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Looking Ahead - Turn the World Upside Down

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Colossians 1:6

This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.

The message of Jesus changes everything! And it just keeps spreading - one life at a time. This scripture speaks about how the gospel is alive and growing, transforming hearts all over the world. One of the primary ways God makes that happen is through the local church.

Every time we serve, give, pray, and show up together, the love of Christ reaches further. The church isn't just a building or a weekend service; it's a movement of people carrying hope into neighborhoods, workplaces, and families.

When we live out our faith in community, the world catches a glimpse of God's grace. The local church truly is the hope of the world. Not because of who we are, but because of who Jesus is, working through us (Ephesians 3:10).

Ask God to show you one way you can help his church grow this week. You can do this by encouraging someone who is going through a hard time, serving on a DreamTeam, or inviting a friend to come to church with you next weekend. Together, we get to be part of the move of God that changes lives.

Discussion Questions:

Ice Breaker: What's one daily routine or habit you never skip, and why is it important to you?

The early believers were "devoted" to Jesus' teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42). How do you see these same values lived out in our church community today?

Read Acts 2:41-47: Which part of this passage challenges or inspires you most - teaching, fellowship, generosity, prayer, or worship? Why?

What would it look like for you to build rhythms of devotion like the early church in your daily life?

Reflect and Respond: Who is someone in your life you can encourage this week to grow in faith or experience God's love through your example of devotion?

Prayer:

God, I'm so thankful to be part of a life-giving church where hope grows and lives are changed. Lead me to the places I need to go to play my part in sharing your love and truth outside of the walls of the church. Use me every day to help others see your grace at work in the world. I love you, I trust you, and I worship you. Amen.

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The Answer is Yes, Lord!

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New Testament Reading Plan: Revelation 2

It continues to amaze me that God allowed me to be part of the core group of CedarCreek 30 years ago. I am so grateful! When I think of how he brought me to Grace Evangelical Church in the spring of 1994, I cannot help but see his providence. As Lee invited people from that church to join him in this adventure, we caught his vision. We truly believed that God was ready to use us to invite people who had turned their backs on traditional church to a new way to encounter Jesus. In those nine months before our first public service, we lived out **Acts 2:42:**

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

We met together, we ate together, and we prayed for each other and for what God wanted to do with our church. We asked over and over, "What would our church look like if the church were *the church*?" (Ephesians 4:1-16). We were laser-focused on that question, and Lee kept us praying about it. It truly became our catalyst for life-change and growth.

We became “the church.” We were all together in supporting each other, each according to our means.

And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had (Acts 2:44).

As difficult as it was to imagine how we could proceed with no money or outside support, we trusted that God would provide, and he did, often not a second before we absolutely needed it! We all came to trust God in a profound way. I can say for myself that my faith in God’s provision has never faltered since that time. All his promises are all “yes, and amen” in Jesus. I believe many of us would say the same. God continues to do miracles!

I love that our church has provided the resources to build this faith through “The Daily,” available in our app. At the touch of a screen you can access encouragement from Scripture, opportunities to pray and be prayed for, and a daily devotional like the one you are reading right now. I pray that God will use these resources to grow your love for him and his church, and that you will be devoted to sharing the gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Questions:

What adventure is God calling you to? Are you willing to take the risk?

Next Steps:

Pray this prayer: “My answer is ‘yes,’ Lord. What is your invitation?” Listen, and invite other friends to pray with you for the answer.

Prayer:

My Lord and Savior, it is my delight and my desire to serve you in my world. Open doors of opportunity and give me the courage to step into this life changing adventure of following you. Psalm 143: 8-9 says, “Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.” I trust you, Lord. Show me the way I should go. I want to follow you, now and forever. Amen

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Spreading the Gospel Like an Apostle

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New Testament Reading Plan: Revelation 3

This week, we learned about the importance of how the apostles spread the gospel in its purest form. To continue to move the message of Jesus forward, we must follow their example and keep him at its heart.

In today's world, it is easy to add unnecessary requirements to the gospel. However, the simple biblical truth is that the gospel message is not about what we can do to earn God's favor or forgiveness. Rather, it focuses on what God did for us.

God sent his one and only Son to this earth as a sacrifice for our sins so that we could have clean slates and live in eternity with him forever.

Acts 5:42

And every day, in the Temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach this message: "Jesus is the Messiah."

The early disciples never stopped sharing the Good News. The apostle Paul was known to not only spread the message of Jesus' sacrifice in synagogues but also in public squares, and to people of different philosophies and belief systems (Acts 17). Regardless of whom the disciples spoke to or where they went, one thing remained unchanged: Jesus Christ was always at the center. That same focus should guide us today, and we must allow this truth to shape every part of our lives.

