of sinners. What are some common influences or distractions that might lead you away from God's Word? Why is it so difficult to avoid being influenced by people living in sinful ways?
- 3. Verse 2 highlights the importance of delighting in the law of the Lord. On a scale from 1 to 10, how often do you find reading the Bible a "delight"? Describe a time when being in God's Word was enjoyable for you.
- 4. This psalm encourages meditation on God's law day and night. Meditation is thinking about a specific Scripture turning it over and over in your mind. How do you incorporate meditation into your study of Scripture? What methods or techniques have you found helpful for reflecting deeply on God's Word?
- 5. Verse 3 describes the person who delights in God's Word as being like a tree planted by streams of water, yielding fruit in season. What does it mean for you to be spiritually fruitful? How have you seen the fruits of the Spirit manifest in your life or the lives of others?

Monday April 27 - Sunday May 03

Monday, April 27
□ Ruth 3-4 □ Luke 8 □ Proverbs 27 □ Psalms 42-43
Tuesday, April 28
□ 1 Samuel 1-2 □ Luke 9 □ Proverbs 28 □ Psalm 44
Wednesday, April 29
□ 1 Samuel 3-4 □ Luke 10 □ Proverbs 29 □ Psalms 45-46
□ 1 Samuel 3-4 □ Luke 10 □ Proverbs 29 □ Psalms 45-46

□ 1 Samuel 5-6 □ Luke 11 □ Proverbs 30-31 □ Psalms 47-48
Friday, May 01 □ 1 Samuel 7-8 □ Luke 12 □ Proverbs 1 □ Psalm 49
Saturday, May 02  1 Samuel 9-10 Luke 13 Proverbs 2 Psalm 50
Sunday, May 03
□ 1 Samuel 11-12 □ Luke 14 □ Proverbs 3 □ Psalm 51



**Dates** May 3

Week 4 Scripture Gives Spiritual Freedom

Key Scripture John 8:30-36

# The Wonder of the Word

#### John 8:30-36

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<sup>30</sup>Even as he spoke, many believed in him. <sup>31</sup>To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup>Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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- 1. In John 8:32, Jesus says, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John shows us that real freedom means being released from the power of sin so we can enjoy fellowship with God. How does that change the way you think about spiritual freedom? What helps you live in that freedom day to day?
- 2. How do you see the connection between truth and freedom in this passage? What does it look like to live out the truth so that it truly sets you free?
- 3. In verses 34–35, Jesus talks about being a slave to sin. Are there areas in your life where you sometimes feel stuck or trapped? What does the Gospel say about those areas? According to Ephesians 1:13–14, how does God help us keep walking in freedom through the Holy Spirit?
- 4. Verse 36 says, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." How does knowing that Jesus has set you free affect the way you make choices or relate to others? Can you think of a time when you really experienced that freedom in your own life?
- 5. What does it mean for you to "know the truth," as Jesus mentions in verse 32? How do you stay connected to God's Word so His truth continues to guide and shape you?

Monday May 04 - Sunday May 10

Monday, May 04
□ 1 Samuel 13-14 □ Luke 15 □ Proverbs 4 □ Psalms 52-54
Tuesday, May 05
□ 1 Samuel 15-16 □ Luke 16 □ Proverbs 5 □ Psalm 55
Wednesday, May 06
□ 1 Samuel 17-18 □ Luke 17-18 □ Proverbs 6 □ Psalms 56-57

Thursday, May 07
□ 1 Samuel 19-20 □ Luke 19 □ Proverbs 7 □ Psalms 58-59
Friday, May 08  1 Samuel 21-22 Luke 20 Proverbs 8 Psalms 60-61
Saturday, May 09  1 Samuel 23-24 Luke 21 Proverbs 9 Psalms 62-63
Sunday, May 10  □ 1 Samuel 25-26 □ Luke 22 □ Proverbs 10 □ Psalms 64-65



**Dates** May 10

Week 5 Scripture Gives Spritual Counseling

**Key Scripture**Colossians 3:16

# The Wonder of the Word

#### Colossians 3:16

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Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

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- 1. Colossians 3:16 encourages us to let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly. What does it mean for you to allow Scripture to dwell within you? How has immersing yourself in God's Word provided guidance in your life?
- 2. The verse speaks about teaching and admonishing one another with wisdom. How can we be sure we've received wisdom from the Lord? If you had to teach a class called, "Sharing Spiritual Wisdom in a Group Setting" how would you teach it?
- 3. Colossians 3:16 mentions singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. How has singing with Christians encouraged or challenged you?
- 4. What does it mean for the Word of Christ to dwell in us "richly"? How can we cultivate a deeper understanding and appreciation of Scripture in our daily lives? What practices do you find helpful?
- 5. James 1:5 says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault." What does this verse teach about where true wisdom comes from? How does it challenge the way we usually make decisions?

Monday May 11 - Sunday May 17

Monday, May 11
□ 1 Samuel 27-28 □ Luke 23 □ Proverbs 11 □ Psalm 66
Tuesday, May 12
□ 1 Samuel 29-31 □ Luke 24 □ Proverbs 12 □ Psalm 67
Wednesday, May 13
□ 2 Samuel 1-2 □ Titus 1-3 □ Proverbs 13 □ Psalm 68

Thursday, May 14
□ 2 Samuel 3-4 □ Philemon 1 □ Proverbs 14 □ Psalm 69
Friday, May 15
□ 2 Samuel 5-6 □ Hebrews 1-2 □ Proverbs 15 □ Psalm 70
Saturday, May 16 □ 2 Samuel 7-8 □ Hebrews 3-4 □ Proverbs 16 □ Psalm 71
Sunday, May 17   2 Samuel 9-10   Hebrews 5-6   Proverbs 17   Psalm 72



**Dates** May 17

**Week 6**Scripture Gives
Spiritual Victory

**Key Scripture** Ephesians 6:17

# The Wonder of the Word

#### Ephesians 6:17

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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- 1. Ephesians 6:17 calls the Word of God "the sword of the Spirit," meaning the Holy Spirit uses Scripture to cut through lies and reveal truth. How have you seen God's Word protect you or strengthen you in tough moments? How can you use Scripture to stand firm and share truth with others?
- 2. What are some practical ways you can keep the "sword of the Spirit" sharp in your life—such as memorizing or praying through Scripture, or speaking God's truth in difficult situations? Are there any other disciplines you use to keep God's Word in mind?
- 3. How can regularly engaging with Scripture prepare you for spiritual battles? What practices do you find helpful for ensuring that you are equipped with God's Word when facing difficulties?
- 4. What spiritual battles or challenges are you currently facing? How might Scripture provide guidance and strength you need to achieve victory? How can incorporating Scripture into your prayers enhance your spiritual warfare? Are there specific verses that you find powerful when praying for victory over struggles or challenges?
- 5. What battles are you facing right now, whether physical, spiritual, relational, or emotional? Which Scriptures help you stand firm and walk in victory through them?

Monday May 18 - Sunday May 24

Monday, May 18
□ 2 Samuel 11-12 □ Hebrews 7-9 □ Proverbs 18 □ Psalm 73
Tuesday, May 19
□ 2 Samuel 13-14 □ Hebrews 10-11 □ Proverbs 19 □ Psalm 74
Wednesday, May 20
□ 2 Samuel 15-16 □ Hebrews 12 □ Proverbs 20 □ Psalms 75-76

□ 2 Samuel 17-18 □ Hebrews 13 □ Proverbs 21 □ Psalm 77
Friday, May 22 2 Samuel 19-20  James 1-2  Proverbs 22  Psalm 78
Saturday, May 23  □ 2 Samuel 21-22 □ James 3-5 □ Proverbs 23 □ Psalms 79-81
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<b>Sunday, May 24</b> □ 2 Samuel 23-24 □ 1 Peter 1 □ Proverbs 24 □ Psalms 82-83



**Dates** May 24

**Key Scripture** Psalm 100 Isaiah 61:10

# Celebration Weekend

#### Psalm 100

Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth!
Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing with joy.

Acknowledge that the LORD is God!

He made us, and we are his.

We are his popula the shoot of his popular.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good.

His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

#### Isaiah 61:10

I am overwhelmed with joy in the LORD my God! For he has dressed me with the clothing of salvation and draped me in a robe of righteousness. I am like a bridegroom dressed for his wedding or a bride with her jewels.

#### Why We Choose to Celebrate

We believe thanksgiving and praise are central to a daily relationship with Jesus. Throughout the year, we intentionally set aside weekends for the purpose of remembering and celebrating God's work in our lives. On these weekends, our church family magnifies the Lord through extended times of worship, prayer, and prophetic exhortation. We celebrate the finished and ongoing work of Jesus through the corporate sharing of the Lord's Supper, stories of life change, and baptism.

#### Three Prayers to Pray this Week:

- Remember the faithfulness of Jesus in my life
- Celebrate God's work in the lives of the people around me
- Renew my faith and hope in God's promises



To share your story of how Jesus has changed your life use this QR Code or visit northpointe.org/story.

Monday May 25 - Sunday May 31

Monday, May 25
□ 1 Kings 1-2 □ 1 Peter 2-3 □ Proverbs 25 □ Psalm 84
Tuesday, May 26
□ 1 Kings 3-4 □ 1 Peter 4-5 □ Proverbs 26 □ Psalms 85-86
Wednesday, May 27
□ 1 Kings 5-6 □ 2 Peter 1-2 □ Proverbs 27 □ Psalms 87-88

□ 1 Kings 7-8 □ 2 Peter 3 □ Proverbs 28 □ Psalm 89
Friday, May 29 □ 1 Kings 9-10 □ John 1 □ Proverbs 29 □ Psalms 90-91
Saturday, May 30  1 Kings 11-12 John 2-3 Proverbs 30 Psalms 92-93
Sunday, May 31 □ 1 Kings 13-14 □ John 4 □ Proverbs 31 □ Psalm 94





# Practical Christianity: A Study of James

James is an apostle who emphasizes the importance of practical Christianity. It's not enough to simply hold beliefs; what truly matters is how you practice them. It's not just about what you say, but also about how you live your life.

May 31 - July 12

#### Where We're Headed

In this series, we will delve into the Book of James, examining it chapter by chapter to uncover the practical implications of being a Christian. How do we respond to trials? How do we handle temptation? How do we pursue holiness? How do we plan our lives? What impact should our faith have on our relationships, the way we communicate, our spending habits, and many other aspects of life? It's not sufficient to simply talk the talk; we must also walk the walk.



Starting May 31, scan the QR code for extra resources and information around this series.

**Dates** May 31

Week 1 Responding to Trials

**Key Scripture** James 1:1-12

#### James 1:1-12

<sup>1</sup>James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings. <sup>2</sup>Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup>Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. <sup>6</sup>But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup>That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8Such a person is doubleminded and unstable in all they do. <sup>9</sup>Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. <sup>10</sup>But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. <sup>11</sup>For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business. <sup>12</sup>Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

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- 1. James opens by saying we should "consider it pure joy" when we face trials. Have you ever felt that kind of pure joy? What did it feel like? What might it look like to have that kind of joy even when life gets difficult?
- 2. Can you think of a time when you went through a tough season? How did that experience change or grow your faith?
- 3. In verse 5, James says to ask God for wisdom when we're struggling. How can you tell the difference between truly seeking God's wisdom and just wanting the problem to go away?
- 4. James also warns against doubting when we ask God for help. How do you handle doubt when things get difficult? What helps you keep trusting God when you don't see answers right away?
- 5. Verse 12 talks about the "crown of life" God gives to those who stay faithful under trial. Have you ever worked hard for something and finally been rewarded? How does it encourage you to know that God rewards faithfulness when we stay strong through hard times?

