A watercolor illustration of a foot wearing a simple, light-colored sandal with a rope strap. The foot is positioned in the lower-left corner, resting on a light, textured surface. The background is a soft, warm-toned watercolor wash in shades of orange, yellow, and pink, with scattered dark spots and splatters, giving it a rustic, artistic feel.

Walking with Jesus through Lent

A WHOISGRACE RESOURCE

Here we are at the beginning of our Lenten journey. Why are we doing this? There are some beneficial redeeming qualities within the practice of remembering, especially during the Lenten season. We want to capture and reclaim those redeeming qualities and use them to grow closer to Jesus. Some of you have observed Lenten traditions before and for others this is a first. Regardless, we hope that you will view these next six weeks as an opportunity to grow in your faith, to focus on your spiritual life, and to sacrifice some of the comforts and conveniences of modern-day life in order to connect with the Passion of Jesus.

During this season we will be participating in a sermon series called "Walking with Jesus Through Lent." Through the series and this book, we will literally be retracing the steps and actions of Jesus. It is going to be a powerful season together as we fix our eyes on Jesus!

We pray that this Lenten journey will deepen your intimacy with Jesus and strengthen your faith as His follower.

About Lent

Lent is one of the oldest observations on the Christian calendar. Early church father Irenaus of Lyons (c.130-c.200) wrote about this season in the earliest days of the church. In the ancient church, Lent was a time for new converts to be instructed about baptism and for believers caught in sin to focus on repentance. But in 325 A.D., the Council of Nicaea discussed a 40-day Lenten season of fasting for all Christians. The number forty has a long biblical history: The forty day fasts of Moses, Elijah and especially our Lord in the desert. Traditionally the Lenten season has started on Ash Wednesday and concluded on Good Friday.

In those early days, the observance of fasting was very strict. One meal was allowed per day and, even in that meal, meat and fish were forbidden.

Much has changed over the years and some religious traditions have emphasized the observance of Lent more than others. However, its purpose remains relevant to us today. During the Lenten season and in preparation for Easter, the faithful are to 1) grow in their love of Jesus and His sacrifice, and 2) practice penance for their sins in the form of self-examination, self-denial, and personal sacrifice.

Lent Dates

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6 | 6:30PM

Held at every
Grace location!

GOOD FRIDAY

April 19

6:00 & 7:30PM

Hosted at Grace
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EASTER SUNDAY

April 21

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Book Tips

- 1. Place it somewhere you will see it every day, and use it!
- 2. Spend time in self-reflection on Saturdays. You can also track your weekly progress on those pages.
- 3. Bring it with you to church every Sunday. Use the Sunday page to take sermon notes and write down different prompts during the service.

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After you get the App, navigate to "Messages" and click the filter icon to make sure you are signed up for "2019 LENT" push notifications. If you are signed up, you will receive several texts from April 15-20 that line up with the days/times of Jesus' last week. We hope it draws you closer to Him.

In addition, you can use the Grace App to keep up with your daily reading, take sermon notes, access previous teaching content, and keep up to date on what's happening.

WEEK 1: BAPTISM

READ MATTHEW 3:13-17

WALK WITH JESUS:

Why do you think Jesus insisted on being baptized even after John resisted?

What are the insights that this event reveals to us about Jesus?

Imagine yourself in this scene with Jesus. What are the things that you would see, feel, and experience?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today’s reading.
- Pray for those who will soon decide to be baptized (maybe you!).

TEXT BAPTISM TO 62953 TO SIGN UP/GET INFO!

WEEK 1: WILDERNESS

READ LUKE 4:1-13

WALK WITH JESUS:

What was the essence of each of the three temptations and what was significant about how Jesus responded to each one?

What are the insights that this event reveals to us about Jesus?

Imagine yourself in this scene with Jesus. What are the things that you would see, feel, and experience?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today's reading.
- Confess one specific temptation that you are facing in your life and ask God to give you a scripture passage that will help you to respond to that temptation.

WEEK 1: MINISTRY IN GALILEE

READ MARK 1:14-45

WALK WITH JESUS:

According to these verses, list some of Jesus’ priorities as he began His ministry.

What are the insights that this event reveals to us about Jesus?

Imagine yourself in this scene with Jesus. What are the things that you would see, feel, and experience?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today’s reading.
- Just as the disciples were willing to give up everything to follow Jesus, ask God what that might look like for you.