When we allow the Good News of Jesus Christ into our hearts, we experience a total transformation. We receive indescribable peace and newfound joy, knowing that God is by our side.

Letting this message transform our hearts spills over into all other areas of our lives. In our homes, we will want to be better role models for our siblings or children. Spouses will be inspired by the Holy Spirit to treat each other with the deep love and kindness that comes from a Godly marriage, and the household will experience the freedom and protection that comes through Christ.

Keeping Jesus at the center positively impacts all of our relationships, whether with friends, coworkers, or family members. It is when we remember the reason behind our faith that we begin loving our neighbors - *everyone around us* - as ourselves and treating them the way Jesus would.

As you go about your day, remember to spread the gospel like an apostle, keeping Christ at the center of everything, always.

Questions:

Where can you spread the gospel this week?

How do you think keeping Jesus at the center of the gospel can transform your life?

Next Steps:

Go out of your comfort zone and share the gospel with at least one person this week.

Join a Group of likeminded Christ followers to study God's Word together and learn how to share your faith.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thanks for sending your Son to die for me and rise again as a sacrifice for my sins. Give me the courage to share your Good News with others, and help me to keep you at the center of the gospel message. Thanks for allowing me to be a part of your story by strengthening and encouraging the faith of those in my life. In Jesus' name, amen.

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You Can't Fellowship Alone

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New Testament Reading Plan: Revelation 4

I have two brothers and two sisters. I'm the only one of us who has a connection with at least three other siblings. We were raised better than that, but better doesn't always prevent complications.

Some will say *family matters*, and I agree. Others will tell you that *you can't choose your family*, but I don't think that's always true. I have at least thirty siblings, and we

live life together in various ways. Sure, that contradicts my first statement, but it's the truth.

We're not meant to live life alone, which is why family matters. Growing your relationship with Christ becomes stagnant if you don't include others. I partnered with my wife, and we added kids to our family. We joined Groups together, and then we branched out to join and lead Groups independently.

Fellowship grew our family to include more people than we started with.

Hebrews 10:25

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

What's the point of your church participation? If "going to church" was intended to be a singular obligation to feed our souls, then how could we pour into others as Jesus instructed? Similarly, it's cool to have God during the good times, but what about when we hide from him during our struggles? When we're in fellowship with others, they see our suffering and help us through. Devoting your time to God shows growth, but joining others who do the same is a sign of spiritual maturity. It's how we share our love for Jesus and each other.

I came across this statement that really spoke to me from [Our Daily Bread Video Devotionals](#), answering the question, "Why I Go To Church":

*"When we come together, we ought to stir one another on, not get in a habit of staying isolated. This is what coming together as a church body ought to be about: **stirring and loving.**"*

Some say times are getting worse, but maybe times are just the same as they've always been. There are so many individuals within our community, including those who "go to church." Don't just be another number in the congregation. Real change starts with you. So, actively come together in fellowship, growing Christ's family, and choosing new members for your own: *stirring and loving.*

Questions:

How are you showing you're devoted to fellowship in your faith walk? If you are in a Group, how has it helped you mature in your love for Christ and others?

Next Steps:

Start fellowship by inviting others to a service or by joining a Group. *Halloweekend* is October 25th and 26th. *At The Movies* starts November 1st. You can find the Groups tab under the "At My Campus" section on the CedarCreek app or by going to <https://www.cedarcreek.tv/groups>.

Prayer:

Father God, I am told that when two or three gather together as Christ followers, God is with us. Help me find the confidence to fellowship with other followers, so that I may grow in faith, love, and unity. Let my love for you be reflected in my community. Amen.

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Communion: Remember Together

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New Testament Reading Plan: Revelation 5

Communion, the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist - the same meal has many names. No matter what we call it, Jesus intended this meal for one purpose: to remember what he has done for us.

It all started during what the Bible calls "The Last Supper." On the same night that Jesus was betrayed, arrested, and executed, he ate a meal with his twelve closest followers. It was part of the Jewish holiday of Passover, which commemorated when God freed Israel from slavery in Egypt. But Jesus assigned new meaning to a special portion of the meal.

Luke 22:19-20

He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people - an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you."

Did you catch it? Jesus took bread and wine and made them tangible reminders of his death. He told his followers to eat and drink them to remember him and declare God's new promise of salvation. It's truly beautiful: Jesus used a meal

commemorating freedom to show his followers how to celebrate the freedom found in him!

The early church was devoted to communion and called it the “love feast.” Everyone, no matter their background, ate pieces from one loaf of bread and drank from the same cup. It wasn’t simply a ritual or a nourishing meal - it was a moment of unity and love between Jesus followers.

