



Gather, Grow, Go!
Weekly Sermon Notes & Devotional

Sermon Notes - April 21, 2024

Gather, Grow, Go Opportunities

- ✓ **Worship with us next week as we explore how God opened the Church to all people.**
- ✓ **Grow in faith through our Lunch 'n' Learn next Sunday, April 28.** Sign up at the Information Center or contact Pastor Jordan.
- ✓ **Interested in youth or young adult ministry?** Talk to Eric Fjerestad, our Director of Youth and Young Adults, about ways to get plugged into these ministries.

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God, lead us forward in faith as we seek to be a sanctuary of Christian hope, love, and encouragement, now and for generations to come. Amen.

Grow Through Bible Study

This week's Scripture passages reflect God's confidence in us to imitate Christ.

1. What words or phrases stand out to you in this Scripture today?
2. As you read the Scripture, what questions do you have? Discuss it with others, consult a biblical commentary, or study bible.
 - Day One – Acts 9:36-43
 - Day Two – Genesis 1:26-31
 - Day Three – Philippians 2:1-14
 - Day Four – John 14:1-14
 - Day Five – John 13:31-35

Spiritual Practice

Journaling/Conversation with God

Journaling is simply the practice of writing down your thoughts, desires, and questions in relation to God. Perhaps get a new notebook to begin your journaling journey. It can be a wonderful way to grow and deepen your relationship with God.

For those who struggle with journaling, you could try the following steps:

- Grab a piece of paper and draw a line down the center.
- The left side is for your words; the right side is for God.
- Write down your thoughts, questions, concerns, and anything on your mind.
- Listen for any replies. Write down whatever seems appropriate on God's side.
- When it seems right, close your time of journaling in prayer.

Resource: Wolpert, Daniel. Leading a Life with God: The Practice of Spiritual Leadership. Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books, 175-176.

