



FOR THE ONE



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lutheran church

FOR THE
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**I tell you that in
the same way
there will be
more rejoicing
in heaven over
one sinner who
repents than
over ninety-nine
righteous persons
who do not need
to repent.**

LUKE 15:7

Hope Lutheran Church was founded in 1958 by Pastor Bud Roufs. He stated that if Hope was to succeed, two things must be true. First, that people would be won for Jesus Christ and second, that we would help people grow as disciples in faith and maturity. These have shaped our mission ever since.

The church is God's people living out God's purposes together. It is not about us, but about what God wants to do through us to reach others with the Gospel.

This is the heart of God. In the 15th chapter of Luke, Jesus tells a series of short stories about the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son to illustrate God's desire for His people to come home. Jesus was being accused of hanging out with and welcoming the wrong people by the religious leaders of the day. He tells them this story...

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' Luke 15:3-6

This parable tells the story of Hope and why we strive to live out our calling to fulfill our mission. It is not that the 99 sheep are unimportant, they are loved and provided for. The message is that each and every sheep matters, no one should be left out or lost! Together, we reach out and share by our words and actions the love of Jesus Christ. Why do we do this? Because all of us, in our sin, are lost sheep that Jesus has carried home.

Hope's vision for building a permanent location for West Campus is about creating space to continue fulfilling our mission. For the young child to learn how much they are loved by God. For the broken to find healing and restoration in Christ. For the addicted and held captive to be set free. For the grieving to find hope amid sorrow. For the prideful to be brought to humility. For the one who is lost and lonely to find their home in the ONE, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

We invite you to join us in this vision to share the good news of Jesus Christ and God's great love, for the ONE!

Peace in Christ,



Pastor Paul



ONE VISION

We exist to encourage all people to know the love of Christ. Jesus invites us to pursue the ONE. We are here, not for ourselves, but to love and serve others so that they might be found by the One God who loves us all.

Our vision is to build a space where we will pursue the ONE and grow together in maturity as the body of Christ.

FOR THE ONE is a three-year generosity initiative that calls us to give boldly so that we can join God in his saving work in our community.



ONE OPPORTUNITY

Over the last 20 years, more than 40 million Americans have stopped worshipping. Just in our community alone, 86,000 people do not go to church. Yet, Hope has been unique among churches. Our story has been one of continuous rejoicing and growth ever since we opened our doors. We are now one church at three locations, with attendance growing each year. As Christians, we have a calling to pursue Hope's mission, "to encourage all people to know the love of Christ." Today, we have an opportunity to build a church in a rapidly growing part of our community to fulfill that mission, so that others can come to know the radical, life-transforming love of God in Jesus Christ.





1957

Construction of Hope North begins because it was an ideal time and an ideal place. – Senior Pastor, Bud Roufs



1980

Launch of Hope is Alive Outside vision at the Star Lite Drive-In Theatre. This kick started the growth of Hope Lutheran.



1962

The opening of the Hope North, west wing adds much needed fellowship and education spaces.



1992

Hope South held its first worship service at Centennial School to reach the unchurched.



2002

First worship held in new Hope South sanctuary, continuing Hope's mission "to encourage all people to know the love of Christ."

1995

Hope North administration wing opens



2014

Hope South kitchen remodel and Hope North parking lot addition were added to better serve the growing membership at both campuses.



1958

Hope North holds its first worship service with 145 people in attendance. Hope Lutheran is founded on 1 Peter 1:3 "In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."



1968

The first worship service in the new Hope North sanctuary is held. The sanctuary was designed with Christian faith elements to make people feel a sense of oneness with God.

1985

Hope North Fellowship Hall is built.



1994

Hope South moves to Discovery Junior High which provided better sound and more permanent seating. Attendance continued to grow through this move.



1996

Hope South opens its doors for the first worship service. "One congregation, serving two locations."



2015

Hope South educational spaces and Chapel are completed to provide additional space for youth programming and worship services.

2008

Accommodations needed to be made for our rapidly growing youth ministry. Additional classrooms were added at SC, technology upgrades at both locations, the NC hallway was expanded for traffic flow, and an expanded nursery space at SC.

ONE HISTORY



2019

Hope West launches at Liberty Middle School with an average of 252 in attendance.



2021

Hope West celebrates its first worship service in its semi-permanent location.

JULY 2023

Congregation voted to shift the land west.

OCTOBER 2023

Vision Team Tours Churches/ Church Council Presentation

MAY 2024

2nd Church Council Presentation

SEPTEMBER 2024

Assessment of Hope kids spaces at NC and SC

NOVEMBER 2024

Congregation approves land move.



2020

Hope West shifts to worshipping between Scheels Arena and Rustad Rec Center to accommodate challenges with space availability at Liberty Middle School.

2022

Congregation approves the purchase of land to build a permanent location for WC worshipping community to continue fulfilling our mission.

SEPTEMBER 2023

West Campus Vision Team meetings begin/Staff Focus Groups

APRIL 2024

Vision Team Meetings Finalize

JULY 2024

Building Team meetings begin.

OCTOBER 2024

Building Team continues to meet/Meeting with worship team.

JANUARY 2025

Hope launches 'For the ONE' Generosity Campaign to build a permanent facility for our West Campus community.

ONE CHURCH

Hope is one church with multiple locations, North, South and West, that are united in purpose. Each week over 4,000 people walk through our doors, many inviting others to come experience Christ for the first time. We are a church on the grow, with this last Holy Week having our greatest in-person attendance with over 9,200 people. The annual cost of providing vibrant worship, programming to over 2,000 youth, and caring for our congregation and community is currently \$5.5 million.





