

Welcome!

- ✓ ***Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.***
- ✓ ***Say hello to someone you don't know.***
- ✓ ***We'll gather at 10:20am.***

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Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Luke 4:16-22

He (Jesus) went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips.



Growing in Faith

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- Psalm 1

“Growing in Faith” Overview

The purpose of this series is to identify practices and give encouragement to help each of us grow in faith and relationship with Jesus.

*Our theme verse is, “Blessed is the one... whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. **That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.**” - Psalms 1:1-3*

**FROM HUMAN
DOINGS**

TO

HUMAN BEINGS

MARK 2:27

PREPARATIONS FOR THE SABBATH



Ingredients for “Growing in Faith”

1. Salvation into the love of Christ.
2. Submission to God’s ways
3. Spending time with God (daily)
4. Spending time with God’s people (weekly)
> **Communion**
5. Sharing Gods’ love with others.
6. Suffering

The purpose of Communion

Together, WE

Remember, and

Experience...

Jesus

Together, WE

- **Come** - *“Come unto Me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”*
- *Matthew 11:28*
- **Union** with Christ and one another - *“I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.”*
- *John 17:23*



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Think about this ...

“Perfect makes Practice.”

“The Perfect One – Jesus, makes practice.”

Jeremiah 17:9

“Man’s heart is “deceitful and desperately wicked.”

Psalm 51:5, 58:3 & Ephesians 2:1-5

“Man is born dead in transgression and sin”.

John 3:19 & 8:34

“We are held captive by a love for sin.”

Romans 3:10-11

“We don’t seek God”.

John 3:19

“We love darkness and do not understand the things of God.”

1 Corinthians 2:14 & Romans 1:18

“We suppress the truth of God in unrighteousness and continue to willfully live in sin”.

Proverbs 14:12

“Our sinful lifestyle seems right to us.”

1 Corinthians 1:18

“We reject the gospel of Christ as foolishness”.

Romans 8:7

“Our minds are hostile toward God”.

2 Corinthians 9:15

“Thank God for his indescribable, unspeakable, marvelous Gift”.

Psalm 18:35

“Thy gentleness has made me great”.

2 Corinthians 3:5

“It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God.”

2 Corinthians 8:9

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”

1 John 4:10

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

1 Thessalonians 5:24

*“Faithful is He who calls you
and he will also do it.”*

Hebrews 12:2

“Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 13:5

“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Matthew 28:20

“And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

John 15:5

“I am the Vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit, but apart from me you can do nothing.”

Philippians 4:13

“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.”

Titus 2:11-14 (NKJV)

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”

Romans 2:4

“Do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? (NKJV)

NLT – *“Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?”*

D. L. Moody

“The world has yet to see what God can do with a man fully consecrated to him.”

The Blessing

*Brothers and sisters, rejoice!
Be completely perfected,
encourage one another,
be of one mind, be at peace.
And the God of love and peace
will be with you.*

- 2 Corinthians 13:11