WEEK 1: SATURDAY

SELF-EXAMINATION: God is pleased when we look closely at the state of our souls. Set a timer for 5 minutes. Building upon all you have learned about Jesus this week, reflect on and journal your thoughts about the following question:

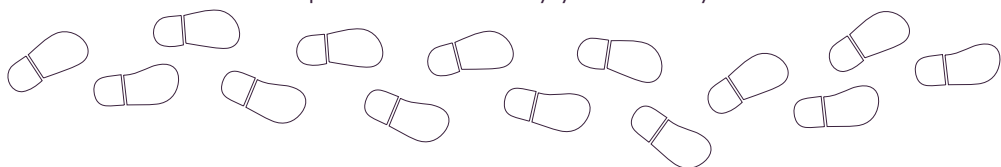
What do I want to get out of this Lenten journey?

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE TO EXPLORE: SACRIFICE

Stretch your sense of what you can do without for the sake of those who have less.

Weekly Tracker

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YOUR PLAYLIST FOR LENT: SEARCH "WHOSGRACE" ON SPOTIFY

Church attendance is as vital to a disciple as a transfusion of rich, healthy blood to a sick man. - Dwight L. Moody

WEEK 2: WATER TO WINE

READ JOHN 2:1-11

WALK WITH JESUS:

What was the disciples' response to seeing the first sign of Jesus' glory?

What makes this miracle so spectacular?

What does this miracle show us about who Jesus is? Why do you think it was included in His story?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today's reading.
- Use your prayer time to affirm your belief in Jesus!

WEEK 2: HEALS A PARALYTIC

READ MARK 2:1-12

WALK WITH JESUS:

In what ways did the friends of the paralyzed man demonstrate faith in this passage?

What makes this miracle so spectacular?

What does this miracle show us about who Jesus is? Why do you think it was included in His story?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today's reading.
- Confess yesterday's shortcomings to Jesus, being confident in His authority to heal and forgive.

WEEK 2: SERMON ON THE MOUNT

READ MATTHEW 5:1-7:29

WALK WITH JESUS:

Looking over these chapters, list several phrases that stand out regarding how to be in relationship with other people.

Summarize the main point of this teaching of Jesus in your own words.

If you took this teaching of Jesus seriously, what is one change you would need to make?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today's reading.
- Spend time in prayer using The Lord's Prayer (6:9-13) as a guide.

WEEK 2: RAISES A WIDOW'S SON

READ LUKE 7:11-17

WALK WITH JESUS:

What response did Jesus have towards this woman before He raised her son to life?

What makes this miracle so spectacular?

What does this miracle show us about who Jesus is? Why do you think it was included in His story?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today's reading.
- As you pray today, ask the Holy Spirit to give you a heart of compassion for those in need around you.

WEEK 2: CALMS THE STORM

READ MARK 4:35-41

WALK WITH JESUS:

How would you describe the state of the disciples in this passage? How does this differ from Jesus' response to the storm?

What makes this miracle so spectacular?

What does this miracle show us about who Jesus is? Why do you think it was included in His story?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today's reading.
- Where are you finding it hard to trust God right now? Use this prayer time to trust Him with your fears.

WEEK 2: SATURDAY

SELF-EXAMINATION: God is pleased when we look closely at the state of our souls. Set a timer for 5 minutes. Building upon all you have learned about Jesus this week, reflect on and journal your thoughts about the following question:

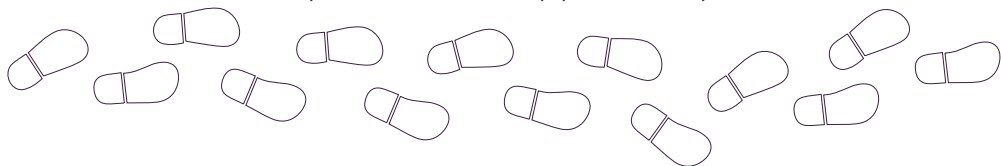
How can I grow in my faithfulness and devotion to Jesus, and how can I avoid becoming stagnant and distant in my relationship with Him?

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE TO EXPLORE: CELEBRATION

Practice being thankful in your own relationship with Christ and with other believers.