ONE MISSION

We are saved by the cross, so that we can join God in his redemption plan for the world. We will not stop, we will not rest, until all people know the love of Christ. Every person, every gift, every act of generosity, service, and love matters for the Kingdom. Like our good shepherd, we are asked to leave the 99 and seek out and save the one. We are here because of the sacrificial generosity of so many faithful disciples before us. God will work through your bold generosity to bring the good news of salvation to generations to come. The story of Christianity in our country and community is sadly one of closing churches, dwindling attendance, and steep decline. This is not the story of Hope! The Holy Spirit is moving at our church and people are hungry for the gospel like never before.



“Mission Jamaica was truly an experience that I'll never forget, especially the words of the pastor who spoke in the Sunday service. Once you stand for me, I will stand for you... God put me there for a reason. I just had to figure out what it was and what God was trying to show me.”

- Ben, High School Mission Jamaica Trip



ONE DREAM

Ten years ago, in our Decade of Hope campaign, God gave us a vision to launch our West Campus to meet the growth of our community and to reach the ONE. In the fall of 2019, we held our first West Campus worship service at Liberty Middle School. Challenges with space availability and inconsistencies in worship location led to a decision to lease dedicated space. Since then, West Campus meets in a space that serves us well but is often busting at the seams. Our church voted unanimously to purchase land in West Fargo. Through wise stewardship and sacrificial generosity, we were able to purchase this land and remain debt-free. The goal is to build a permanent ministry facility and update current youth ministry spaces so that we may continue fulfilling our mission. This location will serve our current West Campus families well and position us for future growth as we seek to reach the ONE!

Below is the dream:

The financial target of phase one of this project is **\$28 MILLION.**

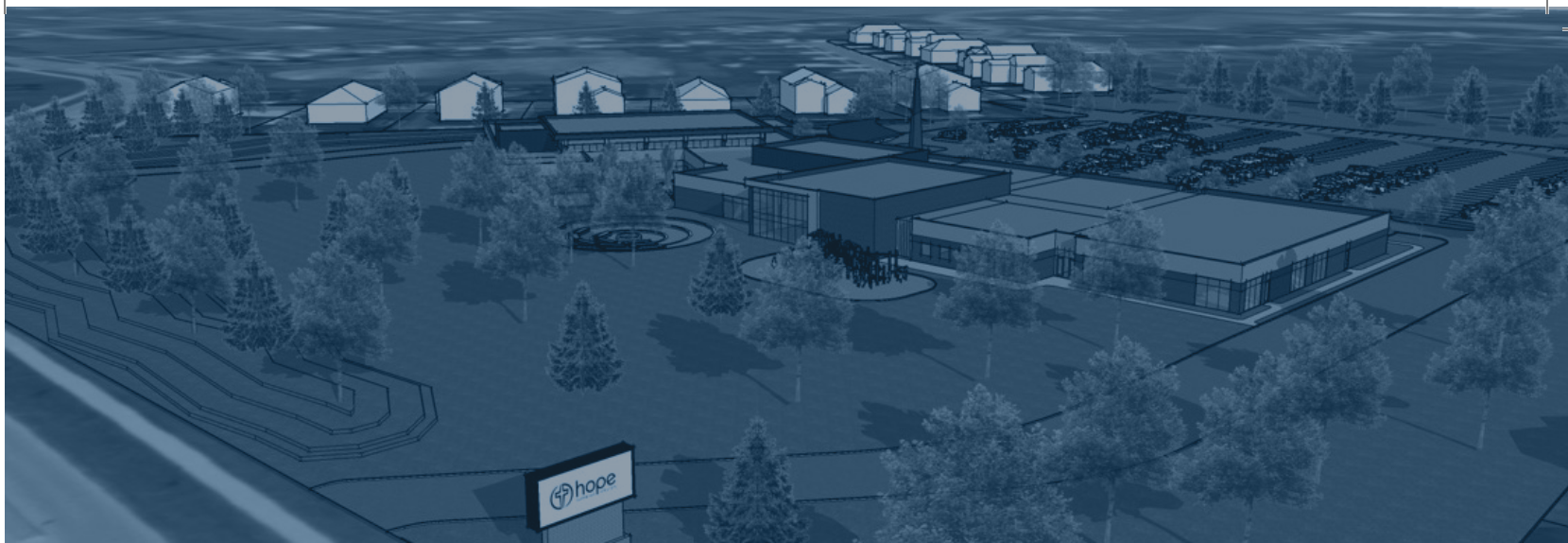
Phase one includes:

- A sanctuary space that allows for more people to worship God and experience transformation through him.
- A larger centralized gathering area that enhances community.
- Educational spaces designed for youth of all ages and stages so that they may learn the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- Dedicated adult education space to help grow deeper relationships with Jesus.
- Updated youth spaces at all campuses to further our outreach to youth.
- Additional youth spaces to allow for continued growth in our youth ministry.

To complete both phases one & two, we will need **\$35 MILLION.**

Phase two includes:

- A larger sanctuary space that can seat many more people in worship.
- Dedicated space for families with active children to engage in worship.
- An expanded gathering area to accommodate the growing number of people seeking fellowship.
- Worship support spaces and additional storage.



