

AMPLIFY our Weekly Message / 9.24.21

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.

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: Read Matthew 28:20. Think of one way that the value of being expectant on God's work shows up in your life. What is an obstacle that you encounter?

Tuesday: Read Luke 1:36. Think of one way that the value of being yielded to God shows up in your life. What is an obstacle that you encounter?

Wednesday: Read Acts 17:11. Think of one way that the value of being thoughtful in our approach to God's Word shows up in your life. What is an obstacle that you encounter?

Thursday: Read Ephesians 5:1-2. Think of one way that the value of being intentional in relationships shows up in your life. What is an obstacle that you encounter?

Friday: Read Luke 6:32. Think of one way that the value of being gracious in your relationships shows up in your life. What is an obstacle that you encounter?

Saturday: How have you done recently at working on your values more than your image?

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, challenged or corrected you recently?
2. 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 – Spend some time reading and contemplating the following passages this week. Read through each passage and reflect on this question: How is the value unpacked here playing out in your life?

Matthew 28.20, Psalm 139.7-10, Acts 17.28, Romans 8.28

Luke 1.36, Colossians 1.15, II Corinthians 5.15, Matthew 16.25, Hebrews 13.21, Philippians 1, Colossians 1, Jeremiah 10:17

Acts 17.11, Matthew 22.37-38, II Corinthians 10.5, Deuteronomy 6.4-10, Ephesians 5.1-2

Matthew 22.39, I John 4.19, Romans 13.8, I John 4

Luke 6.32, Ephesians 2.8-9, Romans 5.23-34, Colossians 3.13, Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 18:21-35

For ongoing reflection, continue to ponder these main points from Sunday's message:

Covenant's Values

Toward God – Expectant and Yielded

Toward Scripture – Thoughtful

Toward Others – Intentional and Gracious

Expectant

Specifically, we want to be expectant related to the presence and involvement of God in every part of life.

Yielded

Other ways of saying yielded – surrendered, fully available, saying yes to God, giving him our total allegiance.

Thoughtful

One of our essentials is the belief that God has revealed himself to us in his word, so the Bible is fully trustworthy and authoritative, making known all we need to know about God and the life he has for us.

Intentional

One of the richest theological terms is the idea of "prevenient grace." It means "grace that goes before." It refers to the way that God always takes the first step. He pursued us before we ever thought to pursue him, and he loved us before we were ever capable of loving him.

Gracious

Grace is giving love that is undeserved. If we are followers of Christ, we have all been on the receiving end of grace. God calls us to turn, then, and extend to others the same sort of grace we've received.

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.covenantpc.org/ministries/shalom-for-the-city/>

Get on our weekly prayer email (go to the "watch live" page and sign up for the prayer list) and start lifting these prayers and praises up to the Lord.