

**AMPLIFY our Weekly Message / 12.12.21**

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 Isaiah 61:1-2. In what sense do you feel like the “poor” who needs “good news”?

**Tuesday:** Read Isaiah 61:1-2. In what sense do you feel like the “brokenhearted” who needs “comfort”?

**Wednesday:** Read Isaiah 61:1-2. In what sense do you feel like the “captive” who needs “released”?

**Thursday:** Read Isaiah 61:1-2. Describe some of the good news, comfort, and release that you’ve experienced with the first coming of Jesus.

**Friday:** Read Isaiah 61:1-2. Describe some of the good news, comfort, and release that you dream of experiencing as a result of the second coming of Jesus.

**Saturday:** How has God used others to work some of His restoration process (spiritual formation) in you?

**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 this week meditating on the following passages:

Genesis 1-3  
Isaiah 61:1-2  
Luke 4:18-21  
Ephesians 2:10  
1 Corinthians 3:18  
Galatians 4:19k  
Philippians 1:6  
1 John 3:2-3  
Hebrews 13:20-21

**Consider these thoughts:**

“Until Christ is formed in you.” You see, when we come to faith in Christ the Holy Spirit of Jesus comes to live inside of us. He is in us, but He is not yet formed in us. We are saved by His grace but are not yet fully transformed into His glorious image. Like the pains of childbirth, that restoration requires some time and effort.

If we let Him, God uses the brokenness of the world and the brokenness of other people to expose the brokenness in us that we can’t even see. And when we see it, we then must choose to join with Him in His life-long work of conforming us to the image of His Son and restoring us to the perfect wholeness He always intended for us to know so that we can be equipped to do the good work God prepared for us to do.

### 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.