Monday June 01 - Sunday June 07

Monday, June 01
□ 1 Kings 15-16 □ John 5 □ Proverbs 1 □ Psalms 95-96
Tuesday, June 02
□ 1 Kings 17-18 □ John 6 □ Proverbs 2 □ Psalms 97-98
Wednesday, June 03
□ 1 Kings 19-20 □ John 7 □ Proverbs 3 □ Psalms 99-101

Thursday, June 04 □ 1 Kings 21-22 □ John 8 □ Proverbs 4 □ Psalm 102
Friday, June 05 = 2 Kings 1-2 = John 9 = Proverbs 5 = Psalm 103
Saturday, June 06 2 Kings 3-4 John 10 Proverbs 6 Psalm 104
Sunday, June 07  2 Kings 5-6  John 11 Proverbs 7 Psalm 105



**Dates**June 7

Week 2
Dealing with
Temptation

**Key Scripture** James 1:13-18

#### James 1:13-18

<sup>13</sup>When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup>but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. <sup>15</sup>Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. <sup>16</sup>Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup>Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup>He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

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- 1. James states in verse 13 that God does not tempt anyone. How does this understanding of God's character affect the way you view temptation?
- 2. In verse 14, James describes how temptation arises from our own desires. What are some common desires or inclinations that lead to temptation for you?
- 3. James outlines a progression from desire to sin in verse 15. Can you identify moments in your life where you've seen this progression? How can awareness of this process help you resist temptation?
- 4. In verse 17, James emphasizes that every good and perfect gift comes from God. How does focusing on God's goodness help you resist temptation? What are some of the good things in your life? Did you know each of those things is a gift from God?
- 5. How does understanding the destructive nature of sin (vs. 15) influence your decision-making when faced with temptation?

Monday June 08 - Sunday June 14

Monday, June 08
□ 2 Kings 7-8 □ John 12 □ Proverbs 8 □ Psalm 106
Tuesday, June 09
□ 2 Kings 9-10 □ John 13 □ Proverbs 9 □ Psalm 107
Wednesday, June 10
□ 2 Kings 11-12 □ John 14 □ Proverbs 10 □ Psalm 108

□ 2 Kings 13-14 □ John 15 □ Proverbs 11 □ Psalm 109
Friday, June 12 □ 2 Kings 15-16 □ John 16-17 □ Proverbs 12 □ Psalms 110-112
Saturday, June 13 = 2 Kings 17-18 = John 18 = Proverbs 13 = Psalms 113-114
Sunday, June 14 2 Kings 19-20   John 19   Proverbs 14  Psalm 115



**Dates** June 14

**Week 3**Avoiding
Favoritism

**Key Scripture** James 2:1-13

#### James 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. <sup>2</sup>Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. 3If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? 5Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? 8If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. 9But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. <sup>11</sup>For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. <sup>12</sup>Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, <sup>13</sup>because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

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- 1. James warns against showing favoritism (vs 1). What does favoritism look like in today's context, particularly within the church? What cultural attitudes towards wealth, status, and appearance do you see influencing favoritism within your community?
- 2. Can you recall a time when you experienced favoritism or when you may have shown favoritism to others? How did that situation affect your relationships?
- 3. James emphasizes that God has chosen the poor to be rich in faith (vs 5). What does this say about God's perspective on value and worth? How does this challenge societal standards of success?
- 4. In verses 2-4, James describes a scenario of discrimination based on appearance. How do we often judge others based on external factors? What impact does this have on our community?
- 5. James states that favoritism is a violation of the royal law to love your neighbor (vs 8). How can we actively practice this law in our daily lives? What barriers might prevent us from doing so?

Monday June 15 - Sunday June 21

Monday, June 15
□ 2 Kings 21-22 □ John 20-21 □ Proverbs 15 □ Psalms 116-117
Tuesday, June 16
□ 2 Kings 23-25 □ 1 John 1 □ Proverbs 16 □ Psalm 118
Wednesday, June 17
□ 1 Chronicles 1-2 □ 1 John 2-3 □ Proverbs 17 □ Psalm 119
□ I Chronicles I-2 □ I John 2-3 □ Proverbs I/ □ Psaim II9

Thursday, June 18
□ 1 Chronicles 3-4 □ 1 John 4-5 □ Proverbs 18 □ Psalms 120-126
Friday, June 19 1 Chronicles 5-6 2 John 1 Proverbs 19 Psalms 127-129
Saturday, June 20  1 Chronicles 7-8 3 John 1 Proverbs 20 Psalms 130-132
Sunday, June 21  1 Chronicles 9-10   Jude 1  Proverbs 21   Psalms 133-134



**Dates** June 21

**Week 4** The Power of the Tongue

**Key Scripture** James 3:1-12

#### James 3:1-12

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<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. 2We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. 3When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. <sup>5</sup>Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. <sup>6</sup>The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, 8but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup>Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. <sup>11</sup>Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? <sup>12</sup>My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

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- 1. Can you think of a time when your words had a big impact—either in a good or bad way—on someone else? How did that experience change the way you think about the power of your words?
- 2. James says no one can fully tame the tongue. What are some practical things you can do to help guard your speech and make sure your words show kindness and truth?
- 3. James points out that the same tongue can both bless and curse. Why do you think it's so easy for our words to go both ways? What situations make it most difficult for you to speak with grace?
- 4. Ephesians 4:29 says, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up." What does this verse teach us about the kind of speech God desires? What are some ways we can speak words that build up rather than tear down?
- 5. How do social media, news, or cultural trends influence the way people communicate How can we stay different and use our words to reflect Christ instead of the world around us?

Monday June 22 - Sunday June 28

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□ 1 Chronicles 11-12 □ Revelation 1-5 □ Proverbs 22 □ Psalm 135
Tuesday, June 23
□ 1 Chronicles 13-14 □ Revelation 6-8 □ Proverbs 23 □ Psalms 136-137
Wednesday, June 24
□ 1 Chronicles 15-16 □ Revelation 9-10 □ Proverbs 24 □ Psalms 138-139

□ 1 Chronicles 17-18 □ Revelation 11-12 □ Proverbs 25 □ Psalm 140
Friday, June 26 □ 1 Chronicles 19-20 □ Revelation 13-15 □ Proverbs 26 □ Psalms 141-142
Saturday, June 27  1 Chronicles 21-22   Revelation 16-17   Proverbs 27   Psalms 143-144
Sunday, June 28  □ 1 Chronicles 23-24 □ Revelation 18-19 □ Proverbs 28 □ Psalm 145
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## 2026 Mid-Annual Vision Sunday

### June 28

As a church family, we are committed to seeing our neighbors experience the love of Jesus and find purpose and belonging in His Church.

We have a vision to create warm and welcoming spaces where people from every walk of life are lovingly invited into life-changing relationship with Jesus.

All the ministry that helps people experience this purpose is made possible through the tithes and offerings of our church family. Today, we're celebrating the life-change that we have seen God do this year!



Scan this QR code to see what God has done this year and look through the 2026 Financial Report.

**Dates** June 28

Week 5
The Pursuit of
Godliness

**Key Scripture** James 4:1-12

#### James 4:1-12

<sup>1</sup>What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? 2You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup>When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. 4You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? 'But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. <sup>11</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. 12There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

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- 1. James 4:1–2 says, "What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?" What are some common desires that tend to cause conflict in your life—or in the lives of those around you? How can you bring those desires into alignment with God's will?
- 2. James 4:10 says, "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up." What does humility look like in your everyday life? How is humbling yourself before the Lord different from humbling yourself before another person?
- 3. The call to submit to God is central in this passage. What does it mean to you to submit your plans and desires to God? Can you share a time when you experienced the peace that comes from surrendering to Him?
- 4. James warns about speaking against one another. How can we cultivate a spirit of grace and understanding in our conversations, especially when disagreements arise?
- 5. James 4:7–10 tells us to submit to God, resist the devil, and draw near to Him. This passage shows that repentance means both turning away from sin and turning toward God. How does that kind of repentance help you grow closer to God? And how can we make our group a safe place where people can be honest about their struggles and grow together?

Monday June 29 - Sunday July 05

Monday, June 29
□ 1 Chronicles 25-26 □ Revelation 20-21 □ Proverbs 29 □ Psalms 146-147
Tuesday, June 30
□ 1 Chronicles 27-29 □ Revelation 22 □ Proverbs 30-31 □ Psalms 148-150
Wednesday, July 01
□ 2 Chronicles 1-2 □ Matthew 1-2 □ Proverbs 1 □ Psalms 1-3

Thursday, July 02
□ 2 Chronicles 3-4 □ Matthew 3-4 □ Proverbs 2 □ Psalms 4-5
Friday, July 03
Saturday, July 04 □ 2 Chronicles 7-8 □ Matthew 6 □ Proverbs 4 □ Psalms 8-9
Sunday, July 05  2 Chronicles 9-10  Matthew 7  Proverbs 5  Psalm 10



**Dates**July 5

Week 6
The Planning of Life

**Key Scripture** James 4:13-17

#### James 4:13-17

<sup>13</sup>Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." <sup>14</sup>Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. <sup>15</sup>Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." <sup>16</sup>As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup>If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

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- 1. In James 4:13–15, James warns against making plans without acknowledging God's sovereignty. On a scale of 1 to 10, how often do you include God in your planning process? What would it look like to move one step closer to making Him central in your decisions?
- 2. In James 4:16, James cautions us not to boast about the future. What do you think boasting looks like today? (For example—social media posts, career goals, or "I've got my five-year plan.") How can you stay confident in your plans without becoming prideful about them?
- 3. In James 4:15, we're told to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." If someone heard you talk about your future, would they sense that you depend on God's will or your own? What could you start saying—or praying—that reflects greater trust in His direction?
- 4. Thinking about James 4:13–15, imagine you had one year left to live. What plans would suddenly feel less important? What would you focus on? How might that perspective change the way you plan today?
- 5. Returning to James 4:14–15, when your plans fall apart or take a different turn, what's your first reaction–frustration, faith, or something else? What habit or truth helps you remember that God's timing is often better than yours?

Monday July 06 - Sunday July 12

Monday, July 06
□ 2 Chronicles 11-12 □ Matthew 8 □ Proverbs 6 □ Psalms 11-13
Tuesday, July 07
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□ 2 Chronicles 13-14 □ Matthew 9 □ Proverbs 7 □ Psalms 14-16
Wednesday, July 08
□ 2 Chronicles 15-16 □ Matthew 10 □ Proverbs 8 □ Psalm 17

Thursday, July 09
□ 2 Chronicles 17-18 □ Matthew 11 □ Proverbs 9 □ Psalm 18
Friday, July 10  = 2 Chronicles 19-20 = Matthew 12 = Proverbs 10 = Psalm 19
Saturday, July 11
Sunday, July 12  □ 2 Chronicles 23-24 □ Matthew 14 □ Proverbs 12 □ Psalm 22



**Dates** July 12

Week 7
The Futility of Riches

**Key Scripture** James 5:1-6

#### James 5:1-6

¹Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ²Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

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- 1. Read James 5:1–3. James warns that wealth can rot and corrode over time. Why do you think riches can be so dangerous to the heart? On a scale of 1 to 10, how easy is it for you to let money or success shape your priorities?
- 2. James 5:4 confronts injustice, calling out those who gain wealth at the expense of others. Where do you see similar attitudes or systems of greed today? What might it look like for followers of Jesus to respond differently—to model integrity, fairness, and compassion?
- 3. James 5:5 describes people who "lived in luxury and self-indulgence." What do you think the line is between enjoying what God provides and being ruled by it? How can you tell when comfort starts dulling your dependence on God?
- 4. The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4:11–12 that he had learned to be content in all circumstances. What does contentment look like in your life? What helps you stay grateful and grounded when our culture constantly tells us to want more?
- 5. James 5:3 says that riches will one day "testify against us." Imagine someone describing your life years from now—what do you hope they'd say about how you handled money and possessions? What kind of legacy do you want to leave behind?