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WE ARE **+**ONE CHURCH
UNITED IN **+**ONE MISSION



WE HAVE **+**ONE DREAM

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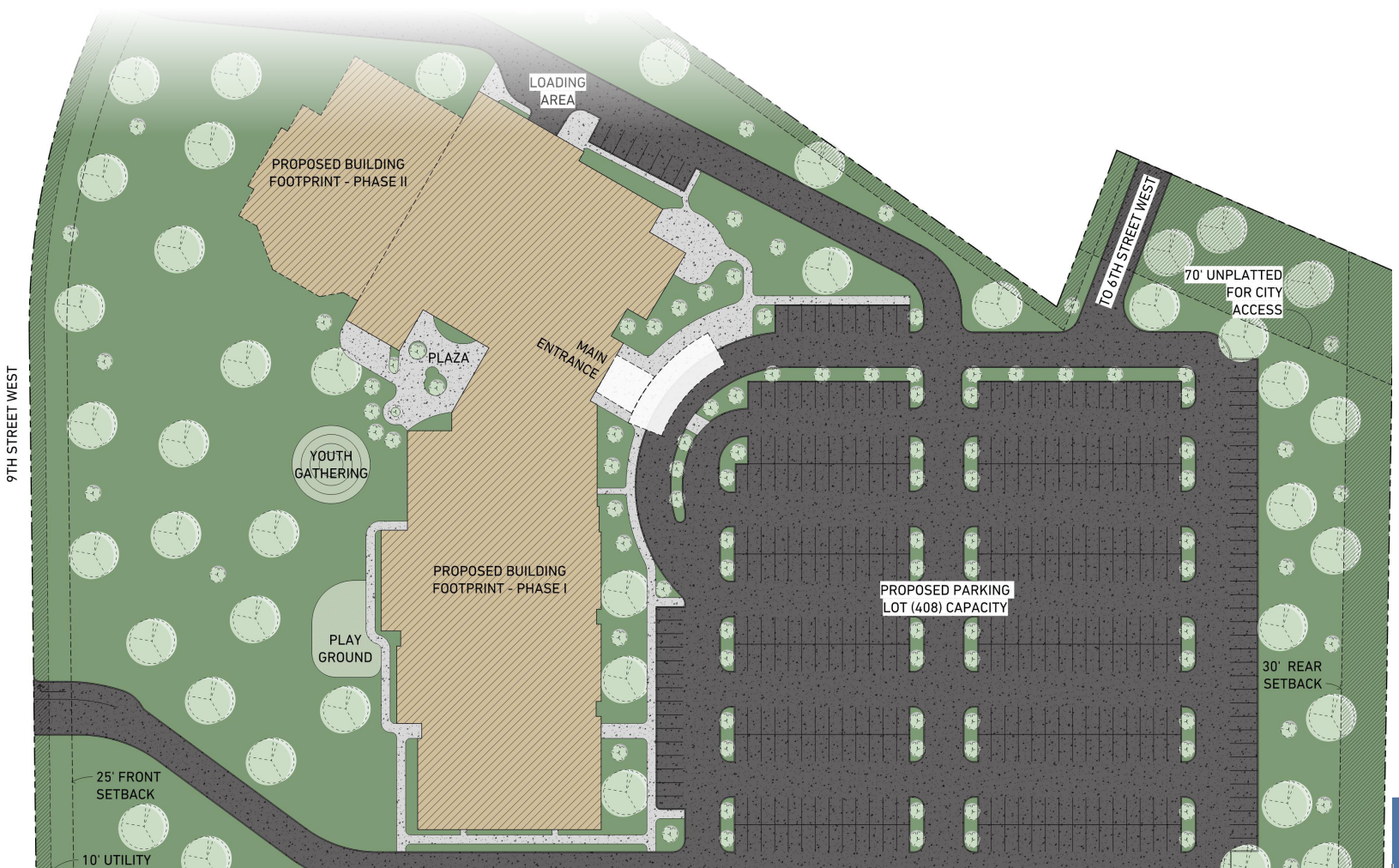
SITE / FLOOR-PLAN

Hope finds great value in the voice of our people. Two teams of Hope members were involved in the process of what the West Campus floor plan would look like.

The vision team met several times over the last year. Time was spent touring churches of Hope's size and similar structure. This provided the team with great direction in making decisions.

The building team has spent a great deal of time fine-tuning all the major areas of the floor plan. It was essential for them to work alongside Hope staff to bring this dream to life.

Hope staff also played a major role in determining the needs for transformational worship, enhanced community, learning the Good News of Jesus Christ, growing deeper relationships, furthering outreach to youth and preparing for future growth in all areas.



PHASE I



The teams' guiding principles were:

- Reflect Hope's vision, ministry strategies, strategic initiative, and culture.
- Build strategic and sustainable multi-purpose spaces.
- Be intentional about youth programming.
- Stay true to how uniquely we serve the West Fargo community.
- Apply learnings from all teams.



PHASE II

NEXT STEPS

PRAY. No vision this large can be accomplished without tremendous and persistent prayer. We need everyone to commit to prayer in this season. Pray for our youth, our volunteers, our Pastors and staff, our congregation, the lost and the broken and for the ONE that does not yet know Jesus. Ask God how he wants you to participate in this initiative and then trust him to provide all that you need.

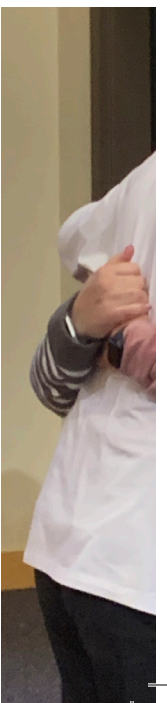
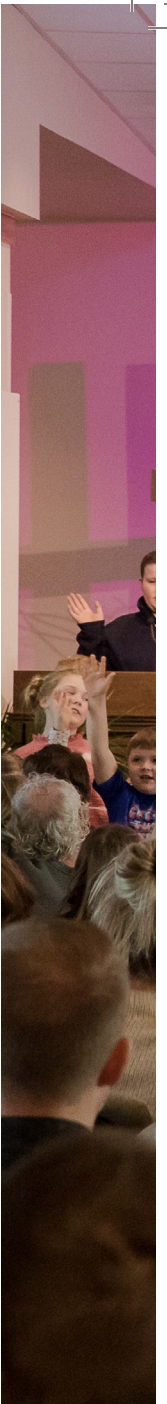
ENGAGE. Fulfilling God's mission cannot be accomplished by the few but by all standing together serving and engaging in new ways in our congregation. We believe this is a defining moment for Hope families to give generously with joy and purpose so that more people might know, follow, and share Jesus.