Weekly Tracker

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YOUR PLAYLIST FOR LENT: SEARCH "WHOSGRACE" ON SPOTIFY

The true church can never fail. For it is based upon a rock. - T.S. Eliot

WEEK 3: HEALS DEMONIAIC

READ LUKE 8: 26-39

WALK WITH JESUS:

Note the posture the demons take when Jesus approaches the man in :28 and the initial request they make in :31. What stands out to you by their response? What surprises you when you then read :32-33?

What makes this miracle so spectacular?

What does this miracle show us about who Jesus is? Why do you think it was included in His story?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today’s reading.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind how you can walk more boldly in the confidence and authority of God in your life. What stronghold(s) in your life is God asking you to let Him have authority over?

WEEK 3: JOHN'S DISCIPLES QUESTION JESUS

READ MATTHEW 11

WALK WITH JESUS:

Jesus didn't often conform to the world's expectations. How did He demonstrate that in this passage? How can you more fully embrace the truth that Jesus is who He said He was even when it doesn't feel like it?

What are the insights that this event reveals to us about Jesus?

Imagine yourself in this scene with Jesus. What are the things that you would see, feel, and experience?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today's reading.
- Confess to God where you have shown doubt like John. Ask Him for wisdom and understanding, in the areas of your life where you have conformed to the expectations of this world. Optional: use Proverbs 1 as a reference guide.

WEEK 3: FEAST AT MATTHEW’S

READ MATTHEW 9: 9-13

WALK WITH JESUS:

Put your “Pharisee-eyes” on and re-read this passage like Jesus is speaking directly to you. What is so offensive about those who were reclining at the table?

What are the insights that this event reveals to us about Jesus?

Imagine yourself in this scene with Jesus. What are the things that you would see, feel, and experience?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today’s reading.
- Thank Him for His gift of mercy. Use Psalm 138 as a guide and pause as you feel led to offer God specific examples of His grace in your life.

WEEK 3: BLEEDING WOMAN & JAIRUS' DAUGHTER

READ MARK 5: 21-43

WALK WITH JESUS:

Read Leviticus 15:25-31 & 22:1-9. How does this help put the faith of the woman and Jairus into perspective in light of the fear that both would have been feeling, especially given their positions in context of Jewish culture?

What makes this miracle so spectacular?

What does this miracle show us about who Jesus is? Why do you think it was included in His story?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today's reading.
- God desires to stretch your faith. He states to both main characters, "Do not fear, only believe." Be bold and ask God to take you into deeper waters, to be stretched beyond your fear, to increase your faith.

WEEK 3: SENDING THE TWELVE

READ MATTHEW 10

WALK WITH JESUS:

This chapter has three key parts: Commissioning Instructions (:1-15), Preparation Instructions (:16-23), and the Characteristics the Disciples Should Embody (:24-42). What in this chapter are you intrigued by, what makes you uncomfortable, and what do you want to examine further?

Summarize the main point of this teaching of Jesus in your own words.

If you took this teaching of Jesus seriously, what is one change you would need to make?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today’s reading.
- Write out a prayer inviting God to work on your mind and heart in those areas you’ve noted above. Be honest about your desires, questions, and fears.

WEEK 3: SATURDAY

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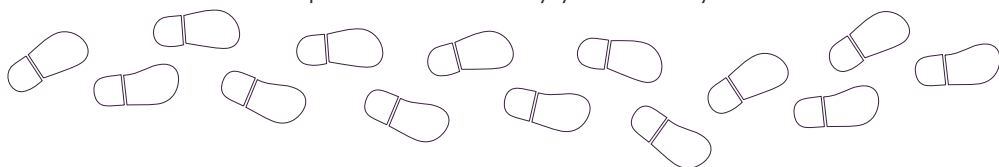
What discipline do you feel God urging you to adopt more consistently as an area of growth and/or exploration in getting to know Him?

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE TO EXPLORE: SILENCE

No noise or conversation. Quiet your mind. Slow your breathing. Be still. Just you and God. Allow Him to own the silence.

Weekly Tracker

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YOUR PLAYLIST FOR LENT: SEARCH "WHOSGRACE" ON SPOTIFY

If you can't kneel before Jesus in the church, you'll never be able to stand for Jesus in the world. - Billy Sunday

WEEK 4: FEEDS 5,000

READ MARK 6:30-44

WALK WITH JESUS:

Why do you think Jesus had compassion on the 5,000? What did His compassion lead Jesus to do?

What are the insights that this event reveals to us about Jesus?