Monday July 13 - Sunday July 19

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□ 2 Chronicles 25-26 □ Matthew 15 □ Proverbs 13 □ Psalms 23-24
Tuesday, July 14
□ 2 Chronicles 27-28 □ Matthew 16-17 □ Proverbs 14 □ Psalm 25
Wednesday, July 15
□ 2 Chronicles 29-30 □ Matthew 18 □ Proverbs 15 □ Psalms 26-27

Thursday, July 16
□ 2 Chronicles 31-32 □ Matthew 19 □ Proverbs 16 □ Psalms 28-29
Friday, July 17 □ 2 Chronicles 33-34 □ Matthew 20 □ Proverbs 17 □ Psalms 30-31
Saturday, July 18 □ 2 Chronicles 35-36 □ Matthew 21 □ Proverbs 18 □ Psalm 32
Sunday, July 19  Ezra 1-2  Matthew 22  Proverbs 19  Psalm 33



# New Teaching Series

### God Can Still Use You

Explore the stories of several individuals in the Bible whose lives remind us that, with God, it's never too late. Join us as we uncover how these biblical figures demonstrate the transformative power of faith and the endless possibilities that await when we trust in God's plan.

July 19 - August 16

#### Where We're Headed

Using stories form the Old and New Testament, this series will teach us that even in the face of setbacks, failures, or sin, God provides the grace and strength needed to rise again, be restored, and continue moving forward. This powerful truth is beautifully illustrated in Proverbs 24:16, which states, "For though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again." This verse encapsulates the essence of resilience and hope in our spiritual journey, reminding us that no matter how many times we stumble, God's unwavering support enables us to get back up and pursue our purpose with renewed vigor.



Starting July 19, scan the QR code for extra resources and information around this series.

**Dates**July 19

Week 1 Moses: The Murderer God Used

Key Scripture Exodus 3:1-10

#### Exodus 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-inlaw, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." 4When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look. God called to him from within the bush. "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." 5"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." 'Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup>The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 8So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 9And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup>So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

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- 1. Read Exodus 2:11–15 and 3:10. God chose Moses to lead His people even though Moses had a past marked by failure and guilt. Why do you think God delights in using people with broken stories? On a scale of 1 to 10, how easy is it for you to believe that God can redeem your past for His purpose?
- 2. Exodus 3:11 shows Moses saying, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?" When have you felt unqualified or unworthy to be used by God? How does Moses' story encourage you to see that God's calling depends more on His grace than your résumé?
- 3. Read Exodus 4:10–12. Moses hesitated and claimed he wasn't eloquent enough for the task. What fears or excuses keep you from stepping into something God might be calling you to do? What helps you push past those fears?
- 4. God reassured Moses by saying, "I will be with you" (Exodus 3:12). How does knowing that God's presence goes with you change the way you approach challenges or responsibilities? How could our community better remind one another of that truth when we feel afraid or inadequate?
- 5. Reflecting on Moses' journey from doubt to obedience, how have you seen God's faithfulness in equipping people He calls? If you knew God would provide everything you need, what step of faith would you take next?

Monday July 20 - Sunday July 26

Monday, July 20
□ Ezra 3-4 □ Matthew 23 □ Proverbs 20 □ Psalm 34
Tuesday, July 21
□ Ezra 5-6 □ Matthew 24 □ Proverbs 21 □ Psalm 35
Wednesday, July 22
□ Ezra 7-8 □ Matthew 25 □ Proverbs 22 □ Psalm 36

□ Ezra 9-10 □ Matthew 26 □ Proverbs 23 □ Psalm 37
Friday, July 24 Nehemiah 1-2   Matthew 27   Proverbs 24   Psalm 38
Saturday, July 25  □ Nehemiah 3-4 □ Matthew 28 □ Proverbs 25 □ Psalm 39
Sunday, July 26  Nehemiah 5-6 Romans 1-2 Proverbs 26 Psalms 40-41



**Dates** July 26

Week 2 Rahab: The Prostitute God Used

**Key Scripture** Joshua 2:1-14

#### Joshua 2:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. "Go, look over the land," he said, "especially Jericho." So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there. <sup>2</sup>The king of Jericho was told, "Look, some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land." <sup>3</sup>So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: "Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land." <sup>4</sup>But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. 5At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don't know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them." 6(But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.) 7So the men set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut. 8Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof <sup>9</sup> and said to them, "I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. 10 We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. 11When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. 12"Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign <sup>13</sup>that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death." 14"Our lives for your lives!" the men assured her. "If you don't tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the Lord gives us the land."

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- 1. Read Joshua 2:1–11. Rahab's story shows that God is willing to use anyone—no matter their background or reputation—for His purpose. Why do you think God delights in choosing unlikely people to accomplish His plans? On a scale of 1 to 10, how easy is it for you to believe that God can use you in the same way?
- 2. Joshua 2:8–11 reveals Rahab's faith when she confessed, "The Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below." What does her bold trust teach you about the nature of genuine faith? How can you put that kind of courageous faith into practice in your own life this week?
- 3. Rahab carried a difficult label in her society, yet God saw her value and potential. How do cultural or social labels affect the way we see others today? How have labels affected your decision making? How is God's perspective of you different than those labels?
- 4. Read Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:25, which both celebrate Rahab's faith and actions. Her past didn't disqualify her—it became the stage for God's redemption. How does that truth encourage you to see your own story differently? What does seeking redemption and purpose look like for you right now?
- 5. Rahab risked her life to protect the Israelite spies and was later included in the lineage of Jesus (Matthew 1:5). If you knew your obedience could impact generations to come, how might that change the way you follow God today? How can we, as a community, encourage one another to take faith-filled risks for God's glory?

Monday July 27 - Sunday August 02

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□ Nehemiah 7-8 □ Romans 3-4 □ Proverbs 27 □ Psalms 42-43
Tuesday, July 28
□ Nehemiah 9-10 □ Romans 5-6 □ Proverbs 28 □ Psalm 44
Wednesday, July 29
□ Nehemiah 11-13 □ Romans 7 □ Proverbs 29 □ Psalms 45-46
Wednesday, July 29  □ Nehemiah 11-13 □ Romans 7 □ Proverbs 29 □ Psalms 45-46

Friday, July 31  □ Esther 3-4 □ Romans 9-10 □ Proverbs 31 □ Psalm 49  Saturday, August 01  □ Esther 5-6 □ Romans 11 □ Proverbs 1 □ Psalm 50  Sunday, August 02  □ Esther 7-8 □ Romans 12-13 □ Proverbs 2 □ Psalm 51	□ Esther 1-2 □ Romans 8 □ Proverbs 30 □ Psalms 47-48
Saturday, August 01  Esther 5-6 Romans 11 Proverbs 1 Psalm 50  Sunday, August 02	
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**Dates** August 2

Week 3
Sarah: The
Doubter God Used

**Key Scripture**Genesis 18:9-15

#### Genesis 18:9-15

<sup>9</sup>"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said. <sup>10</sup>Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. <sup>11</sup>Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son." <sup>15</sup>Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."

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- 1. Read Genesis 18:9–12. When Sarah first heard God's promise that she would have a son, she laughed in disbelief. Have you ever reacted like Sarah—feeling skeptical about something God promises in scripture or led you toward by the Holy Spirit? What's one area of your life where trusting God still feels difficult?
- 2. Genesis 18:13–14 records God's gentle yet powerful question: "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" What does His response to Sarah's doubt reveal about His patience and character? How does this shape the way you think God views your own moments of hesitation or unbelief?
- 3. Hebrews 11:11 celebrates Sarah's faith, saying she "considered Him faithful who had made the promise." How can doubt and faith coexist in our spiritual journey? On a scale of 1 to 10, how easy is it for you to move from doubt to trust when God's timing seems slow or unclear?
- 4. Despite her laughter and doubt, God kept His promise to Sarah. Can you think of a time when you saw God's faithfulness even when you struggled to believe? How did that experience grow your trust in Him?
- 5. Sarah's story shows that God uses imperfect faith to accomplish His perfect plans. How does her journey encourage you when you wrestle with uncertainty? What can we do, as a group, to create a safe and supportive space for people to express doubts while still growing in faith?

Monday August 03 - Sunday August 09

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□ Esther 9-10 □ Romans 14-15 □ Proverbs 3 □ Psalms 52-54
Tuesday, August 04
□ Job 1-2 □ Romans 16 □ Proverbs 4 □ Psalm 55
Wednesday, August 05
□ Job 3-4 □ 1 Corinthians 1-2 □ Proverbs 5 □ Psalms 56-57

Thursday, August 06	
□ Job 5-6 □ 1 Corinthians 3-4 □ Proverbs 6 □ Psalms 58-59	
Friday, August 07 □ Job 7-8 □ 1 Corinthians 5-6 □ Proverbs 7 □ Psalms 60-61	
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Sunday, August 09   Job 11-12 1 Corinthians 8-9 Proverbs 9 Psalms 64-65	
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**Dates** August 9

Week 4 Jonah: The Rebel God Used

**Key Scripture** Jonah 1:9

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### Jonah 1:9

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 $^{\rm 19}$  He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

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- 1. Read Jonah 1:1–3. Jonah ran in the opposite direction when God called him to go to Nineveh. What does this reaction show us about human nature and our tendency to resist God's plans? Have you ever had a moment when you sensed God leading you one way, but you wanted to go another?
- 2. Jonah 1:4 and 1:17 show that even after Jonah rebelled, God pursued him with a storm and a fish. How does that persistence reflect God's character? When you think about your own struggles with obedience, what encourages you about the way God refuses to give up on His people?
- 3. On a scale of 1 to 10, how easy is it for you to recognize when you're avoiding something God has asked you to do? What "Tarshish"-type escapes—habits, distractions, excuses—tempt you to run from God's will, and what helps you turn back toward obedience?
- 4. Jonah 3:1–5 records that after Jonah finally obeyed, an entire city repented. How does that outcome reshape the way you think about failure and redemption? What would it look like for our group to encourage one another to obey God's call—even when we've stumbled or doubted in the past?
- 5. Read Jonah 4:1–2. Jonah was angry that God showed mercy to the Ninevites—people he deeply despised. His rebellion wasn't just about running from God's command it was about rejecting God's compassion for others. When have you struggled to extend grace to someone you felt didn't deserve it? What helps you align your heart with God's mercy instead of your own sense of fairness?

