

AMPLIFY our Weekly Message / 1.17.21

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.

What is the hardest thing about living as a Christian in our non-Christian world?
Share something that was said or sung in the worship service that resonated with you.
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:** Philippians 1:1-2. Paul wrote this letter from prison. What are some things that would be difficult about writing a letter from prison?
- Tuesday:** Philippians 1:1-2. What might the people of 50AD know up to this point about Jesus Christ?
- Wednesday:** Philippians 1:1-2. What does it mean to be a servant/slave of Christ Jesus? In what ways does (and doesn't) this definition fit you?
- Thursday:** Philippians 1:1-2. What does it mean to be one of God's holy people in Christ Jesus? In what ways does (and doesn't) this definition fit you?
- Friday:** Philippians 1:1-2. Share a way in which you have experienced the grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Saturday:** What verse in Philippians have you chosen to memorize?

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 one thing that you have found yourself talking to God about a lot recently?
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 through the book of Philippians this week. Consider reading through it several times in different translations.

Highlight several portions that you find particularly meaningful.

Consider each of the following ten hallmark virtues of the Kingdom of God. Reflect on how each of these play out in Jesus's life on earth, the apostle Paul's life, and in your life.

Love, unity, humility, joy, living for Christ, living like Christ, focusing on Christ, peace, generosity, contentment.

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.