What does this miracle show us about who Jesus is? Why do you think it was included in His story?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today's reading.
- Pray that you will live a life of compassion for those who are "without a shepherd."

WEEK 4: WALKS ON WATER

READ MATTHEW 14:22-33

WALK WITH JESUS:

Why do you think Peter asked to come out on the water?

What are the insights that this event reveals to us about Jesus?

What does this miracle show us about who Jesus is? Why do you think it was included in His story?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today’s reading.
- Pray for God’s strength to have unwavering faith, even in the middle of the storm.

WEEK 4: FOLLOWERS LEAVE

READ JOHN 6:22-71

WALK WITH JESUS:

List the things that Jesus stated that drove many of His disciples away.

What are the insights that this event reveals to us about Jesus?

Imagine yourself in this scene with Jesus. What are the things that you would see, feel, and experience?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today's reading.
- Just as the 12 disciples continued to follow Jesus when things got hard, ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in steadfastness to follow God through the hard times.

WEEK 4: FEEDS 4,000

READ MARK 8:1-10

WALK WITH JESUS:

What are the similarities and differences between this miracle, and the miracle in Mark 6 where Jesus fed 5,000?

What are the insights that this event reveals to us about Jesus?

What does this miracle show us about who Jesus is? Why do you think it was included in His story?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today’s reading.
- Ask God to convict you about who in your life you need to show more grace to.

WEEK 4: TRANSFIGURATION

READ MATTHEW 17:1-13

WALK WITH JESUS:

Why do you think Jesus took only Peter, James, and John with Him?

What are the insights that this event reveals to us about Jesus?

Imagine yourself in this scene with Jesus. What are the things that you would see, feel, and experience?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today's reading.
- Pray that we will have an ear that listens to God.

WEEK 4: SATURDAY

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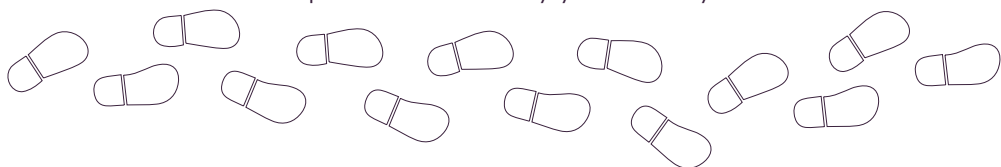
What themes stuck out to me this week? Is God trying to reveal something to me through what I'm learning?

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE TO EXPLORE: SOLITUDE

Read Luke 5:16 and Practice spending time without any others around and without any distractions.

Weekly Tracker

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YOUR PLAYLIST FOR LENT: SEARCH "WHOSGRACE" ON SPOTIFY

The Church is the one institution that exists for those outside it.
– William Tyndale

WEEK 5: PETER’S CONFESSION

READ LUKE 9:18-27

WALK WITH JESUS:

Who does Peter say Jesus is? What title does Jesus use for Himself? Looked at together, what do we learn about Jesus from these titles?

Summarize the main point of this teaching of Jesus in your own words.

If you took this teaching of Jesus seriously, what is one change you would need to make?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today’s reading.
- Pray for God’s strength to have unwavering faith, even in the middle of the storm.

WEEK 5: HEALS DEMON-POSSESSED BOY

READ MATTHEW 17:14-23

WALK WITH JESUS:

List all of the people that are witness to this miracle.

What makes this miracle so spectacular?

What does this miracle show us about who Jesus is? Why do you think it was included in His story?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today's reading.
- Ask God to increase your faith- to believe He is who He says He is.

WEEK 5: THE GREATEST

READ MARK 9:33-37

WALK WITH JESUS:

Summarize the main point of this teaching of Jesus in your own words.

From what you have read about Jesus so far, how does He exemplify verse 35?

If you took this teaching of Jesus seriously, what is one change you would need to make?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today’s reading.
- Ask Jesus to open your eyes to opportunities to serve those around you.

WEEK 5: SENDING 72

READ LUKE 10:1-24

WALK WITH JESUS:

Summarize the main point of this teaching of Jesus in your own words.

Reflect on Jesus' response to the 72 when they returned. How would you describe it?

If you took this teaching of Jesus seriously, what is one change you would need to make?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today's reading.
- Thank Jesus that He has called you to live a life fully devoted to Him. Ask Him for wisdom and guidance as you live faithfully each day.