Monday August 10 - Sunday August 16

Monday, August 10
□ Job 13-14 □ 1 Corinthians 10 □ Proverbs 10 □ Psalm 66
Tuesday, August 11
□ Job 15-16 □ 1 Corinthians 11-12 □ Proverbs 11 □ Psalm 67
Wednesday, August 12
□ Job 17-18 □ 1 Corinthians 13 □ Proverbs 12 □ Psalm 68

Thursday, August 13
□ Job 19-20 □ 1 Corinthians 14 □ Proverbs 13 □ Psalm 69
Friday, August 14  □ Job 21-22 □ 1 Corinthians 15-16 □ Proverbs 14 □ Psalm 70
Saturday, August 15    Job 23-24 2 Corinthians 1 Proverbs 15 Psalm 71
Sunday, August 16  □ Job 25-26 □ 2 Corinthians 2-3 □ Proverbs 16 □ Psalm 72



**Dates** August 16

Week 5
Peter: The
Apostate God
Used

**Key Scripture** Luke 22:28-34

#### Luke 22:28-34

<sup>28</sup>You are those who have stood by me in my trials. <sup>29</sup>And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, <sup>30</sup>so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>31</sup> "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. <sup>32</sup>But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." <sup>33</sup>But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

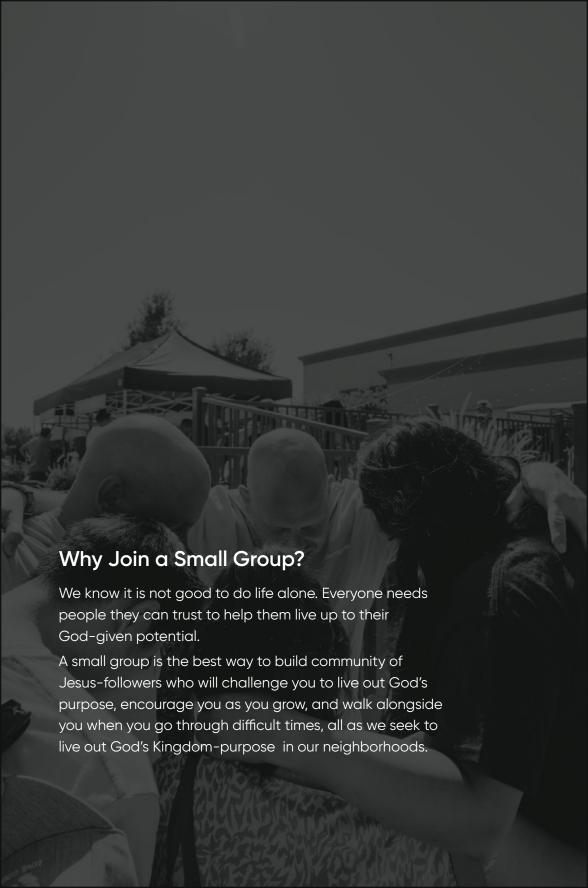
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- 1. Read Luke 22:54–62. Peter denied Jesus three times, even after boldly promising to stay faithful. How do you relate to Peter's failure in moments when standing firm in your faith felt difficult? What emotions come up when you think about times you've fallen short or stayed silent about your faith?
- 2. Luke 22:61–62 says that after Peter denied Jesus, "the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter," and Peter wept bitterly. What does Jesus' awareness of Peter's weakness teach you about God's understanding of our own struggles? How does this change the way you think about grace when you fail?
- 3. Read John 21:15–17. After Peter's denial, Jesus personally restored him and commissioned him to "feed my sheep." How does that moment encourage you to believe that failure doesn't disqualify you from God's calling? Can you think of a time when God gave you a second chance after you failed?
- 4. Peter's story involves both deep sorrow and genuine repentance. What were the things that marked his repentance? On a scale of 1 to 10, how easy is it for you to let go of guilt and actually walk in the forgiveness God offers?
- 5. Read Luke 22:32, where Jesus tells Peter, "I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." How can we follow this example by praying for and encouraging others who are struggling in their faith? What are some practical ways we can use past failures to strengthen others?

Monday August 17 - Sunday August 23

□ Job 33-34 □ 2 Corinthians 11 □ Proverbs 20 □ Psalm 77
Friday, August 21 □ Job 35-36 □ 2 Corinthians 12-13 □ Proverbs 21 □ Psalm 78
Saturday, August 22
Sunday, August 23  ☐ Job 39-40 ☐ Galatians 3-4 ☐ Proverbs 23 ☐ Psalms 82-83





# Small Group Launch

Join this 5-week, all-church Bible study and get to know others in our community who want to grow in their relationship with God.

September 13 - October 17

## What is a Small Group Launch?

You'll be invited into a 5-week bible study where you will get to connect with others from our church in a relaxed group environment.

These gatherings are designed to help you jump into a small group, learn basic tools to study the Bible, and build friendships with others who are looking to grow. If you want to be part of a small group, a Small Group Launch is the best way to get started.



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# Knowing the Holy Spirit

We will delve into the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, and examine what it means to live a life filled with His remarkable influence.

August 23 - September 6

#### Where We're Headed

This series invites you to explore the profound identity and role of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers and the church. You will learn what it means to be empowered by the Spirit, experiencing transformation and strength in your daily life, and uncover the diverse spiritual gifts He bestows upon believers for the purpose of building the church. Additionally, we will examine the Holy Spirit's vital role in the early church and His ongoing work today through insightful teachings and practical applications. This series aims to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit, equipping you to live a Spirit-filled life that contributes to the vibrant mission of the church.



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**Dates** August 23

Week 1 Who is the Holy Spirit?

Key Scripture John 14:16-26

# Knowing the Holy Spirit

#### John 14:16-26

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<sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 181 will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them." <sup>22</sup>Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" 23 Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. 25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

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- 1. Read John 14:16–17. Jesus calls the Holy Spirit our Advocate and Comforter. What do those titles mean to you personally? When have you sensed the Holy Spirit comforting, guiding, or strengthening you?
- 2. John 14:16 promises that the Holy Spirit will be with us forever. On a scale of 1 to 10, how aware are you of His presence in your daily life? What helps you stay mindful of the Spirit's nearness when life feels busy or uncertain?
- 3. Read John 14:26. Jesus says the Holy Spirit will teach us and remind us of His words. Can you think of a time when Scripture came to mind right when you needed it? How has the Spirit helped you understand or apply God's Word more deeply?
- 4. One of the Holy Spirit's roles is to convict us of sin and lead us toward righteousness (John 16:8). How do you usually respond when you sense that conviction? What helps you stay open to correction and growth rather than resisting it?
- 5. Read Acts 1:8. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live out our faith and serve others. What gifts or passions has the Spirit given you to impact those around you? How can you use them this week to encourage or strengthen someone?

Monday August 24 - Sunday August 30

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□ Job 41-42 □ Galatians 5-6 □ Proverbs 24 □ Psalm 84
Tuesday, August 25
□ Ecclesiates 1–2 □ Ephesians 1 □ Proverbs 25 □ Psalms 85–86
Wednesday, August 26
□ Ecclesiates 3-4 □ Ephesians 2-3 □ Proverbs 26 □ Psalms 87-88

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□ Ecclesiates 5-6 □ Ephesians 4 □ Proverbs 27 □ Psalm 89
Friday, August 28  □ Ecclesiates 7-8 □ Ephesians 5-6 □ Proverbs 28 □ Psalms 90-91
Saturday, August 29  □ Ecclesiates 9-10 □ Philippians 1 □ Proverbs 29 □ Psalms 92-93
Sunday, August 30  □ Ecclesiates 11-12 □ Philippians 2-3 □ Proverbs 30 □ Psalm 94



**Dates** August 30

Week 2
Empowered by the Spirit

**Key Scripture** Acts 1:1-8

# Knowing the Holy Spirit

#### Acts 1:1-8

<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kinadom of God. 4On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>6</sup>Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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- 1. Read Acts 1:8. Jesus promises that His followers "will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you." What does that promise mean to you personally? How have you experienced or desired that kind of empowerment in your own walk with God?
- 2. Acts 1:4–5 tells us the disciples were instructed to wait for the Holy Spirit. How do you respond to seasons when God calls you to wait instead of act? What do you think God develops in us through times of waiting?
- 3. Jesus explains that the Holy Spirit's power enables us to be His witnesses (Acts 1:8). What does being a "witness" look like in your daily life—at work, at home, or in your community? Can you recall a moment when you sensed the Holy Spirit helping you share your faith or represent Christ in a meaningful way?
- 4. The mission Jesus gives extends "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). How can we live with that global vision right where we are? What might it look like for our group to join God's mission both locally and beyond?
- 5. The disciples' story shows that spiritual power comes from dependence, not strength. What practices help you rely on the Holy Spirit each day? How can our group encourage one another to walk in that same Spirit-led confidence and obedience?

Monday August 31 - Sunday September 06

Monday, August 31
□ Song of Solomon 1-2 □ Philippians 4 □ Proverbs 31 □ Psalms 95-96
Tuesday, September 01
□ Song of Solomon 3-4 □ Mark 1 □ Proverbs 1 □ Psalms 97-98
Wednesday, September 02
□ Song of Solomon 5-6 □ Mark 2-3 □ Proverbs 2 □ Psalms 99-101

Thursday, September 03
□ Song of Solomon 7-8 □ Mark 4 □ Proverbs 3 □ Psalm 102
Friday, September 04 - Isaiah 1-2 - Mark 5 - Proverbs 4 - Psalm 103
Saturday, September 05  □ Isaiah 3-4 □ Mark 6 □ Proverbs 5 □ Psalm 104
Sunday, September 06  ☐ Isaiah 5-6 ☐ Mark 7-8 ☐ Proverbs 6 ☐ Psalm 105



**Dates** September 6

Week 3
The Gifts of the Spirit

Key Scripture 1 Cor. 12:1-11

# Knowing the Holy Spirit

#### 1 Cor. 12:1-11

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<sup>1</sup>Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. 4There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup>There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 7Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

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- 1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4–6. Paul says there are "different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them." In Scripture, spiritual gifts are special abilities given by the Holy Spirit to build up the church and serve others (1 Peter 4:10). How does that definition shape your understanding of what a spiritual gift is? Why do you think God gives His people different gifts rather than all the same ones?
- 2. 1 Corinthians 12:7 says the gifts of the Spirit are given "for the common good." What does that phrase mean to you? Can you think of a way your gifts—or someone else's—have blessed and strengthened others?
- 3. On a scale of 1 to 10, how confident do you feel that you've discovered your own spiritual gifts? Which ones do you think you might have, and what's one step you could take to grow or use it more intentionally?
- 4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12–14. Paul compares the church to a body made up of many parts. How does the diversity of gifts show the beauty of unity in Christ? What challenges sometimes arise when people have different gifts or roles, and how can we respond with humility and teamwork?
- 5. The Holy Spirit empowers believers to use their gifts for God's glory. Can you share a time when you saw someone use their spiritual gift in a way that inspired or impacted you? How can our group help one another identify, develop, and use our gifts to serve others?

Monday September 07 - Sunday September 13

Monday, September 07
□ Isaiah 7-8 □ Mark 9 □ Proverbs 7 □ Psalm 106
Tuesday, September 08
□ Isaiah 9-10 □ Mark 10 □ Proverbs 8 □ Psalm 107
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Wednesday, September 09
□ Isaiah 11-12 □ Mark 11-12 □ Proverbs 9 □ Psalm 108

Thursday, September 10  □ Isaiah 13-14 □ Mark 13 □ Proverbs 10 □ Psalm 109
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Friday, September 11     Isaiah 15-16   Mark 14  Proverbs 11  Psalms 110-112
Saturday, September 12  □ Isaiah 17-18 □ Mark 15-16 □ Proverbs 12 □ Psalms 113-114
Sunday, September 13  Isaiah 19-20 Acts 1 Proverbs 13 Psalm 115





## Belonging: Life Together in Christ

The church is the greatest invention of Jesus Christ, who established it as a divine community to spread hope, love, and redemption throughout the world.

