

MONDAY 10.24.22 — Mark 16:15

Close your eyes and imagine yourself standing at a firepit with your brothers and sisters holding torches. Who are you keeping warm with that torch? Who are you lighting a path for? The firepit itself is doing the job for the whole group. We may as well put our torches out and enjoy the big, bright, warm fire together, right? No need to carry a torch. But, what about those people who are not standing with us? What if they cannot join us at the fire? We invite them in, but they will not come for various reasons. In today's verse we are commanded to go forth and spread God's Word to all the world. Today, I encourage you to grab your torch, set it aflame with the Spirit and GO! Spend your day igniting spiritual fires wherever you go! Set a fire! Be bold! (Acts 4:31)

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 10.25.22 — Acts 13:47

Why am I here? What is my purpose in life? Most people have asked themselves these questions at some point in their lives. Ultimately, God desires that believers be faithful witnesses of His Son, Jesus Christ. In Acts 13:47, Paul quotes from Isaiah 49:6 where God declares, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." The world is in spiritual darkness. Satan has blinded the minds of unbelievers. However, the gospel of Jesus has the power to give light and sight to the spiritually blind so they might embrace Jesus, trusting in Him for the forgiveness of sin and eternal life. Ask God to open the door of opportunity (Col. 4:3), to open the hearts of unbelievers (Acts 16:14), and to open your mouth to share the good news of Christ with others (Eph. 6:19).

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 10.26.22 — Hebrews:12:26-29

Throughout the Book of Hebrews, the writer encourages believers to press on to spiritual maturity. You do that by hearing and obeying the Scriptures. So, don't drift from the Word (2:1-4), don't doubt the Word (3:7-4:13), don't be dull toward the Word (5:11-6:20), don't despise the Word (10:26-39), and don't defy the Word (12:25-29). God has future blessings in store for His children, including entrance into an eternal, enduring kingdom (12:28). What should be our response to God for such kindness? The author of Hebrews encourages us to "be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe" (12:29).

Father, thank you for your great love for us. We so appreciate your wonderful promises revealed in your Word, especially the promise of spending eternity in fellowship with you in your kingdom. We ask that you help us to be thankful and worshipful people for your honor and glory. Amen.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 10.27.22 — 2 Chronicles 30:12

We come from many backgrounds. Our stories are different. Our gifts and blessings are unique. Our preferences are not compatible. In all reality, we probably should not be spending any time with one another aside from quarreling about the things we disagree about. Harsh? Maybe. Yet, what do we tend to spend more time doing? Talking about the Word of God or discussing the various ways we do not agree with one another? Satan wishes to divide us. The devil wishes for nothing more than for our differences to keep us apart. Is it working? Are our feelings more important than the Greatest Commandment? Is our comfort more important than the Great Commission?

Gracious and loving God, we pray for grace and humility. We pray to thank you for our differences. We pray to have your Word ripen in our hearts, that we may be united by the Word of God.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

FRIDAY 10.28.22 — Psalm 133

UNITY. The unity of God's people brings opposites together, symbolized by tall Hermon in the rural north and the little hill of Zion in the urban south (verse 3). For Hermon's dew to fall on Zion would be a miracle—and so is the supernatural bond that brings people far divergent in culture, race, and class together in the Lord. The unity and love he gives us is like precious oil in ancient times (verse 2), making people fragrant and attractive to us who otherwise we would dismiss or reject. So "be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2-3).

PRAYER: Lord, the world will know us by our love for one another across the racial and cultural barriers that divide the rest of the human race. Yet the church is often too much like the world in this. Teach me how to help the church be the diverse, unified Body it was meant to be. And let me do this in a non-self-righteous way. Amen.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS — 9:40AM

Kids CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
available during the 9:40 service

NURSERY (through Age 3)
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
available during the 9:40 service

Youth YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)

Adults Our October Sunday Morning E2 Classes will all be focused on our special preaching series
REVIVAL: REKINDLING THE FIRE
These classes will be held:
–9:40am in room B8-B10 with Randy Hutchison
–9:40am in room B11 with Jack Devlin
–11:00am in room B11 with Mike Williams
No sign-up is necessary for these classes, so plan to attend at 9:40am or 11:00am starting Oct. 2nd!

SUNDAY EVENINGS — 6:00PM

Kids MESSIAH KIDS (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
CURRENT SERIES: Answers for Kids

Youth YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
*5th–8th Grade meet downstairs
9th–12th Grade meet upstairs*

Adults DIVE DEEPER WITH DOUG
LOCATION: Worship Center
CURRENT SERIES: Revival

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS — 6:30PM

REVIVAL STUDIES (Beginning Oct 5)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)

THURSDAY EVENINGS — 6:30PM

REVIVAL STUDIES (Beginning Oct 6)
LOCATION: Home of The Vance's (Orangeville)

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY GROUPS OR CLASSES, PLEASE USE THE CONNECT CARD IN YOUR BULLETIN. THANK YOU!

SERMON NOTES

SERIES: REVIVAL: Rekindling God's Fire
SERMON: "The Spreading Fire"
SCRIPTURE: Luke 14:26-27

Theme: Missions, having a heart for the world.

Circles of Revival

Circle 1 _____

Circle 2 _____

Circle 3 _____

Circle 4 _____

Salvation vs Discipleship

Salvation is _____


Discipleship Involves _____

How does it pertain to Missions

Willingness to _____

Willingness to _____

Willingness to _____


 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



October 24th — October 28th

INTRODUCTION:

Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip  every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and small groups (E2 Communities). This devotional is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion.

OVERVIEW:

Monday's and Tuesday's readings will be a follow up on Sunday's message from Executive Pastor, Bob Lehman. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for Week 5 with Pastor Doug Lyon, in our special October series: REVIVAL: REKINDLING THE FIRE

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

"FOR THIS REASON, I REMIND YOU TO FAN INTO FLAME THE GIFT OF GOD, WHICH IS IN YOU THROUGH THE LAYING OF MY HANDS."
–2 TIMOTHY 1:6