WEEK 5: MARY & MARTHA

READ LUKE 10:38-42

WALK WITH JESUS:

Put Martha and Mary in a 21st century context and describe their opposing reactions to Jesus’ visit.

Summarize the main point of this teaching of Jesus in your own words.

If you took this teaching of Jesus seriously, what is one change you would need to make?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today’s reading.
- Thank Jesus that He has a seat for you at His table and confess any barrier that holds you back from meeting Him there every day.

WEEK 5: SATURDAY

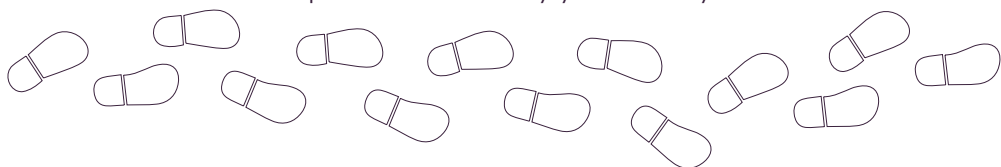
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What characteristic of Jesus caught my attention this week? How can I be more like Him in that way?

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE TO EXPLORE: SERVICE
Practice helping others.

Weekly Tracker

Color in a set of footprints for each day you found your chair this week!



YOUR PLAYLIST FOR LENT: SEARCH "WHOSGRACE" ON SPOTIFY

A scared world needs a fearless church. - AW Tozer

WEEK 6: LAZARUS

READ JOHN 11:1-44

WALK WITH JESUS:

Jesus knew that He was going to raise Lazarus from the dead, and yet He still wept. Why?

What makes this miracle so spectacular?

What does this miracle show us about who Jesus is? Why do you think it was included in His story?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today's reading.
- Confess to God one prayer request that you wish He would answer sooner than He has. Surrender your timeline to Him.

WEEK 6: ZACCHAEUS

READ LUKE 19:1-10

WALK WITH JESUS:

What is Jesus trying to communicate by intentionally eating at the house of a “sinner” like Zacchaeus? What effect does it have on Zacchaeus’ heart?

What are the insights that this event reveals to us about Jesus?

Imagine yourself in this scene with Jesus. What are the things that you would see, feel, and experience?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today’s reading.
- Think of one person for whom you struggle with bias against (personality, lifestyle, etc). Ask Jesus to help you to see them as He sees them.

WEEK 6: RICH YOUNG RULER

READ MATTHEW 19:16-30

WALK WITH JESUS:

Many people believe this passage is about money or being rich. That's certainly true on the surface, but what is the root cause of the Rich Young Ruler's inability to follow Jesus?

Summarize the main point of this teaching of Jesus in your own words.

If you took this teaching of Jesus seriously, what is one change you'd need to make?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today's reading.
- Ask God what sacrifice He might be asking you to make to follow Him with your whole heart.

WEEK 6: BLESSES CHILDREN

READ LUKE 18:15-17

WALK WITH JESUS:

What does Jesus mean when He says we must “receive the Kingdom of God like a little child?”

What are the insights that this event reveals to us about Jesus?

Imagine yourself in this scene with Jesus. What are the things that you would see, feel, and experience?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today’s reading.
- Thank God for being in control, and ask Him to give you a renewed grasp of grace in your life.

WEEK 6: LEPERS

READ LUKE 17:11-19

WALK WITH JESUS:

Nine Jews were healed but only the Samaritan returned to Jesus—what does this miracle communicate about how God’s Kingdom is revealed (think class of person; expected/unexpected; cultural and racial tensions)?

What makes this miracle so spectacular?

What does this miracle show us about who Jesus is? Why do you think it was included in His story?

PRAYER PROMPT:

- Give Jesus praise for what you learned about Him in today’s reading.
- What is one thing about God you’ve taken for granted lately? Thank Him for it.

WEEK 6: SATURDAY

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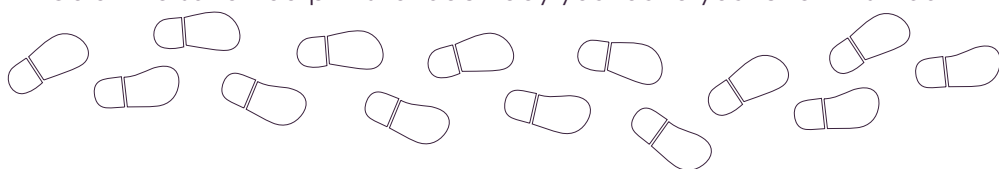
As we prepare to enter into Holy Week and reflect on the Passion of Jesus, how do I need to prepare my heart?