September 13 - October 11

#### Where We're Headed

This series on the church will explore its vital role in the Christian faith, emphasizing the critical importance of membership within the Body of Christ. We will delve into how every born-again believer is called to actively participate in the life of the church, sharing in the responsibility to serve in various ministries and support it through their unique gifts and resources. Through biblical teachings and practical discussions, we will highlight the significance of communal life, the call to unity and service, and the joy of fostering a vibrant church community.



Starting September 13, scan the QR code for extra resources and information around this series.

**Dates** September 13

Week 1 Heavens New Community

**Key Scripture** Ephesians 2:11-22

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#### Ephesians 2:11-22

<sup>11</sup>Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)— <sup>12</sup>remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup>He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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- 1. Read Ephesians 2:19. Paul says we are "fellow citizens with God's people and members of his household." What does it mean to you to belong to God's family? How does that identity shape the way you see yourself and others in the church?
- 2. Ephesians 2:14 says Jesus "has destroyed the dividing wall of hostility." What barriers—cultural, generational, personal—tend to separate believers today? What steps could we take to build bridges instead of walls?
- 3. On a scale of 1 to 10, how well do you think our church reflects the kind of unity described in Ephesians 2:15–16? What's one practical thing you can do to strengthen that unity this week?
- 4. Read Ephesians 2:21–22. Paul describes the church as a holy temple where God's Spirit dwells. How does viewing the church this way change your perspective on participation and community?
- 5. If we are "citizens of heaven" (Philippians 3:20), what responsibilities come with that citizenship? How might our heavenly identity influence how we serve and care for our community here on Earth?

Monday September 14 - Sunday September 20

Monday, September 14
□ Isaiah 21-22 □ Acts 2-3 □ Proverbs 14 □ Psalms 116-117
Tuesday, September 15
□ Isaiah 23-24 □ Acts 4 □ Proverbs 15 □ Psalm 118
Wednesday, September 16
□ Isaiah 25-26 □ Acts 5 □ Proverbs 16 □ Psalm 119

□ Isaiah 27-28 □ Acts 6 □ Proverbs 17 □ Psalms 120-126
Friday, September 18  □ Isaiah 29-30 □ Acts 7 □ Proverbs 18 □ Psalms 127-129
Saturday, September 19  □ Isaiah 31-32 □ Acts 8 □ Proverbs 19 □ Psalms 130-132
Sunday, September 20 □ Isaiah 33-34 □ Acts 9 □ Proverbs 20 □ Psalms 133-134



**Dates** September 20

Week 2
Protecting the Unity

**Key Scripture** Ephesians 4:1-16

# Belonging: Life Together in Chris

#### Ephesians 4:1-16

<sup>1</sup>As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called: 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism: 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." 9(What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) <sup>11</sup>So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup>until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. 14Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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- 1. Paul urges believers to "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." In Scripture, unity means a shared oneness that comes from the Holy Spirit—believers joined together in purpose, love, and faith under Christ (John 17:21). How does that definition shape the way you think about unity in the church? What challenges make it difficult to maintain that kind of unity?
- 2. Ephesians 4:2 calls for humility, gentleness, patience, and love. Which of these qualities do you find most difficult to live out? How can you spend time with the Holy Spirit who produces those characteristics?
- 3. Imagine that someone new walks into our church from a completely different background. What would help them feel seen and valued? How can our group take practical steps to make that a reality?
- 4. Read Ephesians 4:11–13. Paul says God gave different gifts to build up the Body toward maturity. What does spiritual maturity look like to you, and how can we help one another pursue it?
- 5. When conflicts arise, how can we respond in a way that protects unity rather than divides (see Matthew 5:9)? What healthy habits or attitudes help prevent small disagreements from becoming big issues?

Monday September 21 - Sunday September 27

monday, September 21
□ Isaiah 35-36 □ Acts 10 □ Proverbs 21 □ Psalm 135
Tuesday, September 22
□ Isaiah 37-38 □ Acts 11 □ Proverbs 22 □ Psalms 136-137
Wednesday, September 23
□ Isaiah 39-40 □ Acts 12 □ Proverbs 23 □ Psalms 138-139

□ Isaiah 41-42 □ Acts 13 □ Proverbs 24 □ Psalm 140
Friday, September 25      Isaiah 43-44 — Acts 14 — Proverbs 25 — Psalms 141-142
<b>Saturday, September 26</b> □ Isaiah 45-46 □ Acts 15 □ Proverbs 26 □ Psalms 143-144
Sunday, September 27  Isaiah 47-48 - Acts 16 - Proverbs 27 - Psalm 145



**Dates** September 27

**Week 3**Sharing the Responsibility

**Key Scripture** Ephesians 5:1-17

# Belonging: Life Together in Chris

#### Ephesians 5:1-17

<sup>1</sup>Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup>and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. <sup>3</sup>But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. 4Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. 5For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy personsuch a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not be partners with them. 8For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But everything exposed by the light becomes visible-and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. 14This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." 15Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

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- 1. In Ephesians 5:1–2 Paul says, "Be imitators of God... and walk in love." What does it look like to imitate God's love in real, everyday ways? Who has modeled that kind of love for you?
- 2. Ephesians 5:8–9 reminds us that we were once darkness but are now light in the Lord. How does living as "children of light" affect the choices we make? What would change if every believer truly lived this out?
- 3. On a scale of 1 to 10, how intentional are you about using your time and gifts for God's purposes (Ephesians 5:15–16)? What's one area where you want to be more intentional?
- 4. Ephesians 5:17 says, "Understand what the Lord's will is." How can we discern God's will together as a community? What practices or conversations help you hear God's direction more clearly?
- 5. The health of the church depends on shared responsibility (Romans 12:4–6). What does it look like for us to "carry the load" together? How can we make sure no one feels left out or overburdened in serving?

Monday September 28 - Sunday October 04

monday, September 28
□ Isaiah 49-50 □ Acts 17 □ Proverbs 28 □ Psalms 146-147
Tuesday, September 29
□ Isaiah 51-52 □ Acts 18-19 □ Proverbs 29 □ Psalm 148
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Wednesday, September 30
□ Isaiah 53-54 □ Acts 20 □ Proverbs 30-31 □ Psalms 149-150

Thursday, October 01
□ Isaiah 55-56 □ Acts 21 □ Proverbs 1 □ Psalms 1-3
Friday, October 02  □ Isaiah 57-58 □ Acts 22 □ Proverbs 2 □ Psalms 4-5
Saturday, October 03  □ Isaiah 59-60 □ Acts 23 □ Proverbs 3 □ Psalms 6-7
Sunday, October 04  Isaiah 61-62 - Acts 24-25 - Proverbs 4 - Psalms 8-9



**Dates** October 4

Week 4 Serving the Ministry

**Key Scripture** Ephesians 4:7-16

# Belonging: Life Together in Chris

#### Ephesians 4:7-16

<sup>7</sup>But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." 9(What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) <sup>11</sup>So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup>until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup>Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves. and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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- 1. Look at Ephesians 4:7, where Paul says "to each one of us grace has been given." How do you understand spiritual gifts as expressions of that grace? What unique strengths or passions has God given you to serve others?
- 2. Ephesians 4:12 explains that gifts are meant "to equip the saints for the work of ministry." How do you see your gifts helping build others up? What's one area of ministry that excites or energizes you?
- 3. On a scale of 1 to 10, how confident are you that you're using your gifts effectively for God's purposes? What's one way you could take the next step in developing or using them?
- 4. Paul compares the church to a body that grows as "each part does its work." What does it look like for you to do your part? How can we help one another discover and value our roles in the Body?
- 5. Think about a time when you saw someone's gift bless others. How did that experience inspire you? What could our group do to encourage more people to use their God-given gifts?

Monday October 05 - Sunday October 11

Monday, October 05
□ Isaiah 63-64 □ Acts 26 □ Proverbs 5 □ Psalm 10
Tuesday, October 06
□ Isaiah 65-66 □ Acts 27 □ Proverbs 6 □ Psalms 11-13
Wednesday, October 07
□ Jeremiah 1-2 □ Acts 28 □ Proverbs 7 □ Psalms 14-16

Thursday, October 08
□ Jeremiah 3-4 □ Colossians 1-2 □ Proverbs 8 □ Psalm 17
Friday, October 09
Saturday, October 10
Sunday, October 11  ☐ Jeremiah 9-10 ☐ 1 Thessalonians 3-5 ☐ Proverbs 11 ☐ Psalms 20-21



**Dates** October 11

Week 5
Supporting the Life

**Key Scripture** Ephesians 4:17-32

# Belonging: Life Together in Chris

#### **Ephesians 4:17-32**

<sup>17</sup>So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. <sup>18</sup>They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. <sup>19</sup>Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. <sup>20</sup>That, however, is not the way of life you learned <sup>21</sup>when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. <sup>22</sup>You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. <sup>25</sup>Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. <sup>26</sup>"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil a foothold. <sup>28</sup>Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. <sup>29</sup>Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

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- 1. In verses 22 24, Paul talks about taking off the old self and putting on the new. How does this transformation affect how you show up in the church community? What helps you live out your "new self" each day?
- 2. Ephesians 4:25 calls believers to "speak truthfully" to one another. Why is honesty essential to a healthy church? How can we speak truth in love even when it's uncomfortable?
- 3. God encourages us to use words that build up rather than tear down. On a scale of 1 to 10, how intentional are you about using your words to encourage others? What would it look like to raise that number?
- 4. In verses 31 and 32, Paul urges believers to get rid of bitterness and to forgive as God forgave them. What keeps us from forgiving freely? How might practicing forgiveness change the culture of our church?
- 5. Every member has a role in supporting the church's life and mission. What practical step can you take this week—through service, generosity, or encouragement—to strengthen our community? How can we, as a group, keep each other accountable?

Monday October 12 - Sunday October 18

Monday, October 12
□ Jeremiah 11-12 □ 2 Thessalonians 1 □ Proverbs 12 □ Psalm 22
Tuesday, October 13  □ Jeremiah 13-14 □ 2 Thessalonians 2-3 □ Proverbs 13 □ Psalms 23-24
Wednesday, October 14
□ Jeremiah 15-16 □ 1 Timothy 1-3 □ Proverbs 14 □ Psalm 25

Thursday, October 15  □ Jeremiah 17-18 □ 1 Timothy 4-5 □ Proverbs 15 □ Psalms 26-27
Friday, October 16     Jeremiah 19–20 1 Timothy 6 Proverbs 16 Psalms 28–29
Saturday, October 17
Sunday, October 18  ☐ Jeremiah 23-24 ☐ 2 Timothy 3-4 ☐ Proverbs 18 ☐ Psalm 32



**Dates** October 18

**Key Scripture** Psalm 100 Isaiah 61:10

#### Psalm 100

Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.

Acknowledge that the LORD is God!

He made us, and we are his.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good.

