AMPLIFY our Weekly Message / 8.7.22

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 Revelation 4:3-4. If there is a heavenly throne and Jesus sits on it, what does that suggest about each of us? What do the twenty four elders represent?

Tuesday: Read Revelation 4:5-6. Does this strike you as welcoming or intimidating? What do you make of that? What do the seven lamps and the sea of glass represent?

Wednesday: Read Revelation 4:6-8. What do the four living creatures represent? Day and night they never stop proclaiming God's praise. What could we conclude from that?

Thursday: Read Revelation 4:9-10. The twenty four elders follow after the four living creatures in unceasing praise. If God sits enthroned in the center of reality rightly receiving unceasing praise, what does that suggest about my life this week?

Friday: Read Revelation 4:10-11. In what ways should you lay your crown at Jesus feet this week?

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 Revelation 4:3-10 as well as the other passages listed below. Picture this throne room. Picture a God who deserves this kind of unceasing praise. Consider the heart posture of those who are praising Him. Consider the consequences of those who have opposed Him. Consider your response to this Holy God throughout the past week.

Other passages that David mentioned:

Exodus 24:9-10 Psalm 99:1-5 Isaiah 6:1-8 Ezekiel 1:22-28 (also 10:1,4) Daniel 7:9-14

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.