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE TO EXPLORE: WORSHIP

Engage in corporate worship and private worship and prayer. Find a great worship setlist to add to your device.

Weekly Tracker

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YOUR PLAYLIST FOR LENT: SEARCH "WHOISGRACE" ON SPOTIFY

The church has been planted as a paradise in this world. – Irenaeus

Lent with Your LifeGroup

(OR A COOL GROUP OF FRIENDS)

SERVE TOGETHER

It can be something small like paying for the person behind you in line at lunch, or do something bigger like visiting a nursing home to chat with residents.

MAKE EASTER BASKETS FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS

Fill it with your favorite treats and surprise your neighbor with your gift. Don't forget to add an invitation to Easter services at Grace!

PLANT SOMETHING

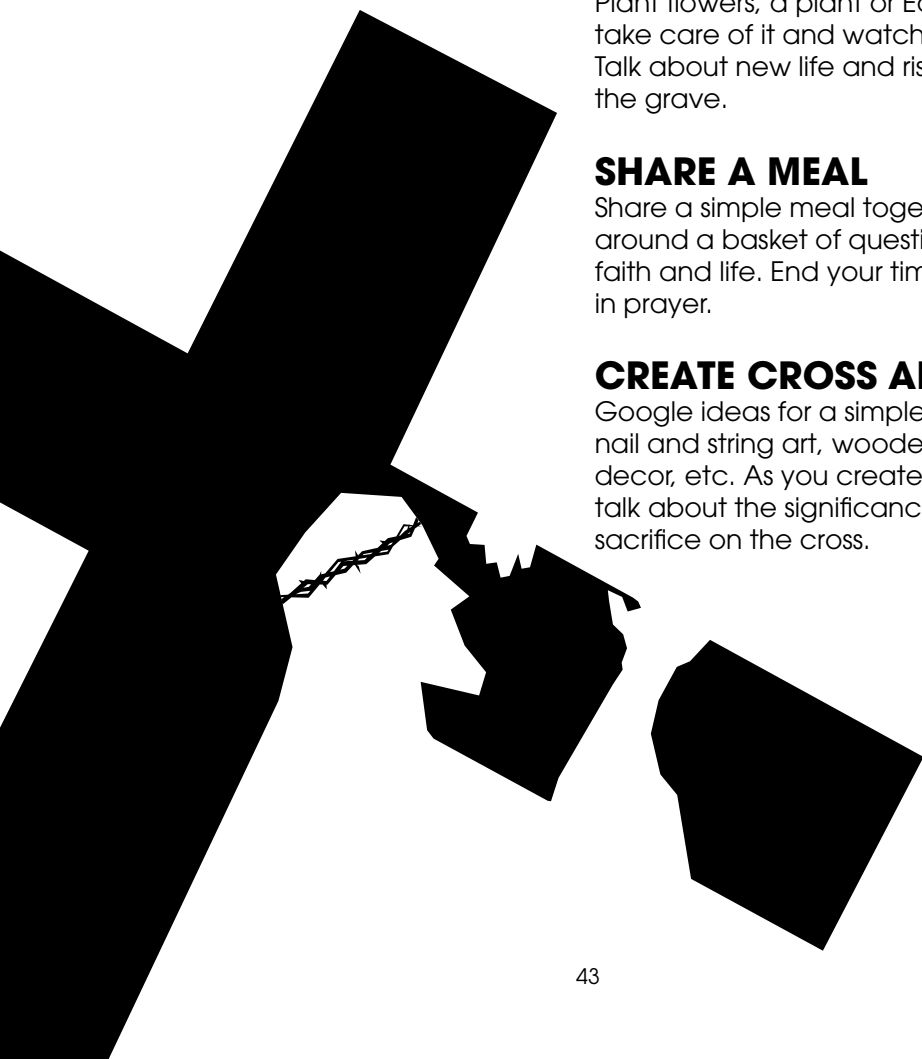
Plant flowers, a plant or Easter grass, take care of it and watch it grow. Talk about new life and rising from the grave.

SHARE A MEAL

Share a simple meal together around a basket of questions about faith and life. End your time together in prayer.

