

Priority: Scripture**March 15, 2020****Reading/Group Discussion**Read **Psalm 1** as a group.

- How did this sermon deepen your faith? How did it challenge you? Explain.
- What resonated with you the most from this sermon? Explain.
- In his sermon, Emerson mentioned different ways people relate to the Scriptures (i.e. “in love,” “on again, off again,” “having second thoughts,” “not interested,” etc.). Which word or phrase would you use to describe how you feel about the Scriptures. Explain.
- Growing up, what was your experience with the Scriptures? How has your view of them changed since you were young?
- What are the biggest obstacles you have in reading the Bible as much as you would like to?
- Do you associate your knowledge and love for God with knowing and reading the Bible? Why or why not?
- What is a practical area in your life where you read the Scriptures and changed how you act or think based on God’s Word?
- Have a different person each read the following passages: Isaiah 40:8; John 5:39; 2 Timothy 3:16-4:4; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20-21. Then, as a group, reflect on what these passages say about the Scriptures.
- Why is Scripture reading important to you?
- What is something in Scripture that you have found great delight in recently?
- How does this passage, sermon, or daily work challenge you to live differently?

Encouragement:

- What do you sense God doing in you that you need to respond to?
- What do you sense God doing around you that you think he is inviting you into?
- What do you sense God doing through you that you need courage for?

Accountability:

At this time, the group may want to split into smaller, gendered groups.

- Who are you in God's eyes? Who are you in the eyes of this group?
- What has your time in God's Word and prayer been like this week?
- What have you learned about discipleship this week?
- How have you loved God and loved others this week?
- Who are you trying to connect to Jesus?
- Where have you wrestled with temptation this week?
- What strongholds have you wrestled with this week?

Practice:

This week, consider, as a group, holding one another accountable to memorizing a portion of Scripture. It will take a little time to do, but the fruits of allowing God's Word to sink deeply into our hearts are boundless. Consider Psalm 63; Psalm 1; Matthew 5:1-12; Romans 1:1-4; Ephesians 2:1-10.

Looking ahead:

Sunday, April 19, we're canceling regular services at The Creek to get out into our community and love our neighbors in a tangible way. As a part of Serve Day, we're praying 2,000 people will take on practical projects, and hopefully through these acts of service, people's hearts will be opened to the love of Jesus.

Our hope is that life groups will choose to participate in Serve Day through DIY projects, so they are able to invest in relationships they've already established. Be sure to check out thecreek.org/serveday for more information and ideas, but for now, begin talking and praying with your group about how you might be able to engage in The Creek's very first Serve Day.