His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

#### Isaiah 61:10

I am overwhelmed with joy in the LORD my God! For he has dressed me with the clothing of salvation and draped me in a robe of righteousness. I am like a bridegroom dressed for his wedding or a bride with her jewels.

#### Why We Choose to Celebrate

We believe that thanksgiving and praise are central to a daily relationship with Jesus. Throughout the year, we are intentionally setting aside weekends for the purpose of remembering and celebrating God's work in our lives. On these weekends, our church family magnifies the Lord through extended times of worship, prayer, and prophetic exhortation. We celebrate the finished and ongoing work of Jesus through the corporate sharing of the Lord's Supper, stories of life change, and baptism.

#### Three Prayers to Pray this Week:

- Remember the faithfulness of Jesus in my life
- Celebrate God's work in the lives of the people around me
- Renew my faith and hope in God's promises



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Monday October 19 - Sunday October 25

Monday, October 19
□ Jeremiah 25-26 □ Luke 1 □ Proverbs 19 □ Psalm 33
Tuesday, October 20
□ Jeremiah 27-28 □ Luke 2 □ Proverbs 20 □ Psalm 34
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Sunday, October 25
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## Why You Can Trust the Bible

We will explore the miracle of the Bible as God's divinely inspired revelation, examining its absolute truth, authority, power, and sufficiency for believers for spiritual growth and maturity – you'll learn why you can trust the Bible.

October 25 - November 22

#### Where We're Headed

We'll explore the miracle of the Bible as God's divinely inspired revelation to humanity. We will also discuss the absolute truth of Scripture, affirming its reliability and relevance in a world filled with conflicting voices. The scripture has power and should shape how we live, bring healing, and inspire action. Finally, we will explore the sufficiency of Scripture, affirming that it equips believers for every good work and provides all that is necessary for spiritual growth and maturity.



Starting October 25, scan the QR code for extra resources and information around this series.

**Dates** October 25

Week 1
The Uniqueness of Scripture

**Key Scripture** Isaiah 55:10-11

## Why You Can Trust the Bible

#### Isaiah 55:10-11

<sup>10</sup>As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, <sup>11</sup>so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

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- 1. In verses 10 and 11, God compares His Word to rain that waters the Earth and brings life. What does this imagery reveal about the purpose and power of Scripture? How have you seen God's Word bring growth or renewal in your life?
- 2. God promises that His Word "will not return void." What does that say about the reliability and effectiveness of Scripture? Can you share a time when a verse or passage seemed to accomplish exactly what God intended in your life?
- 3. Read 2 Timothy 3:16–17. Paul says "all Scripture is God-breathed." How does that shape the way you view the Bible compared to other books you've read? What difference does it make to know God speaks personally through His Word?
- 4. Those who delight in God's Word are like trees planted by streams of water. On a scale of 1 to 10, how "rooted" do you feel in Scripture right now? What habits or rhythms help you stay nourished by God's Word when life feels dry or busy?
- 5. Because Scripture carries the power to accomplish God's purposes, how can we be more intentional about letting it shape our relationships and daily decisions? What's one way you could share or apply God's Word this week to bring encouragement or guidance to someone?

Monday October 26 - Sunday November 01

Monday, October 26
□ Jeremiah 39-40 □ Luke 8 □ Proverbs 26 □ Psalms 40-41
Tuesday, October 27
□ Jeremiah 41-42 □ Luke 9 □ Proverbs 27 □ Psalms 42-43
Wednesday, October 28
□ Jeremiah 43-44 □ Luke 10 □ Proverbs 28 □ Psalm 44

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**Dates** November 1

Week 2
The Truth of
Scripture

**Key Scripture** John 17:17

## Why You Can Trust the Bible

#### John 17:17

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- 1. Jesus prays, "Sanctify them by the truth; your Word is truth." What does it mean that Scripture itself defines truth? How does that affect the way you form your beliefs and decisions?
- 2. Psalm 119:160 says, "The sum of your Word is truth." In a world filled with competing narratives, how do you stay anchored in biblical truth? What helps you discern when something aligns—or conflicts—with Scripture?
- 3. Can you think of a time when God's truth challenged your perspective or changed your behavior? How did that experience grow your faith?
- 4. On a scale of 1 to 10, how difficult is it for you to speak biblical truth in love (Ephesians 4:15)? What might help you do that more confidently and compassionately?
- 5. Read John 8:31–32. Jesus says, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." How can our group help one another live more fully in the freedom and authenticity that comes from aligning with God's truth?

Monday November 02 - Sunday November 08

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□ Lamentations 1-2 □ Luke 15 □ Proverbs 2 □ Psalm 51
Tuesday, November 03
□ Lamentations 3-5 □ Luke 16 □ Proverbs 3 □ Psalms 52-54
Wednesday, November 04
□ Ezekiel 1-2 □ Luke 17 □ Proverbs 4 □ Psalm 55

□ Ezekiel 3-4 □ Luke 18 □ Proverbs 5 □ Psalms 56-57
Friday, November 06  □ Ezekiel 5-6 □ Luke 19 □ Proverbs 6 □ Psalms 58-59
Saturday, November 07 □ Ezekiel 7-8 □ Luke 20 □ Proverbs 7 □ Psalms 60-61
Sunday, November 08  Ezekiel 9-10 Luke 21 Proverbs 8 Psalms 62-63



**Dates** November 8

Week 3
The Authority of Scripture

**Key Scripture**John 10:30-36

## Why You Can Trust the Bible

#### John 10:30-36

<sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one." <sup>31</sup>Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, <sup>32</sup>but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" <sup>33</sup>"We are not stoning you for any good work," they replied, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God." <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are "gods"'? <sup>35</sup>If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be set aside—<sup>36</sup>what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'?

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# Small Group Questions

- 1. Jesus said, "Scripture cannot be broken." What does it mean to you that the Bible carries divine authority? How does that shape your respect and response to it?
- 2. Jesus used Scripture to correct those who misunderstood Him. How can His example guide the way we engage with Scripture when facing confusion or disagreement?
- 3. When we choose to ignore or reject what God's Word teaches, what does that reveal about our trust in His wisdom and authority? How have you seen the consequences—personally or culturally—when people resist God's Word instead of submitting to it?
- 4. Imagine a world where everyone lived under the authority of Scripture. How do you think relationships, workplaces, and communities would be different? What would a holiday meal look like in a world like that?
- 5. On a scale of 1 to 10, how submitted do you feel to the authority of Scripture? What one area could you surrender more fully to God's Word this week?

# Daily Bible Readings

Monday November 09 - Sunday November 15

Spend time each day seeking God in moments of prayer and Bible reading.

Monday, November 09
□ Ezekiel 11-12 □ Luke 22 □ Proverbs 9 □ Psalms 64-65
Tuesday, November 10
□ Ezekiel 13-14 □ Luke 23 □ Proverbs 10 □ Psalm 66
Wednesday, November 11
□ Ezekiel 15-16 □ Luke 24 □ Proverbs 11 □ Psalm 67

□ Ezekiel 17-18 □ Titus 1-3 □ Proverbs 12 □ Psalm 68
Friday, November 13 □ Ezekiel 19-20 □ Philemon 1 □ Proverbs 13 □ Psalm 69
Saturday, November 14  □ Ezekiel 21-22 □ Hebrews 1-2 □ Proverbs 14 □ Psalm 70
Sunday, November 15  Ezekiel 23-24 — Hebrews 3-5 — Proverbs 15 — Psalm 71



## Daily Devotionals

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**Dates** November 15

Week 4
The Power of
Scripture

**Key Scripture** Hebrews 4:12

# Why You Can Trust the Bible

### Hebrews 4:12

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

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# Small Group Questions

- 1. Hebrews 4:12 says God's Word is "living and active," meaning it is not static or outdated—it's alive with God's Spirit and powerful to work in our hearts, revealing truth and producing change. What does that mean to you personally? How has Scripture spoken into your life in a way that felt alive, timely, or directly from God?
- 2. The verse says the Word "judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Can you think of a passage that once convicted or encouraged you in a powerful way? How did it shape your next steps?
- 3. Romans 10:17 says faith comes from hearing God's Word. How can you strengthen your faith by engaging Scripture more deeply? What are some alternative ways to engage God's Word outside reading?
- 4. When life feels heavy, how do you lean on the power of Scripture for strength and hope? What verses or truths have carried you through difficult seasons?
- 5. Because Scripture truly has transformative power, what can our group do to make it more central in our gatherings, conversations, and relationships?

# Daily Bible Readings

Monday November 16 - Sunday November 22

Spend time each day seeking God in moments of prayer and Bible reading.

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□ Ezekiel 25-26 □ Hebrews 6-7 □ Proverbs 16 □ Psalm 72
Tuesday, November 17
□ Ezekiel 27-28 □ Hebrews 8-9 □ Proverbs 17 □ Psalm 73
Wednesday, November 18
□ Ezekiel 29-30 □ Hebrews 10 □ Proverbs 18 □ Psalm 74

□ Ezekiel 31-32 □ Hebrews 11 □ Proverbs 19 □ Psalms 75-76
Friday, November 20  □ Ezekiel 33-34 □ Hebrews 12 □ Proverbs 20 □ Psalm 77
Saturday, November 21 □ Ezekiel 35-36 □ Hebrews 13 □ Proverbs 21 □ Psalm 78
Sunday, November 22  Ezekiel 37-38 - James 1-2 - Proverbs 22 - Psalms 79-81



## Daily Devotionals

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**Dates** November 22

Week 5
The Sufficiency of
Scripture

**Key Scripture** Psalm 19:7-14

# Why You Can Trust the Bible

### Psalm 19:7-14

<sup>7</sup>The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. 8The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. <sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. <sup>10</sup>They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup>By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. 12But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. <sup>13</sup>Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup>May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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## Small Group Questions

- 1. The psalmist describes God's law as perfect, trustworthy, and radiant. Which of these qualities of Scripture speaks most to you right now, and why?
- 2. Verse 7 says, "The law of the Lord revives the soul." When has Scripture refreshed or restored your heart during a time of confusion or exhaustion?
- 3. Read 2 Peter 1:3. God's Word provides "everything we need for life and godliness." Do you truly believe Scripture is sufficient for life's challenges? What makes that difficult to trust sometimes?
- 4. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much joy or delight do you currently find in reading God's Word (vs. 10)? What practices might help renew your love for it?
- 5. The psalm ends with a prayer: "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to You" (vs. 14). How can we ensure that Scripture not only fills our minds but transforms our speech, actions, and relationships?

# Daily Bible Readings

Monday November 23 - Sunday November 29

Spend time each day seeking God in moments of prayer and Bible reading.

Monday, November 23
□ Ezekiel 39-40 □ James 3-5 □ Proverbs 23 □ Psalms 82-83
Tuesday, November 24
□ Ezekiel 41-42 □ 1 Peter 1 □ Proverbs 24 □ Psalm 84
Wednesday, November 25
□ Ezekiel 43-44 □ 1 Peter 2-3 □ Proverbs 25 □ Psalms 85-86

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□ Ezekiel 45-46 □ 1 Peter 4-5 □ Proverbs 26 □ Psalms 87-88	
Friday, November 27  □ Ezekiel 47-48 □ 2 Peter 1-2 □ Proverbs 27 □ Psalm 89	
Saturday, November 28  □ Daniel 1-2 □ 2 Peter 3 □ Proverbs 28 □ Psalms 90-91	
Sunday, November 29  □ Daniel 3-4 □ John 1-2 □ Proverbs 29 □ Psalms 92-93	



## **Daily Devotionals**

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**Dates** November 25

**Key Scripture** Acts 2:42-47

# Thanksgiving Eve

Culturally, Thanksgiving is a day often spent around a table, surrounded by friends and family, enjoying time in fellowship.