CREATE CROSS ART

Google ideas for a simple craft, like nail and string art, wooden cross decor, etc. As you create together, talk about the significance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.



Lent with Your LifeGroup

(OR A COOL GROUP OF FRIENDS)

MAKE PRETZELS!

Pretzels were made in the fifth century as a Lenten food in Austria, Germany, and Poland. People began to make them on Ash Wednesday, the very first day of Lent. The word "pretzel" is a German word meaning "little arms." The dough was shaped in such a way to look like two arms crossed in prayer. Pretzels were made to take the place of bread, since milk, eggs, and fats were not used during Lent. On certain Lenten days, it was the custom to give pretzels to poor townspeople.

Enjoy making the pretzels together and let them remind you that Lent is a time of prayer. Before you eat the pretzels, say a group prayer.

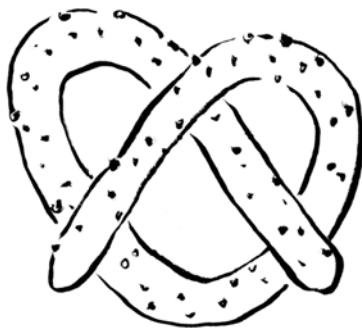
BREAD PRETZELS

1 1/4 cups water (85°)
1 tablespoon dry yeast
1/2 teaspoon sugar
4 1/2 cups flour
1 egg yolk
1 to 2 teaspoons water or milk
Coarse salt

Let yeast and sugar dissolve in water for one hour. Add flour to yeast mixture and beat until smooth. Knead mixture for seven to eight minutes. Place in a greased, covered bowl and let the dough rise until double in size. Divide the dough in half; then divide each half into smaller pieces of equal size. Roll each piece in your hands to make pencil shapes 12-15 inches long. Shape each length of dough into pretzels. Place on a greased baking sheet. Brush with egg yolk and water or milk mixture. Sprinkle with coarse salt. Bake at 325 degrees until lightly browned on top.

FROZEN BREAD DOUGH PRETZELS

Thaw one loaf of frozen bread dough. Let the dough rise according to directions on the package. Divide the dough in half and place on a floured board. Cut each half into 8 equal pieces. Roll small pieces into strips about 18 inches long. Shape into pretzels. Place on a greased baking sheet. Brush the tops of the pretzels with beaten egg yolk mixed with one tablespoon of water. Sprinkle with coarse salt. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-30 minutes or until lightly browned on top.



Passion Week

"No one takes (my life) from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

-John 10:18

HOW TO USE THIS TIMELINE:

- Read the daily event(s).
- Use the “Walk With Jesus” commentary to lead your prayer time.
- Fill in the boxes and extra space with thoughts, sketches, words, and/or prayers as you walk through the week.

SUNDAY



JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

READ: Matthew 21:1-11

WALK WITH JESUS: Jesus was setting His sights on the place where He would die for sinners according to God's will. He knew what was coming. As John Piper put it, “Jerusalem meant one thing for Jesus: certain death.”

MONDAY

JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE

READ: Mark 11:15-19

WALK WITH JESUS: Much of what the Gospels tell us about Monday centers on the theme of Jesus' authority—both over the created world and in His right to pass judgment upon it. Everything Jesus did He did with authority. Why is it important to understand Jesus' authority and where it comes from?



TUESDAY

JESUS’ AUTHORITY IS QUESTIONED BY LEADERS

READ: Luke 20:1-8, Matthew 21:23-27; Matthew 22:15-46

WALK WITH JESUS: These confrontations were an attempt to put Jesus in His place by forcing Him to yield to the religious leaders’ authority. But when they tried, they failed. Jesus asked smarter questions and gave clearer answers than they did. When they tried to question His motives, He exposed their hearts. When they attempted to intimidate Him by coming to Him in a big group, He never showed the slightest sign of backing down. “They tried to discredit His ministry, but there were people walking around in the temple who, only days earlier, had been blind and lame.” – Russ Ramsey



WEDNESDAY

THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND ELDERS PLOT TO KILL JESUS

READ: Matthew 26:1-5

WALK WITH JESUS: The point of the discussion was not whether to kill Jesus, but how. The decision had already been made.

