

AMPLIFY our Weekly Message / 4.11.21

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.

Where have you seen a winsome example of boldness or gentleness recently?
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 1:9. How have you experienced the love of the God's people recently? How might you be called to exemplify love this week?

Tuesday: Philippians 1:27. How have you experienced the unity of the God's people recently? How might you be called to exemplify unity this week?

Wednesday: Philippians 2:4-5. How have you experienced the humility of the God's people recently? How might you be called to exemplify humility this week?

Thursday: Philippians 1:10. How have you experienced the godliness of the God's people recently? How might you be called to exemplify godliness this week?

Friday: Philippians 4:4-7. How have you experienced the peace of the God's people recently? How might you be called to exemplify peace this week?

Saturday: How do you navigate living out biblical convictions as a faith foundation and loving acceptance as a faith sharing strategy?

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's something you've been talking to God about a lot recently?
2. How has God encouraged, challenged or corrected you recently?
3. What's a way that you believe God has used you recently or wants to use you 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 – Read through the book of Philippians this week. Consider some of the following conclusions related to living as a citizen of Heaven while in this world:

1. It is crucial that we distinguish between biblical convictions as a faith foundation and loving acceptance as a faith-sharing strategy.
2. The truth of the good news we announce can never be separated from the truth of the good news we live.
3. Love implies regard, relationship, sacrifice, and justice.
4. Sharing the gospel really matters. It is a critical part of why we are here, and it should never cease to inform the way we relate to the world.
5. We are called to preach Christ, not preach morality.
6. It will be hard.
7. We don't have the freedom to opt out, hide in the colony, and wait until Jesus returns. We are called to be distinctive, but not to be separate.

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.