

AMPLIFY our Weekly Message / 12.20.20

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.

4th Sunday of Advent

Each Sunday in Advent light the appropriate Advent Candle with someone and spend a moment in conversation and prayer together.

Read Luke 2:11-14.

What do you think it would be like to see angels? In what ways do we proclaim the glory of God... life angels? How will the baby Jesus one day bring peace on those whom God's favor rests?

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: John 14:1-6. How do you think the disciples felt about Jesus going away soon? What had they come to know and experience about Jesus's presence with them?

Tuesday: John 14:1-6. How are the disciples to get where Jesus is going? How does that apply to you today? How have you walked on that way this week?

Wednesday: John 14:1-6. How would you describe your love for and longing for Jesus? What things distract from love for and longing for Him?

Thursday: John 20:21. What is some of the very specific work that Jesus has sent you to do in this particular season?

Friday: John 20:21. What is your experience of setting your eyes on being with Jesus while setting your hands to work in the here and now?

Saturday: As we reflect during Advent on Jesus' first coming, what do you hope will be true about the second coming of Jesus?

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 is something that you do which increases your longing to be with Jesus?
2. How has God encouraged or pursued you recently?
3. How has God called or used you recently?
4. How has God corrected you recently?

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 – Read a pray Psalm 143 each day this week.

Consider the Psalmists longing for the Lord. Consider your own.
Consider the Psalmists commitment to walk the way of the Lord. Consider your own.
How is God encouraging you and challenging you through these words?

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.