JUDAS DECIDES TO BETRAY JESUS

READ: Matthew 26:14-16

WALK WITH JESUS: Thirty silver coins was the amount due to an owner for the loss of a slave. Judas' agreement to betray Jesus for such a low sum is in direct contrast to how much the woman spent to anoint Jesus.



JESUS IS ANOINTED WITH OIL

READ: Mark 14:3-9

WALK WITH JESUS: "The woman could not have known that what she did that day would be memorialized in God's Word and recounted to the ends of the earth. The Lord loves to reward faithful devotion to Him, and it is the only thing we do that will truly last forever." – Charles Stanley

THURSDAY



JESUS SHARES PASSOVER WITH THE DISCIPLES

READ: Matthew 26:17-30

WALK WITH JESUS: One of the things Jesus did on the night He was betrayed was sing. Jesus led them in the traditional Passover song, Psalm 118, about how the stone the builders rejected had become the cornerstone, and how the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

JESUS PREDICTS PETER'S DENIAL

READ: Matthew 26:31-35

WALK WITH JESUS: When Jesus tells Peter he will deny Him three times, He's not spelling out doom for Peter. He's confronting Peter's sin, but He's not rejecting Peter's salvation. We, like Peter, must see the true nature of our sin, to see the truth of our salvation.

(GOOD) FRIDAY



**12:00 AM
JESUS PRAYS IN THE
GARDEN OF
GETHSEMANE**

READ: Matthew 26:36-46

WALK WITH JESUS:

During his prayer, Jesus is taking on the physical agony of the cross, but He is also taking on the spiritual agony of separation from His loving father.



**3:00 AM
JESUS IS BROUGHT BEFORE
THE SANHEDRIN**

READ: Matthew 26:57-68

WALK WITH JESUS: "If Jesus had taken up His own defense with the intention of refuting his accusers and proving his innocence, he would have won. But we would have lost, and we would be lost for all eternity." - Adrian Rogers



**JESUS IS BETRAYED BY
JUDAS AND ARRESTED**

READ: Matthew 26:47-56

WALK WITH JESUS: It is difficult to imagine the loneliness of this moment. And yet, Jesus is not a victim, but a volunteer.



**4:00 AM
PETER DENIES JESUS.**

READ: Matthew 26:58; 69-75

WALK WITH JESUS: Jesus knows you, like He knew Peter. Despite your protests that you'll never deny Him again, Jesus knows your sin and He loves you still.



6:00 AM

JESUS APPEARS BEFORE PILATE

READ: Matthew 27:11-26

WALK WITH JESUS: "Choosing Barabbas didn't force the crowd to face their own sin. They could go on living their comfortable lives if they got rid of Jesus. Admitting that Christ is the true Son of God changes everything. It changes how we spend every moment of every day. It feels so much easier to just pat myself on the back and choose Barabbas—"look, I set the prisoner free!" - Rebecca Faires



JESUS IS MOCKED BY THE ROMANS

READ: Matthew 27:27-31

WALK WITH JESUS: Find a version of "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" to read or listen to. Here is a portion: "O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown. O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine."



9:00 AM

JESUS IS LED AWAY TO BE CRUCIFIED

READ: Matthew 27:31-44

WALK WITH JESUS: Jesus walked in front of Simon, and Simon kept his eyes on Jesus. Simon was not taking Jesus' place; he was simply following Him.



**12:00 PM
JESUS IS ON THE
CROSS FOR THE FINAL
THREE HOURS**

READ: Matthew 27:45-56

WALK WITH JESUS: "The forgiveness (Jesus) extended on the cross to those who put him to death is the same forgiveness he extends to sinners today." - John MacArthur

3:00 PM

JESUS IS BURIED.

READ: Matthew 27:57-61

WALK WITH JESUS:

Crucified bodies were normally given, at best, a dishonorable burial in a public plot. In burying Jesus in his own new tomb, Joseph showed his devotion as a disciple.

SATURDAY

THE WOMEN AT THE TOMB OBSERVE THE SABBATH

READ: Luke 23:56

WALK WITH JESUS: This is the only full day in history where the body of the crucified Son of God lay dead and buried in a grave.

PRAY: "O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen." - from The Book of Common Prayer

SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

READ: Matthew 28:1-8

WALK WITH JESUS: Jesus said, "I have authority to lay my life down, and I have authority to take it up again." And that is just what He did. HE HAS RISEN!

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*We are an Easter people,
and Alleluia is our song.*

-St. Augustine