Jesus spent much of His own ministry the same way. Again and again, the Gospels show Him sharing meals, entering homes, and creating moments of connection. On the night before His death, Jesus gathered with His disciples for the Passover meal—an intimate moment of community—and there He instituted the Lord's Supper.

Shared meals in Scripture are never just about food. They are opportunities to invite God's presence, remember His faithfulness, and be formed into His people. They become moments of reflection, remembrance, gratitude, and celebration.

Acts 2:42-47 paints this picture vividly:

"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper)... They met in homes... and shared their meals with great joy and generosity, all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of the people."

This rhythm of gathering around the table produced a community marked by gratitude—the kind that reorients us toward God, cultivates humility, and reminds us to trust in His provision.

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# How Can You Apply This Tomorrow?

As we gather around our tables tomorrow, we can look to Jesus and to the early church for inspiration. Thanksgiving can become more than a cultural holiday—it can become a moment of discipleship.

## Here are two practical ways to embrace this:

- 1. Take the Lord's Supper with your family, following the pattern in 1 Corinthians 11:23–26.
- **2.** Go deeper in your conversations. Ask one another about your joys this year and celebrate God's goodness together.

Community and gratitude are regular practices in the life of a believer, not something to reserve for one day of the year.



# Advent

# We celebrate Advent as the 4 weeks leading up to the coming of Jesus at Christmas

Sunday, November 29 – Saturday, December 24
Begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on
Christmas Eve.

Advent is a season to celebrate Jesus' earthly arrival as a humble baby in Bethlehem and to anticipate His second coming as the heavenly King and Judge at the end of the age. While Scripture doesn't prescribe the observance of Advent specifically, this early church tradition helps integrate biblical teachings into a Christ-centric lifestyle.

Each of the four Sundays of Advent traditionally emphasize one of these biblical themes:

**Hope** – in God's promises and Christ's coming

**Peace** – the Reconciliation Jesus brings

Joy – the good news of salvation

**Love** – the self-giving love of God revealed in Christ



Scan the QR code to learn more about Advent and how to practice it.

# Two Ways to Seek God During Advent

### Remember and Reflect on God's Eternal Promises

God's people in the Old Testament waited for the Messiah for centuries — through exile, silence, and longing. Advent mirrors that same kind of waiting — trusting that God keeps His word.

### **Anticipate the Second Coming of Christ**

Advent isn't just about looking back at Jesus' birth — it's also about looking ahead to His return. This dual focus helps believers live between promise and fulfillment, trusting God in the "in-between" and longing for his kingship and reign.

We wait for the blessed hope – the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ."

- Titus 2:13

# New Teaching Series

# Pictures From the Prophets

In the Christmas series, "Pictures from the Prophets," we will explore how Old Testament prophets foreshadowed the coming of Christ.

November 29 - December 20

### Where We're Headed

This Christmas series will explore the rich tapestry of Old Testament prophecy that foreshadowed the coming of Christ. Each teaching will focus on the insights of key prophets: from Hosea with Jesus as our Bridegroom, to Isaiah who presents Him as the Name Above Every Name. These prophetic pictures, will help deepen our understanding of who Jesus is and celebrate the fulfillment of these promises in the miraculous birth of our Savior, encouraging each of us to embrace the hope and joy His coming brings.



Starting November 29, scan the QR code for extra resources and information around this series.

**Dates** November 29

**Week 1**Our Bridegroom

**Key Scripture** Hosea 3:1-5

# Picture From the Prophets

### Hosea 3:1-5

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¹The Lord said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes." ²So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. ³Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will behave the same way toward you." ⁴For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or household gods. ⁵Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the Lord and to his blessings in the last days.

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## Small Group Questions

- 1. In Hosea 3:1, God tells Hosea to love his unfaithful wife, Gomer, as a picture of His love for Israel. What does this reveal about God's character and patience? How does it mirror Jesus' unconditional love for His Church?
- 2. Hosea's pursuit of Gomer, even after betrayal, shows us the persistence of divine love. On a scale of 1 to 10, how easy is it for you to believe that God still pursues you even after failure? What helps that truth move from your head to your heart?
- 3. Read Ephesians 5:25–27. Paul uses the same marriage imagery to describe Christ's relationship with the Church. How does viewing Jesus as your bridegroom reshape your understanding of intimacy and faithfulness in your walk with Him?
- 4. Hosea's story ends with a call to repentance (vs. 5). How does repentance renew intimacy with God? What practices help you continually "return to the Lord" when your love grows cold?
- 5. Imagine what it would look like if our church reflected the love and faithfulness of our bridegroom. What would change in the way we treat one another—and the world?

# Daily Bible Readings

Monday November 30 - Sunday December 06

Spend time each day seeking God in moments of prayer and Bible reading.

Monday, November 30
□ Daniel 5-6 □ John 3 □ Proverbs 30-31 □ Psalm 94
Tuesday, December 01
□ Daniel 7-8 □ John 4 □ Proverbs 1 □ Psalms 95-96
Wednesday, December 02
□ Daniel 9-10 □ John 5 □ Proverbs 2 □ Psalms 97-98

Thursday, December 03
□ Daniel 11-12 □ John 6 □ Proverbs 3 □ Psalms 99-101
Friday, December 04  - Hosea 1-2 - John 7 - Proverbs 4 - Psalm 102
Saturday, December 05  □ Hosea 3-4 □ John 8 □ Proverbs 5 □ Psalm 103
Sunday, December 06  ☐ Hosea 5-6 ☐ John 9 ☐ Proverbs 6 ☐ Psalm 104



## Daily Devotionals

Use this QR Code to access daily devotionals that follow the Sunday Bible teachings.

**Dates**December 6

Week 2 Healer of the World

Key Scripture Amos 8:4-10, 9:7-15

# Picture From the Prophets

### Amos 8:4-10, 9:7-15

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?" – skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, <sup>6</sup>buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. <sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: "I will never forget anything they have done. 8"Will not the land tremble for this, and all who live in it mourn? The whole land will rise like the Nile; it will be stirred up and then sink like the river of Egypt. 9"In that day," declares the Sovereign Lord, "I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. 10 will turn your religious festivals into mourning and all your singing into weeping. I will make all of you wear sackcloth and shave your heads. I will make that time like mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day.; 9:7"Are not you Israelites the same to me as the Cushites?" declares the Lord. "Did I not bring Israel up from Eavpt, the Philistines from Caphtor and the Arameans from Kir? 8"Surely the eyes of the Sovereign Lord are on the sinful kingdom. I will destroy it from the face of the earth. Yet I will not totally destroy the descendants of Jacob," declares the Lord. 9"For I will give the command, and I will shake the people of Israel among all the nations as grain is shaken in a sieve, and not a pebble will reach the ground. 10 All the sinners among my people will die by the sword, all those who say, 'Disaster will not overtake or meet us.' Israel's Restoration 11"In that day "I will restore David's fallen shelter– I will repair its broken walls and restore its ruins— and will rebuild it as it used to be, <sup>12</sup>so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name," declares the Lord, who will do these things. <sup>13</sup>"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills, <sup>14</sup> and I will bring my people Israel back from exile. "They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. 151 will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them," says the Lord your God.



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# Small Group Questions

- 1. Amos condemns those who exploit the poor for profit. How does Jesus' ministry of compassion (Luke 4:18) fulfill the prophet's call for justice? What practical steps can we take to reflect that same compassion in our community?
- 2. In Amos 8:9–10, the land mourns because of judgment. What emotions do you feel when facing brokenness in the world—anger, grief, helplessness? How can lament become a first step toward healing?
- 3. In Amos 9:11–12 God promises to rebuild and restore. What does that restoration look like through the lens of Jesus' resurrection? Where do you see God rebuilding what's been broken in your own life or city?
- 4. God's plan in Amos 9:7 includes all nations. How does this global vision of God's healing challenge narrow or exclusive views of His love? How can we cultivate a heart that sees people the way God does?
- 5. Picture your everyday circles—family, work, neighborhood. If Jesus truly is the healer of the world, how might He want to bring healing through you this week?

# Daily Bible Readings

Monday December 07 - Sunday December 13

Spend time each day seeking God in moments of prayer and Bible reading.

Monday, December 07
□ Hosea 7-8 □ John 10 □ Proverbs 7 □ Psalm 105
Tuesday, December 08
□ Hosea 9-10 □ John 11 □ Proverbs 8 □ Psalm 106
Wednesday, December 09
□ Hosea 11-12 □ John 12 □ Proverbs 9 □ Psalm 107
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Thursday, December 10  □ Hosea 13-14 □ John 13 □ Proverbs 10 □ Psalm 108
Friday, December 11    Joel 1-2  John 14  Proverbs 11  Psalm 109
Saturday, December 12   Amos 1-2  John 15  Proverbs 12  Psalms 110-112
Sunday, December 13  Amos 3-4 Dohn 16-17 Proverbs 13 Psalms 113-114



## Daily Devotionals

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**Dates**December 13

Week 3 King of all Kings

**Key Scripture** Micah 5:1-6

# Picture From the Prophets

### Micah 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Marshal your troops now, city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a rod. <sup>2</sup>"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." <sup>3</sup>Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. <sup>4</sup>He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. 5And he will be our peace when the Assyrians invade our land and march through our fortresses. We will raise against them seven shepherds, even eight commanders, <sup>6</sup>who will rule the land of Assyria with the sword, the land of Nimrod with drawn sword. He will deliver us from the Assyrians when they invade our land and march across our borders.

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# **Small Group Questions**

- 1. Micah 5:2 reveals that the Messiah would be born in the small town of Bethlehem. What does this humble beginning reveal about God's values versus the world's? How does it shape the way you view power and leadership?
- 2. In Micah 5:4, the coming King is described as a Shepherd who leads with strength and tenderness. What does it mean to you that Jesus rules not by domination but by care?
- 3. Micah 5:5 calls Him the one who "will be our peace." When you look at your life, where do you most need the peace of Christ to reign? What helps you let Him rule your heart instead of anxiety or fear?
- 4. The prophecy says this ruler is "from ancient days" (vs. 2). How does knowing Jesus is eternal—both before creation and forever—affect your confidence in His sovereignty today?
- 5. Imagine if every Christian lived fully under Christ's kingship. What would change in your home, your workplace, or our city? What's one small way you can reflect His Kingdom values this week (Matthew 6:33)?

# Daily Bible Readings

Monday December 14 - Sunday December 20

Spend time each day seeking God in moments of prayer and Bible reading.