During January 22 – March 2 we encourage you to join us in worship each week for our 'For the ONE' sermon series. During this time, we will talk about God's encounters with the ONE and share more of our vision for the West Campus generosity initiative. Sermon study guides are included in this booklet and may also be found in the weekly bulletin and online at fargohope.org/study-guides.

GIVE. Generosity is more than a number. When you give it reflects the image of God, it joins us to his work in this world, it is a matter of our heart, and it produces peace. Please pray about how God wants you to steward what he has given you.

A Commitment Card is included in this booklet. Cards are also available at the information desk and Church Office. Completing the commitment card is an important step in the planning process of building a permanent West Campus facility.

Please complete the commitment card and bring it with you to worship on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 OR SUNDAY, MARCH 2.**





“Over 25 years ago, I was sitting at Hope North Campus, learning Bible verses and songs about Jesus’ love in the very room where I now have the privilege of teaching the children of Hope those same Bible truths... Our church has a long history of making youth ministry fun, engaging and creating community amongst our young people.”

- Molly Johnson



GIVING PLAN

The chart shows the typical breakdown of giving for a church like Hope to reach our goal. These gifts are above and beyond your normal giving to Hope.

Prayerfully consider giving beyond your comfort as you prioritize things that truly last.

GIFT AMOUNT	NUMBER OF GIFTS	TOTAL FROM GIFTS	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
\$2,800,000	1	\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000
\$1,400,000	2	\$2,800,000	\$5,600,000
\$700,000	4	\$2,800,000	\$8,400,000
\$350,000	8	\$2,800,000	\$11,200,000
\$175,000	16	\$2,800,000	\$14,000,000
\$100,000	30	\$3,000,000	\$17,000,000
\$50,000	60	\$3,000,000	\$20,000,000
\$25,000	120	\$3,000,000	\$23,000,000
\$10,000	250	\$2,500,000	\$25,500,000
\$5,000	500	\$2,500,000	\$28,000,000
\$1,000	1,009	\$1,009,000	\$29,009,000
TOTAL GIFTS - 2,000			

COMMITMENT CARD



I/We commit to joining others in the **FOR THE ONE** vision to build a permanent West Campus location and update youth spaces at all campuses. Worship with us February 26 or March 2 to turn in your commitment card. Cards may also be returned to the church office or make your commitment online at fargohope.org/fortheone.

My/Our Annual FOR THE ONE Building Fund Generosity Commitment over and above My/Our regular giving	<input type="text"/>
	(Annual)
x 3 YRS =	<input type="text"/>
	(Three Year Total)
	+
My/Our one-time launch gift	<input type="text"/>
	=
My/Our total three-year commitment	<input type="text"/>

For the ONE gifts will begin April 1, 2025

Name(s):

Phone:

E-Mail:

Signature:



SERMON SERIES

We have one God. We are one church. We are on one mission together. For the ONE. God's heartbeat is to bring his children home. Lost in our sin, we are all "the one" that Jesus went into the wilderness to pursue. Jesus engages and loves those the world often forgets. How do we as a church have our hearts broken for whom Jesus' heart beats?

Join us January 22-March 2 to hear about where God encounters the ONE.

