

## LENTEN DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

Daily Bible Readings (focusing on the last week of Jesus life according to Luke). We encourage each other to open up our bibles together and hear the good news of Jesus:

March 7<sup>th</sup> Luke 19:28-44

March 8<sup>th</sup> Luke 19:45-48

March 9<sup>th</sup> Luke 20:1-8

March 10<sup>th</sup> Luke 20:9-19

March 11<sup>th</sup> Luke 20:20-26

March 12<sup>th</sup> Luke 20:27-40

March 13<sup>th</sup> Luke 20:41-47

March 14<sup>th</sup> Luke 21:1-4

March 15<sup>th</sup> Luke 21:5-6

March 16<sup>th</sup> Luke 21:7-24

March 17<sup>th</sup> Luke 21:25-28

March 18<sup>th</sup> Luke 21:29-38

March 19<sup>th</sup> Luke 22:1-6

March 20<sup>th</sup> Luke 22:7-13

March 21<sup>st</sup> Luke 22:14-23

March 22<sup>nd</sup> Luke 22:24-30

March 23<sup>rd</sup> Luke 22:31-38

March 24<sup>th</sup> Luke 22:39-46

March 25<sup>th</sup> Luke 22:47-53

March 26<sup>th</sup> Luke 22:54-62

March 27<sup>th</sup> Luke 22:63-65

March 28<sup>th</sup> Luke 22:66-71

March 29<sup>th</sup> Luke 23:1-7

March 30<sup>th</sup> Luke 23:8-12

March 31<sup>st</sup> Luke 23:13-16

April 1<sup>st</sup> Luke 23:18-25

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Luke 23:26-32

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Luke 23:32-34

April 4<sup>th</sup> Luke 23:35-38

April 5<sup>th</sup> Luke 23:39-43

April 6<sup>th</sup> Luke 23:44-49

April 7<sup>th</sup> Luke 23:50-54

April 8<sup>th</sup> Luke 23:55-56

April 9<sup>th</sup> Luke 24:1-8

April 10<sup>th</sup> Luke 24:9-12

April 11<sup>th</sup> Luke 24:13-16

April 12<sup>th</sup> Luke 24:17-24

April 13<sup>th</sup> Luke 24:25-27

April 14<sup>th</sup> Luke 24:28-32

April 15<sup>th</sup> Luke 24:33-35

April 16<sup>th</sup> Luke 24:36-43

April 17<sup>th</sup> Luke 24:44-49

## Daily Prayer:

We encourage each other everyday from March 7<sup>th</sup> to April 17<sup>th</sup> to pray the words from our ELW Daily Prayer Services (or if you want to do another prayer during these times enjoy):

### **In the Morning**

*O God, you have called your servants to ventures we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (page 304 ELW).*

### **Afternoon**

*O God, in you we live and move and have our being. Guide and govern us in this day by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but remember that always we are walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord (page 330 ELW).*

### **Before Supper**

*Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care. Amen. (page 107 ELW)*

### **At Night**

*Gracious God, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest securely, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (page 326 ELW).*

**\*Sometime during each day, we encourage each other to pray the Lord's Prayer**

## Weekly Worship Log:

We are invited into God's grace through Word and Sacrament. God encourages us to come to worship as often as we can. We encourage each other throughout Lent and Holy Week to gather together for worship. To come hear the Word of God and receive the sacrament. Below we have an opportunity to discern our worship experience, and to reflect on how our worship experience impacted us.

How did our Ash Wednesday worship experience move you?

How did our first Lenten Sunday worship experience move you?

How did our second Lenten Sunday worship experience move you?

How did our third Lenten Sunday worship experience move you?

How did our fourth Lenten Sunday worship experience move you?

How did our fifth Lenten Sunday worship experience move you?

How did our Holy week worship experiences move you?

**\*These notes are for your own reflection**

## Giving:

As children of God, generous giving is naturally in our hearts. In the gospels we hear that Jesus often invited us to give generously for the mission of the church. Paul, taught us that joy comes with giving. So, we encourage each other to joyfully give generously to our ministries during this Lenten season. Below are four stewardship challenges we encourage each other to practice.

Challenge One (Time giving): We encourage each other to give an offering every Sunday during Lent. For some of us we are monthly givers, and for others we may give every other week or when we are in church. We are encouraged wherever we are on the spectrum to try and give an offering every week to experience how it feels to remember that God is our provider and source of everything we have. Giving to us all the time.

Challenge Two: (Giving amount): We encourage each other to give more than we normally give in a one-month period. This challenge invites us to grow in faith and trust knowing that even though we may be giving more than we think we can afford, we believe that God will provide. If we want to challenge ourselves even more we invite each other to try tithing (10%) our gross earnings during Lent. If we already tithe, we may want to challenge ourselves to give a little more for the Sunday's in Lent.

Challenge Three: (Priority giving): We encourage each other to take the next couple of days to reflect on what kind of material things we like to spend our money on. Then we are encouraged to sacrifice one of those things and redirect these funds to the ministry during Lent.

Challenge Four: (Time and talent sharing): During Lent, we encourage each other to reflect on what talent we could share with the congregation. We encourage one another to share this talent at some point during the next year.

*\*Thank you so much for participating in our Lenten Discipleship Challenge. Our goal is that through this discipleship challenge we will grow in our spiritual habits and in our love for God and neighbor. Remembering that it is through God's grace and help that we are able to live out our discipleship in the world.*