

PERSONAL REFLECTION

READ Isaiah 56:4-5, Matthew 19:10-12, & 1 Corinthians 7:1-7. How do your closest relationships help you recognize and live out God's calling for you today? How are you encouraging those people to do the same? What habits could you change to better support one another in following Christ?

PRAYER ITEMS:

WEEKLY BIBLE READING PLAN

From the READ SCRIPTURE app, Available for both Android and Apple devices.

In the **READ SCRIPTURE** app, be sure to set your start date for January 1, 2026 in the app settings, and follow along with us!

November 8: 2 Corinthians 7-8 | Psalm 2
November 9: 2 Corinthians 9-10 | Psalm 3
November 10: 2 Corinthians 11-12 | Psalm 4
November 11: Galatians 1-2 | Psalm 5
November 12: Galatians 3-4 | Psalm 6
November 13: Galatians 5-6 | Psalm 7
November 14: Ephesians 1-2 | Psalm 8

WALKING with JESUS

Matthew 19:3-12 | **Broken Covenants**
Pastor Justin Carruthers | November 8, 2026

REMINDER:

- We are all spiritually needy people who need the mercy of Jesus

WHY IS JESUS HEADED TOWRD JERUSALEM?

- To die for the sake of His _____, the church.

Ephesians 5:25-32, Psalm 6:6, Matthew 19:3, 4-6, 7, 8, 9, 5

THE COVENANT PRINCIPLE

- We serve a ferociously faithful, _____, God despite the fact that we _____

Hosea 1:2, Matthew 18:21-22

OUR CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- Since God is a _____ God, we are to be a _____ people

ON MARRIAGE

- The essence of marriage is a _____ & therefore marriage is a _____ into the gospel of Christ.

Ezekiel 16:8

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LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Consider your parents, aunts and uncles, or grandparents, what do you admire about their relationships? What have you learned from their examples?

2. Who are the people in your life you are closest to in this season of life? Why them?

QUICK REVIEW

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Pastor Justin talked through the story of Hosea and Gomer, where we are reminded that God's faithfulness persists despite our unfaithfulness. How does Jesus' covenantal love for us reshape the way we respond when others have hurt or disappointed us?

READ SCRIPTURE

READ Matthew 19:1-12

1. How does this passage highlight God's presence in our world?

2. What does this passage say about our broken human condition?

3. How does this passage call me to make change in my life?

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DIGGING DEEPER

1. READ Genesis 2:22-25, Matthew 19:3-6. Marriage was instituted at the end of the creation story, and before sin came into the world. What does this tell you about the meaning of marriage?

- **READ Matthew 18:22, 32-33**. Why might Matthew have compiled his gospel with 19:1-12 following Jesus' discourse on the posture of mercy, humility, and forgiveness?

2. READ Matthew 19:6. Jesus knows our tendency to be self-centered, divisive, and unsatisfied. How do we hear Jesus challenge us (here and elsewhere) to uphold our relationships, and also encourage and strengthen the relationships between others?

- **READ Matthew 15:18-19, & Ephesians 4:1-3, 25-32**. Paul encourages his readers to pursue unity within the church. How do his words shape how we uphold and encourage one another in our relationships? What bad habits get in the way of those relationships?

3. READ Deuteronomy 24:1-4, & Matthew 19:8-9. Jesus explains that Moses permitted divorce because of hard hearts, while pointing to God's intention for marriage. In what ways do our attitudes and cultural patterns diminish the value of marriage? How might we better honour marital commitments and those involved?

- **READ Ephesians 5:25-32**. How does Paul connect the relationship between husband and wife with the relationship between Christ and the Church? How does the image of being "*one body*" help us?

TAKING IT HOME

READ Ezekiel 16:8-14. Ezekiel gives us a picture of God's covenant faithfulness towards His people, and how He has adorned them with His gifts and splendour. Knowing that God has treated you with the same mercy and grace, how are you left challenged to extend that same posture to those whom you have relationships with?