THE RELIGIOUS ONE

Preached by Pastor Paul Nynas

North Campus: January 22/26

South Campus: January 29/February 2

West Campus: February 5/9

THE OUTCAST ONE

Preached by Pastor Mike Toomey

North Campus: February 5/9

South Campus: January 22/26

West Campus: January 29/February 2

THE UNABLE ONE

Preached by Pastor Sarah Seibold

North Campus: January 29/February 2

South Campus: February 5/9

West Campus: January 22/26

THE UNSEEN ONE

Preached by Pastor Stef Jordheim

North Campus: February 12/16

South Campus: February 19/23

West Campus: February 26/March 2

THE BETRAYER ONE

Preached by Pastor Ben Jacobson

North Campus: February 26/March 2

South Campus: February 12/16

West Campus: February 19/23

THE CONDEMNED ONE

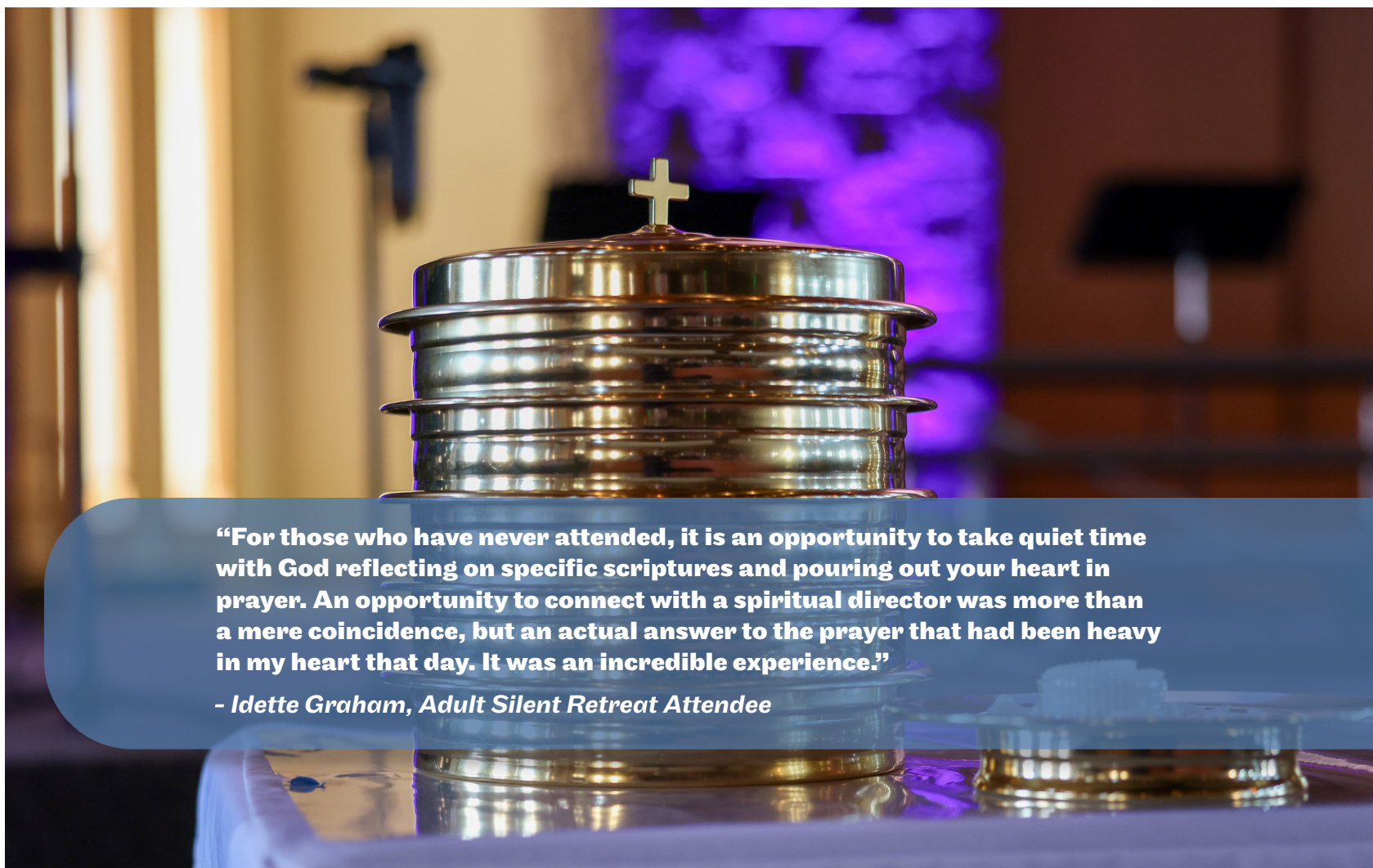
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“For those who have never attended, it is an opportunity to take quiet time with God reflecting on specific scriptures and pouring out your heart in prayer. An opportunity to connect with a spiritual director was more than a mere coincidence, but an actual answer to the prayer that had been heavy in my heart that day. It was an incredible experience.”

- Idette Graham, Adult Silent Retreat Attendee

For the ONE - The Religious ONE

INTRODUCTION:

Arguably the most quoted bible verse in the world, John 3:16, was taught to a man named Nicodemus. He was an influential Rabbi and a member of the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin was the supreme court and religious ruling body of the Jews made up of 71 rabbis. He was a Pharisee, an order of Jewish Rabbi's that practiced strict adherence to the written law and the oral traditions of their ancestors. Nicodemus was a man of great influence.

We first meet him in John 3, where he meets Jesus secretly at night to ask him questions. Then in John 7, we see that he defends Jesus before the Pharisees, arguing that he should receive a fair trial. After Jesus dies, Nicodemus, in John 19, provides 75 pounds of myrrh and aloes to prepare Jesus' body for burial, an extravagant amount fit for the burial of a king.

We do not know if Nicodemus was a follower of Christ, or simply sympathetic to the cause. What we do see is that Jesus broke through this Rabbi's religious rigidity with grace and truth. Jesus did not just come for the outcast, but for the religious elite as well. After all, from the cross, he looks down at the Pharisees who helped put him there and says, "Father, forgive them for what they do."

READ YOUR BIBLE

- 2 Corinthians 3:1-18
- John 3:1-21

APPLY GOD'S WORD TO YOUR LIFE:

