# AMPLIFY our Weekly Message / 10.3.21

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 Ephesians 4:1-3. What has or could it look like to live out this kind of humility?

Tuesday: Read Ephesians 4:1-3. What has or could it look like to live out this kind of gentleness?

**Wednesday:** Read Ephesians 4:1-3. How have you experienced humility and gentleness helping to keep the unity of Christ?

**Thursday:** Read Ephesians 4:1-3. How do we see Jesus displaying humility and gentleness in the face of opposition?

**Friday:** Read Ephesians 4:1-3. What concerns to you have about living with this kind of humility and gentleness? How do you think God would respond to those concerns?

**Saturday:** What does gentleness and humility look like when responding to differing political views or something else with which you disagree?

# **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 through the passages in the simple outline below. Read each passage and have a conversation with the Lord about what He is speaking to you through it.

We, like Jesus, are not of this world: John 8:23, John 15:13, John 17:14-17

Transformation, not exertion, is what lies at the heart of any biblical understanding of the Christian faith. Becoming like Christ (Romans 12:2)

conformed to the image of his Son Romans 8.29

created after the likeness of God Ephesians 4.22-24

being changed into his likeness II Corinthians 3.18

you have put on Christ Galatians 3.27

Christ is formed in you Galatians 4.19

### Other passages referenced:

Matthew 11:29

Ephesians 4:1-3

Colossians 3:12-14

James 3:13-17

1 Peter 5:5

Philippians 2:3-5

Isaiah 64:8

# Review/Summary of this Look to the Rock Sermon Series Bedrock Beliefs

We believe Jesus Christ along is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

We believe the Bible is fully trustworthy and authoritative.

We believe the Church exists to proclaim and live out the love of God.

#### **Core Calling**

Our defining starting point: Jesus is King.

Identity and purpose: We are His people who exist for His kingdom and His glory. Calling: Know Jesus. Grow with His people. Go to the world. And God's invitation to us in this season is to become a church known for our love.

### **Vital Values**

Toward God – Expectant and Yielded Toward Scripture – Thoughtful Toward Others – Intentional and Gracious

# **Primary Posture**

Christ-like humility

# **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 (go to the "watch live" page and sign up for the prayer list) and start lifting these prayers and praises up to the Lord.