And that moment has the same meaning for us today. Our culture praises individualism, so it’s often easy for us to forget about our unity as Jesus followers. Just like the early church, we need to be reminded of what unifies us.

1 Corinthians 11:26

For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord’s death until he comes again.

Communion reminds us that we are unified by the death of Jesus, through which we can all find freedom. And it unifies us around the mission Jesus has for his church: to introduce people to Jesus and help them find freedom, too. Let’s remember that, and remember him, through communion.

Questions:

When was the last time you took communion?

How does the tangible reminder of communion affect how you think about Jesus’ death?

Where in your life can you embrace the unity you have with other followers of Jesus?

Next Steps:

Take communion this week, ideally with other Jesus followers. It doesn’t have to be at a church service or in the presence of a pastor. It can be with your family, friends, your Group, or even one other person. Simply eat and remember together what Jesus has done for you. And thank God in prayer for the unity you share through Jesus.

Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for the gift of communion. What a blessing it is to have such a simple, yet beautiful way to remember you. Help me see your sacrifice with new eyes and intentionally remember your body and blood given for me. Give me a greater vision of the unity that bonds me with other Jesus followers, and forgive me for the times I forget. Please equip us to unite around your mission and help others find freedom through you. In Jesus’ name, amen.

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A Move of God

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New Testament Reading Plan: Revelation 6

We need a move of God in this city

We need a move of God in this church

We need a move of God

We're hungry, we're desperate, Lord, open the heavens

—**"Move of God"** by David Ryan Cook

How do we see a *move of God* in our lives, families, or our communities? Often, we look for outward signs such as a miracle, revival, or change in circumstances. However, Scripture reminds us that a genuine move of God begins within us. We are not bystanders waiting for God to act; we are participants in his movement. Through prayer, we can align our hearts with his will and open the door for his presence to flow through us.

Paul's prayer in 2 Thessalonians 3:5 reminds us that it is the Lord who leads our hearts into deeper understanding and expression of his love. Prayer is not just talking to God; it is allowing God to guide our hearts, shape our desires, correct our direction, and strengthen our endurance. When we pray sincerely, we are inviting him to move first in us, and then through us.

2 Thessalonians 3:5

May the Lord lead your hearts into a full understanding and expression of the love of God and the patient endurance that comes from Christ.

Or in other words, be persistent in your prayer life. Being persistent in prayer means you're talking with God more than just those occasional words or emotional

moments you have with him. Although there is nothing wrong with either of those approaches, our loving Father wants to hear from us whenever we make space to talk with him. As Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans: "keep on praying."

Romans 12:12

Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.

As we persist in prayer, our hearts draw closer to God, our hope deepens, our love grows, and we are prepared to be vessels of God's movement on earth. We begin to see beyond our own wants and learn to recognize where and how God wants to move.

So, if you're longing to see a move of God, start where you are. Pray faithfully. Pray persistently. Let him lead your heart into understanding, love, and endurance. When God moves in your heart, he can move through your hands, and that's where transformation begins.

Keep on praying.

Questions:

What could happen if you made prayer your first response every day this week?

Who or what have you prayed for today?

Next Steps:

Ready to build a rhythm that strengthens your faith? Start your streak in *The Daily!* Each day includes a gratitude moment, a prayer, and this LivingItOut reading - all right in the CedarCreek Church App. You've already completed one step just by reading this! Why not start your streak today?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, help me to be devoted to you in every part of my life. Make prayer my first response, not my last resort. Use my prayers to move mountains and change hearts - including my own. I love you, I trust you, and I worship you. It's in Jesus' name I pray, amen.

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Reflections - Turn the World Upside Down

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Acts 2:47

...all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

The first followers of Jesus lived with life-changing devotion. Their faith wasn't casual; it was continual. Every day, in homes and public spaces, they gathered to pray, share meals, and remember what Jesus had done for them. Their devotion didn't just shape their Sundays; it transformed their *every day*.

Just like the apostles in Acts, God invites us to live with that same rhythm of remembrance and devotion. It's in the ordinary moments, like sharing a meal, praying with a friend, or serving someone in need, that we reflect the extraordinary love of Jesus.

As you reflect this week, ask God to renew your devotion. Let your everyday habits reflect those of the apostles. Devote yourself to Jesus' teachings by focusing your prayers, gratitude, and worship on him, and let them be daily reminders of his presence and purpose.

Because the same Spirit that empowered the early church is still at work in us today, inviting us to live with life-changing devotion.

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for your sacrifice and for the hope of your return. Help me live with a devotion that reflects your love in everything I do. Let my life declare your goodness until the day you come again. I love you, I trust you, and I worship you. Amen.

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