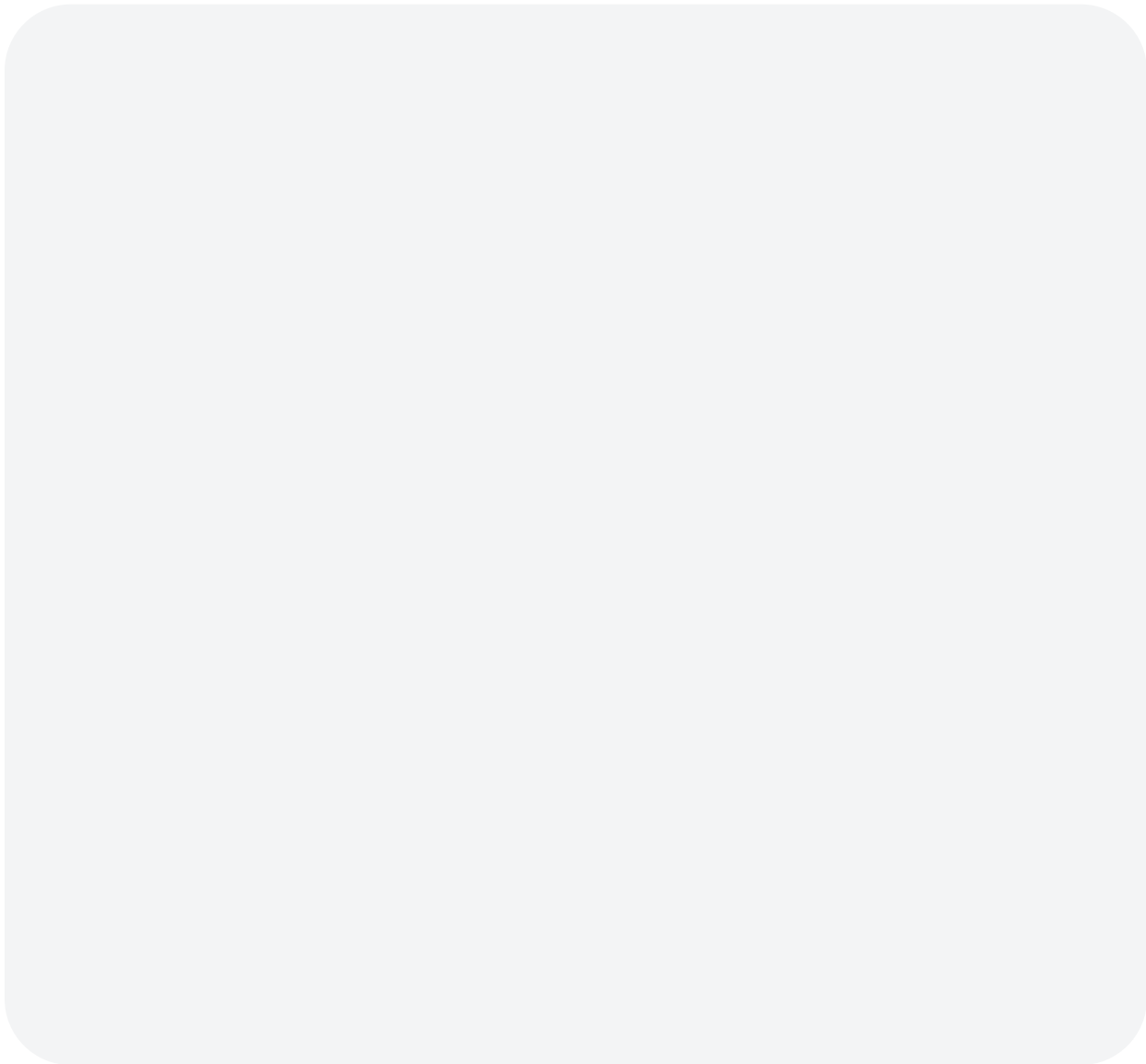
1. What catches your attention from Jesus' interactions with John 3?
2. What do you believe Jesus was teaching Nicodemus? About faith? About salvation?
3. Put into your own words what 2 Corinthians means?
4. What's the difference between the Letter and the Spirit of the law? How does the letter of the law bring death? How does Spirit bring life?
5. How is your life a letter from Christ? What are people reading in you?
6. Is it possible to be religious but have no faith? Why or why not?
7. What do you think these texts teach us about faith today?

REFLECTING ON THE TEXT:

1. What have you learned about God?
2. What have you learned about the world?
3. What have you learned about yourself?

PRAY

Lord, we praise you that you love all people. From the religious elite to the homeless on the street, your Grace covers all our lives. Where our religious traditions have blessed us and glorified you, we thank and praise you. Where our traditions have become legalistic and cause harm, we ask for our forgiveness. May we live by your Holy Spirit always. In Jesus' name, Amen.



For the ONE - The Outcast ONE

INTRODUCTION:

Some people live on the edge of community. They might be ostracized for something they said, did, or thought. Others live on the edge of community because they simply find it easier to live apart from the crowd. That's where we find "the one" today, living on the edge of community, outcast.

The woman at the well is trying to hide in broad daylight. Most respectable women would have gathered water in the cool of morning and with the company of the other women. But here she is alone at noon. We don't know if she was shunned by the others, or if a deep sense of shame kept her apart.

What we do know is that Jesus strikes up a conversation with the outcast. She's Samaritan; he's Jewish. She's a woman; he's a man. Jesus simply ignores the social norms and begins a life-changing conversation with the outcast. The presence of Jesus brings healing, hope, and a desire to invite others. At the end of the story, it is the outcast who encourages an entire village to believe in Jesus.

READ YOUR BIBLE

- John 4:1-42

APPLY GOD'S WORD TO YOUR LIFE:

1. Where are the disciples, and what are they up to when Jesus and the woman have their initial conversation?
2. Does the woman truly understand Jesus' questions at first? Why or why not?
3. What did the woman leave behind in verse 28, and why is that significant?
4. What did the disciple return with from the village?
5. How does Jesus respond to what the disciples brought back?
6. What did the woman bring back to the well?
7. How have you experienced Jesus reaching out to you when you felt like an outcast?

REFLECTING ON THE TEXT:

1. What have you learned about God?
2. What have you learned about the world?
3. What have you learned about yourself?

PRAY

Almighty God, thank you for your Son, Jesus who reaches the outcast. Thank you that he speaks words of grace and truth. Thank you that Jesus' words define us, save us, shape us and empower us. Give courage to our hearts to boldly share and invite others to experience the love of Jesus. Amen.

For the ONE - The Unable ONE

INTRODUCTION:

What are you willing to do? How far are you willing to go? How much effort are you willing to put into helping others encounter and know the love of Jesus Christ? For a group of men in Capernaum during Jesus' time - a whole lot!

In the Gospel of Mark, we are given an example of what difference the perseverance and faith of a few people can make in a person's life. Carrying their friend on a mat through a large crowd, pulling him up on a roof, making a hole in the roof and then lowering him down in front of Jesus was no easy task, and yet they knew the reward for the paralyzed man (not for themselves) would be great.

Jesus' command to "pick up your cross daily and follow me," (Luke 9:23) and the parable of the lost sheep (Luke 15:1-7) are illustrated well by the actions of the paralyzed man's friends. As followers of Christ, we are asked to respond in faith similarly. Knowing that we have been sought and found by our Great Shepherd, that we are forgiven and have new/eternal life through God's only Son, we are called to reach out and share the love of Christ with the world around us. Because when we do Jesus heals, transforms, and saves lives.

