

Home Groups | Week 4 | May 7, 2017

True North | Gentleness | Matthew 11:28-30; Philippians 4:2-9

**Icebreaker:** Do you remember your parents being more gentle or more strong? What was healthy about your mom or dad being gentle or strong in their parenting?

**Lectio divina:**

As we have done previously, we would like your group to participate in lectio divina, which is a slow, contemplative praying of scripture. Pick three readers from your group (a mix of male and female if your group is a mixed group).

Ask the first reader to read Matthew 11:28-30. During the reading ask group members to listen for a word or phrase that touches their heart or stands out to them. Allow for a period of silence after the scripture is read. Ask group members to reflect on the word or phrase that stood out to them. After the silence, each person shares the word or phrase they reflected on.

As the second person reads, ask group members to ponder their word or phrase and ask where it touches their life that day. After the silence, each person shares where he or she feels the word or phrase is touching or impacting his or her life.

During the third reading, ask group members to think about what Jesus in the text is calling them to do or to become today or this week. After the silence, each person shares what he or she thinks Jesus is calling them to today or in the next week.

**Read Philippians 4:2-9 and discuss:**

1. As followers of Jesus, we desire to be like Jesus. In what ways was Jesus' life an example of gentleness for us?
2. Are there circumstances in your life that make gentleness impossible or difficult? How could your relationship with God empower you to alter your reaction to these circumstances?
3. When we think of gentleness, sometimes we think of weakness or meekness. Our culture values strength. Is it possible to be both gentle and strong? If yes, how?

**Prayer**

As you close in prayer, stand in a circle. Keeping in mind the responses from group members during lectio divina, go around the circle and pray for the person on your right. Also remember requests from our church family:

> We celebrate with Rachael, Griffin, and Hadrian Foster in the birth of Silas Henry!

**what's coming up!**

**Compassion International**

Today | After each service | Gathering Space

Consider sponsoring a child in poverty through Compassion International's sponsorship program. Stop by the table in the Gathering Space and choose a child to sponsor.

> Cynthia McCall [cynthia\_mccall@yahoo.com]

**May Prayer Calendar Available**

We invite you to use ZPC's monthly prayer calendar to pray for ZPC ministries. The May calendar is available at the Welcome Center and at [zpc.org/prayer](http://zpc.org/prayer).

> Jill Bonnell [ebonnell@indy.rr.com]

**Second Half Adventurers Day Trip**

Tuesday, May 9 | 9 am-4 pm | Alexandria IN | Cost: \$30

All aboard a coach bus to Alexandria, Indiana to tour the Gaither Family Resource Center. Enjoy a catered lunch and music by Woody Wright. Ice cream stop on the way home. Limited walking. Sign up in the Gathering Space.

> Barb Luther [barbarawluther@gmail.com; 317.669.7073]

**Prayer for the Middle East & North Africa**

Thursday, May 11, 2017 | 7:45-8:30 am | Chapel

Join us as we pray for our mission partners and others serving in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

> Philana Cunningham [philanac@gmail.com; 317.507.8219]

**Messy Mission Run**

Saturday, May 13 | 9 am | Zionsville Rail Trail | Cost: \$30

Join us for the Messy Mission Run, a fun, noncompetitive, 5K run/walk/crawl. Proceeds benefit ZPC student ministries mission trip to Mexico. Register online at [zpc.org](http://zpc.org) or the day of the run beginning at 7:30 am at Nancy Burton Memorial Park.

> Jon Graybeal [jong@zpc.org; 317.873.6503x1015]

**Women's Bible Study on Daniel**

Wednesdays | 7-9 pm | May 17-Aug 16 | ZPC Chapel

Please join us and Beth Moore in a faith-building study of prophecy while learning how to shine for Christ in our modern culture. The group will not meet July 5 or July 19. Register online at [zpc.org/women](http://zpc.org/women).

> Trena Finch [birdpeople\_tf@msn.com; 317.695.5318]

**ZPC Blood Drive**

Sunday, May 21 | 9 am-2 pm | Gym

Each day patients at Indiana hospitals rely on the generosity of fellow Hoosiers to donate 550 units of blood. Blood drives help to meet the demand. The donation process takes less than an hour. To donate, sign up on Sunday morning at the Welcome Center or online at [zpc.org](http://zpc.org). Walk-ups the day of are welcome also.

> Lisa Price [lisap@zpc.org; 317.873.6503]

**VBS registration is open!**

Passport to Peru | Sunday, July 16-Thursday, July 20 | ZPC

All kids age 4 through 6th grade are invited to join us for Passport to Peru, where we will learn about God's good gifts! Register at [zpc.org/vbs](http://zpc.org/vbs).

> Jennifer Tillema [jennifer@educationresourcesllc.com]

**Spring Inquirers Class**

Fri, June 5 | 7-9 pm | off-site & Sat, June 6 | 9 am -12 pm | ZPC

Learn more about our community at the ZPC Inquirers Class. Friday night will include a dinner and relational time with Pastor Jerry Deck. Saturday you'll learn about ZPC from church staff and ministry leaders. Register at [zpc.org](http://zpc.org), call the church office, or sign up at the Welcome Center. Childcare is available by advance registration.

> Nancy Baker [nancyb@zpc.org; 317.873.8137x1001]

**prayer requests**

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*welcome*

Thanks for being here!

