

Christ at the Center



Lenten Study

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT:

February 21st

Luke 4:16-21

“Christ”

VERSE TO FOCUS ON:

Luke 4:18

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free”

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION OR DISCUSSION FROM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:

For families with children: What does “The spirit of the Lord is upon me” mean? What did God send Jesus to do?

For families with youth: What four things was Jesus sent here to do? Who are the captives and what are they captive of?

PRAYER:

O Creator and Mighty God, You have promised

Strength for the weak,

Rest for the laborers,

Light for the way,

Grace for the trials,

Help from above,

Unfailing sympathy,

Undying love.

I/We understand that promise more clearly now, that,

As part of this Lenten journey,

I/We have thought much more
about Christ.

O Creator and Mighty God,

Help me/us continue in your promise.

In Jesus' name, amen.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT:

February 28th

Luke 5:1-11

“Call”

VERSE TO FOCUS ON:

Luke 5:10

“. . .and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.”

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION OR DISCUSSION FROM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:

For families with children: What did Jesus mean when he told Peter he would “catch people?” How does that relate to us today?

For families with youth: Why did Simon listen to Jesus, a stranger at that point, about his trade which was fishing? Would you follow Jesus' advice after you had already tried something and been unsuccessful?

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT:

March 7th

Luke 5:33-39

“Companion”

VERSE TO FOCUS ON:

Luke 5:37

“And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed.”

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION OR DISCUSSION FROM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:

For families with children: What is “new” about Jesus? What is the “old” He is trying to free people from?

For families with youth: Why did Levi follow Jesus and leave everything that he knew? Would you step outside your comfort zone and follow Jesus? What would it take?

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT:

March 14th

Luke 9:1-6, 10:1-4

“Crisis”

VERSE TO FOCUS ON:

Luke 10:2

He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION OR DISCUSSION FROM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:

For families with children: What is the harvest? Who are the workers? What do we need to do to spread the word of God?

For families with youth: Why did Jesus send the laborers two by two? What is the harvest? How can we prepare ourselves to reap a great harvest for God?

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT:

March 21st

Luke 9:44-48

“Character”

VERSE TO FOCUS ON:

Luke 9:48

Jesus said to them, “Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.”

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION OR DISCUSSION FROM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:

For families with children: Who does Jesus tell the disciples to welcome? What did Jesus mean when he said “Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me?”

For families with youth: Is a disciple who saves 100 people by telling them about Jesus greater than the disciple who saves 1? Why or why not?

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT:

March 28th

Luke 23:13-25

“Cross”

VERSE TO FOCUS ON:

Luke 23:20-21

Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, ‘Crucify, crucify him!’

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION OR DISCUSSION FROM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:

For families with children: Did Pilate want to crucify Jesus? What did Pilate want to do? Why didn't this happen? Did Jesus have to die? Why?

For families with youth: What does the sacrifice that Jesus made mean to you? Do you ever give into the pressure of others?

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EASTER SUNDAY:

April 4th

Luke 24:1-12

“Crown”

VERSE TO FOCUS ON:

Luke 24:5

The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION OR DISCUSSION FROM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:

For families with children: Why were the women afraid when they went to the tomb? Who were the men that talked to them? What did they mean when they asked “Why do you look for the living among the dead?”

For families with youth: Did Jesus fulfill the promise He told his followers”? Can anything separate us from Jesus Christ our King?

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