

AMPLIFY our Weekly Message / 3.21.21

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.

What's something that brings you joy?
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 2:17-18. What brings Paul joy in these verses? Have you ever been joyful while also going through difficulty?

Tuesday: Philippians 1:4,5. What brings Paul joy in these verses? When have you been joyful about a partnership?

Wednesday: Philippians 1:18-19. What brings Paul joy in these verses? To what extent does Christ being preached bring you joy?

Thursday: Philippians 4:1. What brings Paul joy in these verses? Share about a time when you've experienced joy over someone else's spiritual growth.

Friday: Philippians 4:4-7. What brings Paul joy in these verses? Share something your experience with the truth in these verses.

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. How has God encouraged or comforted you recently?
2. What's a way that you believe God has used you recently or wants to use you this week?
3. How has God challenged or 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 – Spend some time meditating on the cross this week. If joy is a settled confidence in the goodness of God no matter what, and the cross is the most compelling picture of the goodness of God, what can the cross teach us about joy?

Read Matthew 27:11-28:10.

Read Mark 14:53-15:41.

Read Luke 23.

Read John 19.

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 one of the Shalom of the City outreach initiatives:

<https://www.covenantepc.org/ministries/shalom-for-the-city/>

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