AMPLIFY our Weekly Message / 7.10.22

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 4:21-24. Why were these mountains seen as particular places of worship? What are the equivalent "places of worship" in our culture?

Tuesday: Read John 4:21-24. What does it mean that the Samaritans worship what they do not know and the Jews worship what they do know?

Wednesday: Read John 4:21-24. What does it mean it mean to worship in the Spirit and in truth? What is your experience of this?

Thursday: Read John 4:21-24. What are obstacles that keep you from experiencing the Spirit (or experiencing more of the Spirit)? What are obstacles that keep you from more fully living into the truth? **Friday:** Read John 4:21-24. What is freeing about worshipping in the Spirit and in truth?

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 – Try something different this week. Choose a song that you find particularly worshipful. Print it on a sheet of paper if you don't have it memorized. Commit to singing it to the Lord at miscellaneous times throughout this week (i.e. in the car, on a walk, as you sit in your living room, while you're doing the dishes). Take the words to heart and speak them directly to the Lord as you sing. Enjoy the experience of worshipping God freely in the Spirit and in truth where ever you are during different moments throughout each day.

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.