Monday, December 14
□ Amos 5-6 □ John 18 □ Proverbs 14 □ Psalm 115
Tuesday, December 15
□ Amos 7-9 □ John 19 □ Proverbs 15 □ Psalms 116-117
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Wednesday, December 16
□ Obadiah 1 □ John 20 □ Proverbs 16 □ Psalm 118

Thursday, December 17  □ Jonah 1-2 □ John 21 □ Proverbs 17 □ Psalm 119
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Friday, December 18  u Jonah 3-4 u 1 John 1-2 u Proverbs 18 u Psalms 120-126
Saturday, December 19    Micah 1-2 1 John 3-5 Proverbs 19 Psalms 127-129
Sunday, December 20  Micah 3-4 = 2 John 1 = Proverbs 20 = Psalms 130-132



## Daily Devotionals

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**Dates**December 20

Week 4 Name Above Every Name

**Key Scripture** Isaiah 9:1-7

# Picture From the Prophets

### Isaiah 9:1-7

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<sup>1</sup>Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan- <sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. 3You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. 4For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. 5Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

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# Small Group Questions

- 1. Read Isaiah 9:2. "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light." How has Jesus brought light into areas of your life that once felt dark or hopeless?
- 2. In Isaiah 9:6 Jesus is called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Which of these names resonates most with you right now? Why do you think that name speaks to your current season?
- 3. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much peace do you feel rules your heart today (Philippians 4:7)? What helps you experience Christ's peace when life feels chaotic?
- 4. Isaiah's prophecy was given during political turmoil and fear. What does this teach you about trusting God's promises in unstable times? How can we be people of hope in a world that feels uncertain?
- 5. Read Isaiah 9:7. "Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end." What does this eternal Kingdom mean for how you live now? How can we live today as ambassadors of that never-ending reign?

# Daily Bible Readings

Monday December 21 - Sunday December 27

Spend time each day seeking God in moments of prayer and Bible reading.

monday, December 21
□ Micah 5-7 □ 3 John 1 □ Proverbs 21 □ Psalms 133-134
Tuesday, December 22
□ Nahum 1-3 □ Jude 1 □ Proverbs 22 □ Psalm 135
Wednesday December 27
Wednesday, December 23
□ Habakkuk 1-3 □ Revelation 1-5 □ Proverbs 23 □ Psalms 136-137

Thursday, December 24
□ Zephaniah 1-3 □ Revelation 6-7 □ Proverbs 24 □ Psalms 138-139
Friday, December 25 □ Haggai 1-2 □ Revelation 8-10 □ Proverbs 25 □ Psalm 140
Saturday, December 26  □ Zechariah 1-3 □ Revelation 11-12 □ Proverbs 26 □ Psalms 141-142
Sunday, December 27  Zechariah 4-5 Revelation 13-15 Proverbs 27 Psalms 143-144



## Daily Devotionals

Use this QR Code to access daily devotionals that follow the Sunday Bible teachings.

**Dates**December 24

**Key Scripture** Luke 2

# Christmas Eve

Culturally, Christmas Eve is a night often spent gathered with loved ones—sharing meals, exchanging traditions, and enjoying the warmth of being together.

Jesus Himself entered the world in the midst of a family gathering of sorts—surrounded by Mary, Joseph, and a small community whom God drew near for His arrival. Throughout His life, Jesus continued to share meals and intimate moments with His disciples, inviting them into the presence and purposes of God.

In Scripture, shared moments around the table and in the home are never just about tradition. They become sacred opportunities to recognize God's presence, remember His promises, and celebrate His goodness. Christmas itself is the ultimate reminder of this truth: God draws near to us.

On Christmas Eve, we remember the words of Luke 2:

"The angel reassured them, 'Don't be afraid! I bring you good news of great joy for all people... Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.'"

This night invites us into joy, gratitude, and wonder—a reorientation toward God's gift in Jesus. It forms humility in us as we behold the God who chose to come as a child, and it strengthens our trust in His faithful provision.

# How Can You Apply This

As you gather around your tables and living rooms tonight, you can look to Jesus' own way of life and to the community of the early church for inspiration. Christmas Eve is more than a sentimental holiday—it can be a moment of worship and discipleship.

### Here are two practical ways to embrace these ideas:

- 1. Read the Christmas story together (Luke 2:1–20 or Matthew 1:18–25) and take a moment to thank God for sending His Son.
- **2.** Have a meaningful conversation. Ask one another: Where have you seen God's goodness or faithfulness this year? Celebrate those moments together.

The practices of community, reflection, and gratitude are regular rhythms in the life of a believer, not reserved for one night a year.



Scan this code for more Christmas Eve Resources **Dates** Decembe<u>r 27</u>

**Key Scripture** Psalm 100 Isaiah 61:10

### Psalm 100

Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.

Acknowledge that the LORD is God!

He made us, and we are his.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good.

His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

### Isaiah 61:10

I am overwhelmed with joy in the LORD my God! For he has dressed me with the clothing of salvation and draped me in a robe of righteousness. I am like a bridegroom dressed for his wedding or a bride with her jewels.

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# Why We Choose to Celebrate

We believe that thanksgiving and praise are central to a daily relationship with Jesus. Throughout the year, we are intentionally setting aside weekends for the purpose of remembering and celebrating God's work in our lives. On these weekends, our church family magnifies the Lord through extended times of worship, prayer, and prophetic exhortation. We celebrate the finished and ongoing work of Jesus through the corporate sharing of the Lord's Supper, stories of life change, and baptism.

### Three Prayers to Pray this Week:

- Remember the faithfulness of Jesus in my life
- Celebrate God's work in the lives of the people around me
- Renew my faith and hope in God's promises



# Daily Bible Readings

Monday December 28 - Thursday December 31

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□ Zechariah 6-8 □ Revelation 16-17 □ Proverbs 28 □ Psalm 145
Tuesday, December 29
□ Zechariah 9-12 □ Revelation 18-19 □ Proverbs 29 □ Psalms 146-147
Wednesday, December 30
□ Zechariah 13-14 □ Revelation 20-21 □ Proverbs 30 □ Psalm 148

muraday, December 31
□ Malachi 1-4 □ Revelation 22 □ Proverbs 31 □ Psalms 149-150



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# What is Core Class?

As a community, we want to help you discover the purposes of God and practice them in your daily life.

At Core Class, we spend time around a table learning how to take the next step in each of our faith journeys. If you want to get to know the person of Jesus, grow in your faith, and build a community of Jesus-followers around you, Core Class is where you need to be.

### Core Classes in 2026

February 1 • April 12 • June 14 August 9 • October 11 • December 13



Scan the QR code to learn more about Core Classes and to register for an upcoming Class.

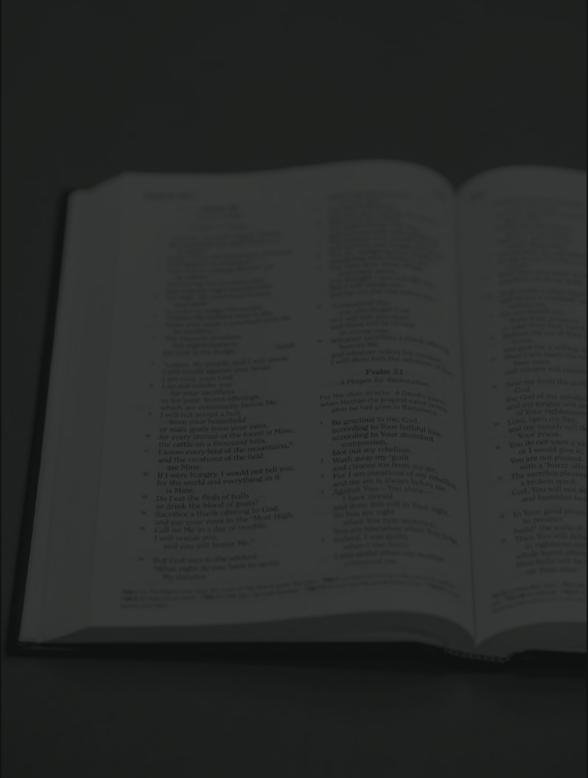
# 2026 Important Dates

Join a community of Jesus-followers as we seek to live out God's purposes in our neighborhoods.

Vision Sunday • January 25
Good Friday Service • April 3
Easter • April 5
Small Group Launch • April 12-May 24
Summer Extreme Days • June 16-20
Mid-Annual Vision Sunday • July 28
Small Group Launch • September 13-October 17
Thanksgiving Eve Service • November 26
Christmas Eve Service • December 24



Scan the QR code to view upcoming events at northpointe.org/events.



# Bible Reading Plans



#### 1. Through the Bible

This plan is designed to give you five days of readings, covering the major portions of the Bible in ten months. You may begin this reading plan at any time during the year, but once you begin do your best to stay with your newfound habit of reading each week.



#### 2. New Testament

In this reading plan, we spread out the Gospels for you. Reading the New Testament a chapter a day, five days per week, takes exactly one year to complete. Reading a chapter every day will take you nine months. You'll finish in just over four months by averaging two chapters per day.



#### 3. Chronological

With this plan, you'll read the Bible in the order in which the books were written, or the time periods they relate to - all in one year.



God is much more interested in what's in your heart than what's in your wallet.

When it comes to giving our money back to the Lord through tithing or other contributions, what He really wants is your willingness—not your wealth.

"Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 1 Corinthians 9:7 (NASB).



Scan the QR code to download the "Giving Gladly" PDF

# Not Sure Why or How to Give?

# Giving back to God a portion of the money He has given you is a significant act of worship.

Want to know why we teach and challenge each member of our church body to give the first tenth of their income back to the Lord as a tithe?

We've put together a list of seven passages that teach Why You Should Give. This short study is meant to help you see how giving can help you to become more like Jesus.



Scan this QR code to learn about giving and to setup online giving.

# Want to Know if You Are Growing as a Christian?

As believers, we are called to grow in relationship with Christ and live for God's purposes. Here are five ways you can discern how God is working in your life right now.

# **Fellowship**

"Am I growing in relationship with other believers?"

As I deepen my faith, I will experience a stronger desire for genuine relationships within the Christian community. I will actively seek out fellowship with believers, share experiences, and support others in their spiritual journeys.

Hebrews 10:24-25 states, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

This growth may lead me to engage in church activities, small groups, and service projects, fostering a sense of belonging and mutual encouragement.

## Discipleship

"Am I becoming more Christlike in my character?"

As I mature in my faith, I'll strive to become more like Christ in my thoughts, actions, and attitudes. I'll commit to studying Scripture, praying regularly, and seeking to apply biblical teachings in my daily life.

Romans 8:29 reminds us, "For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters."

This process often results in a growing desire to live a life of obedience and righteousness, reflecting Christ's character in every area of my life.



Scan the QR code to learn more about these five purposes.

## Worship -----

#### "Am I more devoted to Jesus than anything else?"

My worship will become more heartfelt and sincere as I recognize God's sovereignty and grace in my life. This devotion transcends Sunday church services and spills over into my daily routines, as I strive to honor God in all that I do.

Colossians 3:23-24 instructs us, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward."

In this way, I learn to worship God through my actions, decisions, and relationships, prioritizing Him above all else.

## Ministry

#### "Am I becoming more servant-hearted toward others?"

I will grow more servant-oriented in my ministry, loving others as Jesus loves me. This may involve volunteering in church ministries, helping those in need, or simply being a source of encouragement to friends and family.

Mark 10:45 tells us, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

This servant mentality fosters a willingness to put others' needs before my own, embodying the love of Christ in practical ways.

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## Evangelism

#### "Am I eager to share what Jesus has done for me?"

I will grow more passionate about being a witness for Christ, longing for my friends and family to know Him as I do. This passion for evangelism will lead me to actively seek opportunities to share the Gospel and invite others into a relationship with Christ.

Matthew 28:19-20, known as the Great Commission, commands, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

This growth will be characterized by a genuine concern for the spiritual wellbeing of those around me, motivating me to pray for them and engage in conversations about faith. "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." - James 4:8