



## Coming up at MLCC:

**MLCC Next Steps Classes**  
**Feb 22, March 1st & 8th**  
**11am**

**Seniors Ministry**  
**Coffee Klatch Feb 23rd 10am**

**Baptism Class**  
**March 15th 11am**  
Mark Connections Card to sign up

**Women's Retreat**  
**March 13-15th**

**Women's Bible Study**  
**Beginning March 19th**

**Baptism Sunday**  
**March 29th**

**Men's Bible Study**  
**Tuesdays 6:30pm**

**Women's Fitness**  
**Mondays & Thursdays 10am**

**Youth Ministry**  
**Junior High Youth**  
Wednesdays 6-8pm  
(Doors open at 5:30)  
**High School Youth**  
Sundays 6-8pm  
(Doors open at 5:30)

# Sermon Notes - February 22, 2026

Lent Series – Week Two: Wisdom in the Desert

*“Intensifying my Hunger for Holiness”*

**Speaker:** John J Roberts

### **Introduction**



Lectio 365 has three different devotions for the day:  
Morning (9-13 minutes) – Midday (5-7 Minutes) –  
Evening (6-8 Minutes). P.R.A.Y.

Matthew 19:16-22, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?”

**Can we tell ourselves the truth about our desire, or lack of desire, for holiness?**

God challenges us through the scriptures to “be holy as I am holy!” It’s no small challenge...

I Peter 1:13-16

A simple definition of sin:

Let’s recognize a few things about sin...

First... We all have it: Romans 3:23, I John 1:8.

Second... the fact that we have it doesn’t mean that we should continue in it! Romans 6:1, 12-13

Eight Thoughts: the deep-rooted patterns of the heart that every believer must wrestle with.

Gluttony, Lust, Greed (love of money), Anger, Dejection, Acedia, Vainglory, Pride:

**Once we’ve identified our sin it’s time to do battle with it!**

