

AMPLIFY our Weekly Message / 2.21.21

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.

When is showing love difficult?

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 1:27-2:2. What does it mean to live in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ? What hints does this passage give us regarding what such a manner looks like?

Tuesday: Matthew 5. Read this chapter, one section at a time and generate a list of characteristic of Jesus.

Wednesday: Matthew 6. Read this chapter, one section at a time and generate a list of characteristic of Jesus.

Thursday: Matthew 7. Read this chapter, one section at a time and generate a list of characteristic of Jesus.

Friday: Philippians 1:27-2:2. What do the lists from the previous questions have in common? Do these describe what it is to live in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ? Do you think it's missing anything? Where does anger fit it?

Saturday: What part of Philippians has struck you in your reading of it recently?

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 pursued you recently?
3. How has God 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 – The season of Lent began just last Wednesday. Traditionally, this is a 40-day period where we prepare our hearts to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus by looking inward to identify those places that do not yet align with what our Lord taught and modeled. This might be a great season to consider one question and one spiritual practice.

Here is the question: How does living in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ play out in my family, my neighborhood, my workplace and my church? Does my desire to exalt Christ influence my decisions in these places or is there a different lens I look through? Ask the Lord to speak to you on this and He will.

As for a spiritual practice, as you go through the day just become aware of what makes you angry or what causes offense. When you feel it, ask the Lord to show you why that emotion is the one bubbling to the surface and what He wants you to do about it.

Also – See the Covenant Church Facebook group page for a daily Lent reflection based on Philippians.

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.

Get involved with the [Missions Celebration Week activities](#):

<https://www.covenantepc.org/events/missions-celebration/>

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