READ YOUR BIBLE

- Luke 15:1-7
- Mark 2:1-12

APPLY GOD'S WORD TO YOUR LIFE:

1. In Mark chapter 2, how did the people of Capernaum hear about Jesus being there?
2. Who brings the paralyzed man to Jesus, and what do you think would prompt them to go to the lengths they did?
3. Why are the paralyzed man's sins forgiven?
4. Notice that four men had to take up and lower the mat of the paralyzed man to bring him to Jesus, then Jesus commands the paralyzed man to "get up, take your mat, and go home." How do you imagine the paralyzed man felt and responded as he found the ability to do as Jesus commanded?
5. Considering this story, what role do you think the faith of the people in your life plays in your own walk with God?
6. Who do you more identify with in this passage from Mark and why: the crowd, the paralyzed man, or his friends?
7. The paralyzed man's life would have looked drastically different after his encounter with Jesus, body healed, and sins forgiven. In what ways have you seen drastic changes in yourself/others after encountering or spending time in prayer with Jesus?

REFLECTING ON THE TEXT:

1. What have you learned about God?
2. What have you learned about the world?
3. What have you learned about yourself?

PRAY

Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness and grace to us. We thank you for those whom you placed in our lives to help us come to faith in you to find forgiveness, healing, and new life. May we respond in faith, similarly, sharing your love and mercy with the people in our lives. Increase the faith and energy of us and all your church to continue to reach out with the Good News of Jesus Christ, so that more hearts would turn to you and your kingdom would increase. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

For the ONE - The Unseen ONE

INTRODUCTION:

To believe or not to believe, to live in darkness or in light-- these are the intertwined questions Jesus is addressing when he heals the blind man in today's reading. In the preceding chapter, Jesus announced, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." In today's reading, Jesus gives us a physical illustration by bringing light to someone who has lived in physical darkness since birth.

As Jesus and his disciples were in the area of the temple in Jerusalem, they encountered a man who was born blind. It would have been common for blind people to sit in this area and go unseen to many passersby as they begged for charity. Jesus saw the blind man, and to the disbelief of those around him, Jesus healed him of his blindness. As the once blind man's neighbors, family, and even the Pharisees interrogated him about his healing and healer, it's revealed to us that light triumphs over darkness both physically in the blind man's eyes, and spiritually in his heart. The encounter left the once blind man to say that he didn't know much about Jesus, the man who healed him, but proclaimed, "One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" (John 9:25b).

This passage reminds me of the song Amazing Grace where we sing, "I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see." Being spiritually lost is often equated with blindness and darkness. Being spiritually found is equated with seeing and light. Jesus healing the blind man illustrates the positive and practical application of Jesus seeking the lost, looking for the one, and bringing new light both experientially and spiritually. By God's grace, Jesus came to seek and save us, to look for the one who may seem unseen, and to call us out of darkness and into his wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9b).

READ YOUR BIBLE

- John 9
- Luke 15:1-7

APPLY GOD'S WORD TO YOUR LIFE:

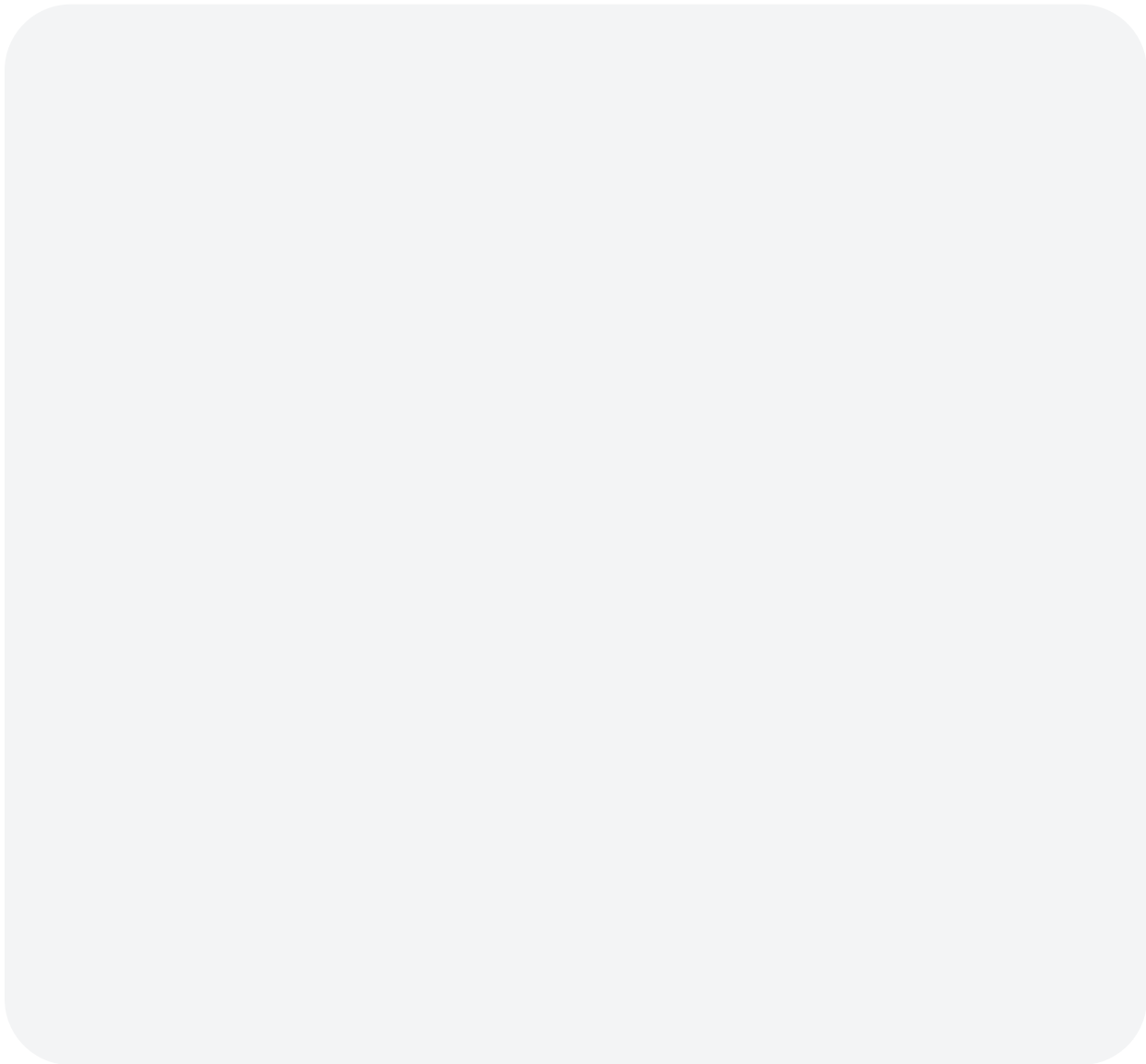
1. Discuss a time when you felt invisible.
2. What do you think it would mean to live in darkness?
3. Can you think of any other instances in the Bible where light and darkness are used as spiritual metaphors?
4. Describe a time where you may have felt spiritually lost, found, or both.
5. If Jesus is the light, what does it look like to "walk in the light"?
6. How are you using the times where you have seen God work in your life to encourage others to know the love of Christ?

