

AMPLIFY our Weekly Message / 1.9.22

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 John 4:43-54. What do you notice about Jesus? What do you notice about the one who was healed?

Tuesday: Read John 5:1-9. What do you notice about Jesus? What do you notice about the one who was healed?

Wednesday: Read John 5:19-21. What does Jesus claim about himself? If that's true, how does it impact your life?

Thursday: Read John 5:22-23 and 27-30. What does Jesus claim about himself? If that's true, how does it impact your life?

Friday: Read John 5: 24-26. What does Jesus claim about himself? If that's true, how does it impact your life?

Saturday: Share a way in which your life responds to one of these claims of Jesus.

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 consider these claims of Jesus and the credentials that back them up.

Claims of Jesus

Jesus claims to be the Son of God – equal to God.

Jesus claims that we will judge humanity at the end of the age. Genesis 18:25, Psalm 75:7, Isaiah 33:22.

Jesus claim that he has life-giving power, and that through him the Father brings people from death to life – both now and at the end of the age. Genesis 2:7, Job 33:4, Daniel 12:2.

Credentials that verify these claims of Jesus

John the Baptist: John 5:31-35, Malachi 4:5, Matthew 11:14, John 1:29

His teaching: John 5:36, Mark 1:22

His Miracles: Mark 1:27

His Father’s testimony: John 5:37, Mark 1:11, Luke 17:5

The testimony of the scriptures: Genesis 3:15; 9:27; 12:2-3; 49:8-12; Numbers 24:15-19; Deuteronomy 18:15-18.

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.