



Below is a guide for Sunday worship, daily Bible readings and community group discussion.

Worship Guide for Sunday:

- Get a Bible. Start the video. We will open with a reading from Psalm 91. We want to turn our attention to God and think about His greatness and care for us.
- Watch the teaching on Mark 2:18-3:6. After the video is over, reflect on the following: Verse 6 says that the religious leaders plot how they are going to destroy Jesus. This is such a strange thing...Jesus is claiming to be the King that Israel had waited for. You would think the religious leaders would be excited, but they aren't. Why? Why are the religious leaders intent on destroying Jesus? How is Jesus a threat to their power, their pride, and their system of self-righteousness? Consider the picture of Jesus in these verses: he is the bridegroom who has come to be with His people, He is Lord of the Sabbath and has come to give us the perfect rest that we need, and He is the Lord of life (He has come to restore us and give us eternal life in Him). How does this picture of Jesus encourage you? Much of the conflict surrounds the Sabbath. The Sabbath is written into the fabric of our world and God commanded Israel to rest every 7th day and devote the day to the Lord. God designed our world to involve work and rest and enjoyment of Him so that we can flourish. How had the Pharisees distorted the Sabbath command? How do you need to live with a better rhythm of work and rest? How can you better honor God by devoting a day each week to rest and enjoy Him? The Pharisees were unwilling to come to Jesus as Lord and King; therefore, they are left out of the banquet, God's rest and eternal life. You likewise can plot to get rid of Jesus. You can push him to the margins of your life, you can disregard what he says, you can busy your life with all kinds of things. Or can come to Him as King and experience joy, rest and life. Are there ways in which your life is not submitted to Jesus as King?
- Take a few minutes to confess your sins and thank God for Jesus who gives joy, rest and eternal life.
- Close in prayer especially remembering to pray for those within our church family who are hurting, for our government and leaders, and for our church to be strengthened and remain unified and on mission during this time.

Reading for the Week:

3/30: Mark 13

3/31: Mark 14

4/1: Mark 15

4/2: Mark 16

4/3: Luke 1

***In addition to Mark, we encourage you to read at least a Psalm a day.

Questions for personal reflection as you read the Bible this week:

1. What are you learning/what is God teaching you as you read?
2. What questions do you have?
3. What are you learning about Jesus? Who is He? What does it mean to follow Him?
4. What do these verses teach you about God? Yourself? Sin?
5. What are ways that you can apply what you are reading?
6. Who do you need to pray for and reach out to? How will you share God's love and tell others about Jesus this week?

For Group Leaders and Group Discussion

Use zoom to connect with group members. The first 40 meetings are free. There is a need to use this time wisely. So divide your time into three increments:

- Check in: ask each person to tell the group how they are doing and how the group can pray for them.
- Discuss sermon and reading: what has God been teaching you through His Word and the teaching from Sunday? How can you apply what you are reading? How are you sharing the love of Jesus with others or how can you share the love of Jesus with others this week?
- Read a passage of Scripture together and pray: Read a Psalm together or read Mark 10:35-45.