REFLECTING ON THE TEXT:

1. What have you learned about God?
2. What have you learned about the world?
3. What have you learned about yourself?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, Thank You for sending your Son Jesus to be the light of the world. Thank you for continuing to see us and walk with us. Please help us to encourage others to know your love by being an example of your light reaching out for the one who may feel unseen. In Jesus' name, Amen.



For the One: The Betrayer ONE

INTRODUCTION:

In the 1st century Roman-occupied world, there was a practice called “farming” where tax collectors would charge more than was necessary, keeping the extra for themselves. In the prosperous and ancient city of Jericho, a man named Zaccheus was guilty of this practice. Scripture tells us he was a “chief tax collector and was wealthy.” We can know that his wealth was the product of deception and cheating. When the world looked at Zaccheaus, that is what they saw – his sin, yet Jesus saw something else.

Zaccheaus climbed a tree to see Jesus, but Jesus saw him for who he really was, a lost man in need of salvation. As a result, Jesus did what nobody else would do. He went to stay with this sinner and offered salvation and life. Zaccheus was changed forever by this act of mercy and grace.

We are all like Zaccheaus, lost and seeking Jesus. The promise of the Gospel is that Jesus sees us for who we really are, the lost and hurting ones. He looks at us and invites us to come and live with him.

READ YOUR BIBLE

- Luke 19:1-10
- Luke 15:1-7

APPLY GOD’S WORD TO YOUR LIFE:

1. Who is Zaccheaus? What details do we learn about him?
2. Why is the detail about Zaccheaus’s stature important?
3. As one who constantly cheated others, how do you think his heart felt?
4. Why do you think Zaccheaus wanted to see Jesus?
5. In what ways does Jesus treat Zaccheus differently than everyone else does? How is he judged for that?
6. Who are the “lost” in our world? In what ways are we lost?
7. How does Jesus see us, the lost ones? Why does that matter?

REFLECTING ON THE TEXT:

1. What have you learned about God?
2. What have you learned about the world?
3. What have you learned about yourself?

PRAY

Oh Lord, you are holy and mighty. We are small and our hearts are seeking you. Look upon us with your kindness. Give to us your mercy and grace. Help us to follow Jesus, the one who came to seek and save the lost. In his name we pray. Amen.



For the One - The Condemned ONE

INTRODUCTION:

I cannot imagine her pain. Caught in the act of adultery, she is hauled out into the street to be stoned to death. Through her tears, and in her anguish, she sees her accusers arguing with a stranger. His face is furled in great concern, yet full of compassion. Her heart is beating out of her chest in fear. She is too frightened to hear their conversation or understand what is going on. The stranger gets down in the dirt, drawing words and symbols in the dust. He looks up, "you who are without sin, cast the first stone." In awe, she watches the violent mob, drop their rocks and walk away.

Then she looks this Jesus in the eyes. She has never seen such love, such grace. He asks her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

"No one sir", she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

In this stunning account Jesus offers a woman, that awaited death, incredible grace. Our savior comes full of grace and truth (John 1:14). Because Jesus was full of grace, he offers us forgiveness and love on the cross we have not earned. Because Jesus was full of truth, we know he alone lived a sinless life, and was able to atone for our sins entirely. He forgives this woman and calls her, and those that wanted to trap him and put her to death, out of their lives of sin.

READ YOUR BIBLE

- Romans 5:12-21
- John 8:1-11

APPLY GOD'S WORD TO YOUR LIFE:

1. What, according to God's word, is grace?
2. What, according to God's word, is truth?
3. How is Jesus both grace and truth? What does that mean for us?
4. What do you think the woman caught in adultery was feeling and thinking? As she was hauled out before Jesus? After everyone left?
5. What do you think is the meaning of Romans 5? How does grace and righteousness come through Jesus?
6. Where have you experienced God's Grace? What was it like?
7. How do we, like Jesus, walk in God's Grace and Truth?

REFLECTING ON THE TEXT:

1. What have you learned about God?
2. What have you learned about the world?
3. What have you learned about yourself?

PRAY

Father, we praise you for your grace. We ask Lord, in your love, that you would guide us to live in your light and truth. Thank you for the forgiveness and love you offer us freely and unearned on the cross. Help us to share that same grace and truth with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.



COMMITMENT WEEK

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
AND
SUNDAY, MARCH 2

All Campuses | All Worship Services

Join us in worship Wednesday, February 26 or Sunday, March 2 for a defining moment in Hope's history, as we go after the ONE. During this time you may make your generosity commitment for the West Campus building project. Commitment cards may also be dropped off at the church office or make your commitment online at fargohope.org/fortheone.





“Thank you for teaching me how much Jesus loves me, I am going to go home and tell my mom that Jesus loves her too!”

- VBX Student





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