

**AMPLIFY our Weekly Message / 11.1.20**

These **discussions** and recommended **spiritual practices** are designed to help **AMPLIFY** the impact of our Sunday morning teaching from God's Word. Choose the ones that fit best in your context.

**Sunday Discussion**

**This is designed to be an extension of our Sunday worship service. Take a few minutes to have this conversation with those who watched the worship service with you. If you watched alone, give another friend who watched alone a call and have the conversation over the phone.**

How have you received or extended meaningful welcome recently?  
Share something that was said or sung that resonated with you this morning.  
Take a moment to pray with and for the person with whom you just shared.

**Daily Discussion**

**These are intended for conversation around the dinner table, in the car, or before bed at night (designed for ages 7 and up). Start each conversation by reading the passage listed.**

**Monday:** Matthew 9:9-12. What do you learn about Jesus's inclusive heart?

**Tuesday:** Matthew 15:29-32. What do you learn about Jesus's receptive heart for the needy?

**Wednesday:** Matthew 8:1-3. What do you learn about Jesus's welcoming heart for the outsider?

**Thursday:** Luke 19:1-9. What do you learn about Jesus's accepting heart for the "unacceptable"?

**Friday:** Matthew 19:13-14. Who do you have a difficult time accepting? What do you think Jesus would say to you about that?

**Saturday:** What have you seen someone do this week that seems like the kind of thing Jesus would do?

## Weekly Discussion

**Spiritual friends are those who intentionally move into one another's life to spur one another on in spiritual growth for the Glory of God.**

1. What part of Jesus's character has challenged or encouraged you recently?
2. What has been your experience of feeling acceptance from Jesus recently?
3. What has been your experience of extending acceptance to others recently (or struggling to do so)?
4. What does God seem to be nudging you towards or reminding you of this week?

**What follows are some spiritual practices that we believe could feed your soul and advance His Kingdom this week.**

## An Inward-Focused Spiritual Practice

**Daily spiritual discipline** – Consider reading through one or more of the Gospels in the next three weeks. Take time this week to examine your heart of acceptance toward others and the way Jesus welcomed others:

Jesus had an inclusive heart toward all. Matthew 4:19, 8:22, 10:2; John 1:39; Mark 10:45

Jesus had a receptive heart for the needy. Matthew 11:28, 15:32; Mark 3:10

Jesus had a welcoming heart for the outsider. Matthew 8:3, 18:1, 20:32; Mark 5:19

Jesus had an accepting heart for the "unacceptable". Matthew 9:10-12; Luke 7:48

## An Outward-Focused Spiritual Practice

Seek to love those God places in your path. Be intentional to share Jesus's love through word or deed with them.

With the love of Jesus in view, reach out to a neighbor or co-worker or someone in need.

Step into one of our Shalom for the City initiatives and share Jesus with our local community.

Get on our weekly prayer email and start lifting these prayers and praises up to the Lord.

Be informed by Biblical truth this week as you vote. [Watch and consider this video](#) by David Henderson in which he discusses the biblical truths we continue to affirm as we think about politics, economics, and social theory.