**Sunday, May 7, 2017 | 9 & 10:30 am**

Called together by God to make disciples and release them for service in our broken world.

listen to last week's message at [zpc.org/sermon](http://zpc.org/sermon)



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Church office hours:  
Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

worship

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Notes:

Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30; Philippians 4:2-9

**Sanctuary Bibles:** Bibles are available to use during worship on the shelves as you come into the Sanctuary. Please return them to the shelves when you leave or if you don't have a Bible, you are welcome to take one with you.

**Prayer :** If you would like someone to pray with or for you, please go to the west alcove by the cross after the service. It would be our privilege to pray on your behalf.

who we are

Our focus is to become and make life-long learners of Jesus through:

- 1. Creating a Caring Community
- 2. Centering Our Worship and Study on Christ
- 3. Encouraging Hands-on Missions

Thank you for coming to ZPC! We would love to get to know you. We encourage you to record your attendance on the welcome pad at today's worship. Please provide your name, address, and contact information. Especially if this is your first time with us, we would welcome the opportunity to connect with you and even deliver a yummy treat!

Join us in the Gathering Space before and after services. Want a name tag? Sign up at the Welcome Center.

the week ahead [zpc.org for more] 2017

**Sunday, May 7**  
ZPCHSM | 6-7:30 pm | ninth-twelfth grades | Youth Center

**Monday, May 8**  
Intercessory Prayer Team | 9-10 am | Chapel  
ZPC Line Dancing | 1:30-2:30 | Gym  
BSF | 6:45-8:45 pm | Sanctuary  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7-9 pm | Worship Arts Room

**Tuesday, May 9**  
Open Gym | 1-2:30 | Gym

**Wednesday, May 10**  
Open Gym | 1-2:30 pm | Gym  
Mission Commission | 7-9 pm | Room 202

**Thursday, May 11**  
Thursday Men's Bible Study | 6:15 -7:30 am | Gathering Space  
Food Pantry | 5-6 pm | Room 109

**Friday, May 12**  
Food Pantry | 12-2 pm | Room 109  
Spring Fling Concert | 4-5 pm | Sanctuary

**Saturday, May 13**  
Messy Mission Run | 9 am-12 pm | Zionsville Rail Trail/Nancy Burton Park  
Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic | 9-11 am | ZPC Cabin [pro bono legal representation and preventive law education to low income families, including immigrant families]

**Sunday, May 14**

**Children**  
Nursery Care | 9 and 10:30 am | birth-age three | check in at Children's Welcome Center  
ZPC Kids | 9 and 10:30 am | age four-fourth grade | check in at Children's Welcome Center, Room 106, or in the Gathering Space.

**Students**  
Middle School Ministry [MSM] | 9 am | fifth through eighth grades | Room 205  
High School Ministry [HSM] | 6 -7:30 pm | ninth through twelfth grades | Youth Hall

**Adults**  
Study with Jim Livengood | 9 am | Room 201  
Christian Spiritual Formation | 10:30 am | Room 201

Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. Matthew 6:20

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| ZPC Stewardship Update: | [6/1/16-4/30/17] |                              |
| YTD Budget:             | \$2,154,182      |                              |
| YTD Offering:           | \$2,037,596      | Last Service Attendance: 488 |

mission update

In April, ZPC led a mission team of 26 people to Reynosa, Mexico. This family mission team partnered with Faith Ministries, a 22-year-old ministry whose mission is to spread the love of Christ on the border of Mexico by meeting the physical needs of the individuals and families who live there. The team built two houses for two different families, worked on two other homes, served food at the medical clinic, led games for local children, and built great relationships. This morning we will hear from Kevin Schmidt, a participant on the team.

**Family Promise | Interfaith Hospitality Network**

ZPC will be serving homeless children and their caregivers through IHN, a national, faith-based, organization that provides temporary shelter for homeless families. Each week up to 14 homeless individuals are provided housing at network churches. **ZPC will be the host from May 28 through June 4.**

We need help demonstrating Christ's love in the following ways:

- > Setting up guest bedrooms in the church
- > Cooking and serving meals
- > Playing with the children and helping them with homework
- > Tearing down guest bedrooms
- > Doing laundry
- > Donating supplies or making a financial donation to purchase needed items
- > Staying overnight with the families
- > Providing transportation to and from the day center

This is an opportunity for all ages. Please consider serving as an individual or with your family, friends, or Home Group. **Get more details in the Gathering Space or at zpc.org.**

Contact one of our congregational coordinators with any questions:

- > Margaret Gordon [cgqiemom@gmail.com; 317.219.9017]
- > Mary Leman [maryhleman@yahoo.com; 317.656.9942]
- > Joe Loudanback [jloudanback@indy.rr.com; 317.769.5621]

**Purchase Caravan Stock to support ZPCHSM**

High school students and adult leaders will travel to Mexico in June to do work projects, build relationships, develop leadership skills, and team build through sharing chores, meals, cleaning, worship, and study. You are invited to purchase stock to assist in the cost of materials and scholarships.

**Stock Dividends include:** prayer list of participants; postcard from a student on the trip; and the joy of expanding God's Kingdom.

**Stock Price:** A share can be purchased for \$10–invest as much as you want! Visit the Welcome Center to pick up your stock.

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