



PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTION:

READ 1 Peter 4:7-11. In our very privileged corner of the world, in the Fraser Valley, we have some many things to be grateful for, but as well, we face many challenges that we might not fully realize. If we're honest with ourselves, we'll have to admit that loving and serving others – *whom we do not know* – doesn't come naturally. As we grumble about being stretched, we fail to see that it's our ultimate goal to bring God all the glory He deserves. Where have we done that? Where have we not done that?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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!

- February 15: Numbers 19-21 | Psalm 46
- February 16: Numbers 22-24 | Psalm 47
- February 17: Numbers 25-27 | Psalm 48
- February 18: Numbers 28-30 | Psalm 49
- February 19: Numbers 31-32 | Psalm 50
- February 20: Numbers 33-34 | Psalm 51
- February 21: Numbers 35-36 | Palm 52



Sermon on the Mount

Living for the Kingdom

Matthew 5: 21-22,38-48 | **FORGIVE LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT**
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THE HEART OF FORGIVENESS

- Forgiveness _____ is intricately linked to forgiveness _____
- One of the biggest stages we have to illuminate the gospel is how we treat our _____

JESUS' REVOLUTION REVISITED

- Jesus has come to liberate His people from _____, *(that's the vertical reality)* and to lead us home to God. He has come to reclaim our _____, and to teach us how to be citizens in His kingdom. *(That's the horizontal implication)*

CHRISTIAN FORGIVENESS - A DEFINITION

- “Entrusting those who have wronged you to God's _____, and then praying God would treat _____ as He has treated _____.”

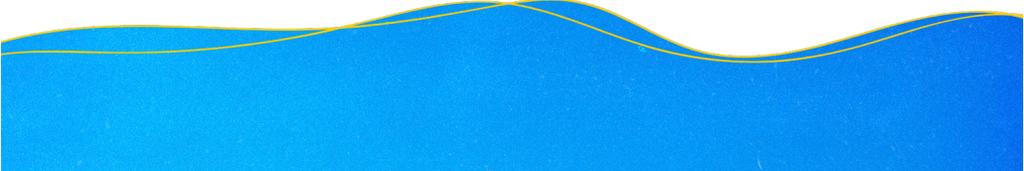
THE GOSPEL GLIMPSE

- Jesus won His enemies by _____ His rights. We are called to do the _____.

Philippians 2:5-8

FORGIVENESS AND THE GOSPEL

1. _____ yourself and _____ to God
2. Focus on _____ of God's _____ for you.
2 Corinthians 5:21, Luke 11:4
3. Forgive like your life _____!



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Do you have a favourite plant/tree/shrub? Why?
2. When you're away from home for long periods, what helps you feel a sense of home or connection to it?

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. When you think about someone who has hurt you deeply, which is harder for you: (1) Entrusting them to God's justice? (2) Praying for their good? Or (3) Letting go of your "right" to be vindicated??

READ SCRIPTURE

READ Matthew 5:38-48.

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 Matthew 5:39-41.** Letting yourself be struck, giving up your coat, or walking the extra mile aren't about avoiding a fight. They are deliberate choices to *give up your right to get even*. Why might this kind of response matter in the way God's kingdom works?
 - **READ Philippians 2:1-4.** Paul commends disciples of Jesus to live a life of selflessness. How do Paul's words help you further understand Jesus' words in Matthew 5:39-41? What is Paul *not* saying we should do?
2. **READ Matthew 5:42, Psalm 24:1, Colossians 1:15-16.** In a self-entitled culture that prizes self-preservation, Jesus calls us to give and to lend freely. How does embracing the truth that "*everything belongs to God*" reshape the way we view and use our possessions? How does that view leave you challenged?
 - **READ Luke 12:13-21.** Jesus tells this parable to confront assumptions about wealth and security. What truth about possessions is He revealing? What warning, or invitation, do you hear in it?
 - **READ Luke 10:25-37.** In light of the example of the Good Samaritan, are we truly loving our neighbors? What evidence do we have, that would confirm we?
3. **READ Matthew 5:46-47.** Loving those who love us comes naturally; loving those who do not notice us, or may not even like us, is far harder. Where have you seen this reality play out in your life?
 - Have you ever felt that you were on the "*not being loved*" side of a relationship? What was that like?

TAKING IT HOME

READ Psalm 139:23-24, Proverbs 20:5, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18. God reveals what is in our hearts so His Spirit can renew our desires and reshape our love for Him. What needs to happen for you to hear what God sees in your heart? What might He be inviting you to notice right now? How can our faith community help you discern His work?

