



Formation Devotional

January 11, 2020 Week Review

Forming Worship, Life, and Ministry Together at Christ Covenant Church

Below is a summary of the scripture readings from this week. Take a moment to reflect upon what you read or catch up on any chapters you may have missed. Give thanks because the Lord of the Sabbath invites you to enter into his rest.

Collect

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all his works and sanctified a day of rest for all his creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 99)

Praying the Psalms

Psalm 7

Arise, O LORD, in your anger; lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies; awake for me; you have appointed a judgment. - Psalm 7:6

Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. - Psalm 8:1

Psalm 9

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. - Psalm 9:1

Psalm 10

In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God." - Psalm 10:4

Psalm 11

The LORD tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence. - Psalm 11:5

Psalm 12

The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times. - Psalm 12:6

Psalm 13

But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. - Psalm 13:5

Psalm 14

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. - Psalm 14:1

Psalm 15

He who does these things shall never be moved. - Psalm 15:5

Psalm 16

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. - Psalm 16:11

New Testament Reading**Matthew 4**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. - Matthew 4:1

Matthew 5

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. - Matthew 5:20

Matthew 6

"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. - Matthew 6:1

Matthew 7

"Judge not, that you be not judged. - Matthew 7:1

Matthew 8

When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. - Matthew 8:10

Old Testament Reading**Genesis 4**

If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it." - Genesis 4:7

Genesis 5

After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth. - Genesis 5:32

Genesis 6

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. - Genesis 6:8

Genesis 7

Then the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. - Genesis 7:1

Genesis 8

And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. - Genesis 8:21

Prayer of Intercession

Pray for our worship at Christ Covenant and the other churches in our community—for:

- A movement of the gospel that enables all kinds of people in all kinds of circumstances to draw near God's throne of grace to worship in spirit and truth.
- A movement of the gospel that renews the hearts of believers through repentance and faith.
- A movement of the gospel that unites and encourages believers for works of love by faith.
- A movement of the gospel that observes the sacraments by faith.
- A movement of the gospel that prays God's word.
- A movement of the gospel that sings so that Christ dwells in the hearts of believers by faith.
- A movement of the gospel that brings all kinds of people in all kinds of circumstances into Christ as their rest.

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