

**AMPLIFY our Weekly Message / 9.4.22**

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 Psalm 84:1-4. Describe your experience of being with Him in His dwelling place. How do the Psalmist words challenge or encourage you?

**Tuesday:** Read Psalm 84:5. What does this passage suggest about being on the way to God's dwelling place? Describe the joy or strength you have felt along the way.

**Wednesday:** Read Psalm 84:6-7. What do these verses suggest about difficult times along the way to God's dwelling place? How has this been your experience?

**Thursday:** Read Psalm 84:8-11. What is the Psalmist communicating about being with God?

**Friday:** Read Psalm 84:5-7, 12. The blessings spoken of in this passage come to not just those who are in God's house but to those who are on the way to God's house. What does this teach us?

**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 in Psalm 84 and consider the following thoughts.

In this passage, the words “blessed are” could be exchanged with “joy for”. Here’s a great definition of joy: Joy is a settled confidence in the goodness of God no matter what. Ponder how time in God’s presence has and can deepen your joy. Consider writing your own psalm to the Lord in response to your meditation on joy in His presence.

Consider singing/praying this song: I Surrender All.

All to Jesus I surrender  
All to Him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust Him  
In His presence daily live  
I surrender all  
I surrender all  
All to Thee  
My blessed Savior  
I surrender all  
All to Jesus I surrender  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine  
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit  
Truly knowing that Thou art mine

#### **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.