

AMPLIFY our Weekly Message / 9.11.22

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 17:6-17. How does the revealed truth from Jesus help us see reality?

Tuesday: Read Psalm 119:12. How does knowing God's decrees help us see reality?

Wednesday: Read 2 Peter 1:2-4. What gift does God offer us in the knowledge of Himself?

Thursday: Read Jeremiah 24:7. This passage speaks of a heart to know God. To what extent to you or don't you experience a heart to know God?

Friday: Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. In the hands of the Spirit who inspired them, transformation, not information, is what the words in the Bible offer. How have you experienced this?

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 considering the verses and thoughts below.

Three ways Gods means the Bible to be a gift to us:

Reality – He reveals, we see. John 17:6-17, Psalm 119:12

Intimacy – He reaches, we reciprocate. 2 Peter 1:2-4, Jeremiah 24:7, Psalm 119:10

Authority – He rules, we submit. 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 119:73

Either there is a God.

He is the Creator.

I exist by his choice and for his sake.

So my identity as a human being is tied to him.

He gives meaning and purpose to my life, which is to live my life for him.

The Creator took on human flesh, bringing dignity and purpose to all humanity, and hope and redemption to me, reconciling me to God and opening the way for me to enjoy his presence for eternity.

Time moves with purpose to fulfill God's eternal purposes.

Death does not have the last word.

Or there is no God.

I am an accident, adrift in a world that is also an accident. There is no intention or design behind my few days on earth.

Whatever identity I have is a construct of my own making, and can be as fluid or as muddy as the Wabash River..

There is no inherent meaning and purpose in my life, or in my death. You do stuff and then you die. That's it.

Discipleship

Love Jesus

worshiping daily and weekly

studying Scripture regularly

Love His People

participating in Christ-centered relationships

using our gifts to serve the church family

Pour Out His Love on the World

loving our (literal) neighbors

making a difference in the world

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.covenantpc.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.