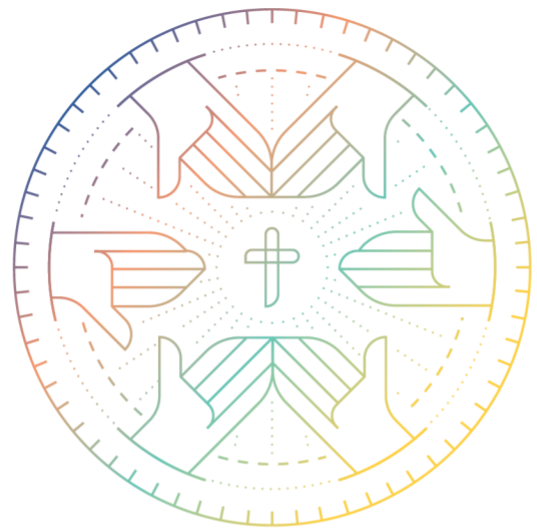


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## MEETING AGENDA

### WELCOME (10 MINUTES)

This week we are continuing our series, *Give Me Strength*. In this second week, we'll talk about how wisdom is found in God's Word, and how there are small, but specific, spiritual practices that God can use to grow our wisdom.

- Please don't forget to take attendance via the attendance reminder email. It's important!

### ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

What was the last thing you assembled that you needed to use an instruction manual?

OR

Have you ever received a letter or card that you've kept because of its emotional or sentimental value?

### INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

*(Feel free to use one or all of the following introductory questions)*

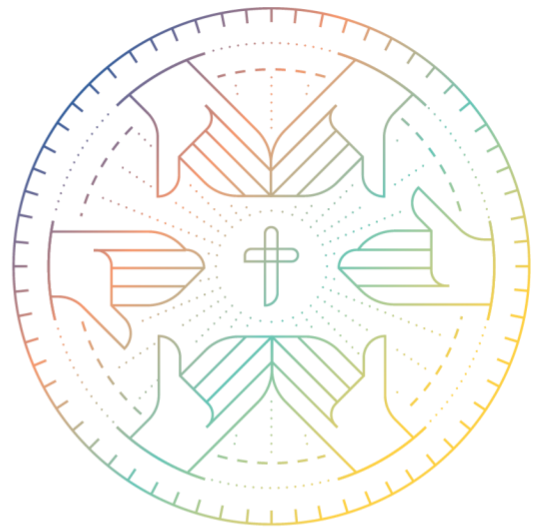
Was there one idea from Pastor Levi's message that particularly stood out to you? Share that with the group.

Sometimes people find the Bible to be too overwhelming or complicated for them and they give up reading it. What would be your advice to someone who feels that way?

Was there a moment this week when the Scriptures came alive for you: i.e. a verse came to mind at just the moment you needed it to; a verse helped you make a decision; a verse gave you wisdom that you needed in a situation? (*“Heb. 4:12 For the word of God is living and active...”*)

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## INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

1. Read Psalm 1:1-3. There is beautiful imagery in this passage. What does it mean to “delight” in the Word of God? How, in your own words, would you describe the blessings promised to the one who delights in the Bible? How do you, personally, delight in God’s Word?
2. Read James 1:22-25. Hearing the Word of God without doing what it says brings about self-deception. How would you describe that deception?
3. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Is this passage practical for Christians today? Discuss practical ways we could be a “doer” of this passage.

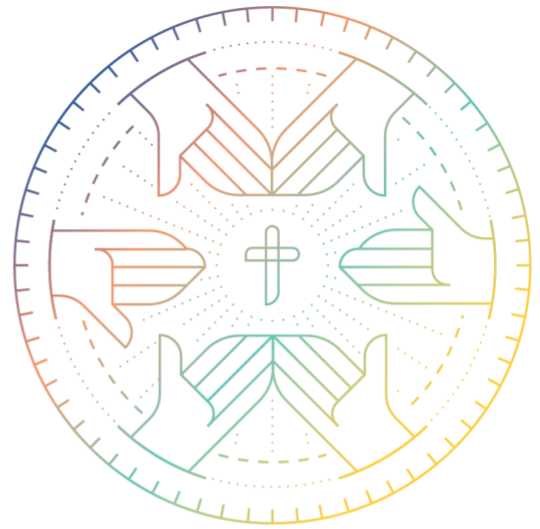
## APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

1. What is one way you could increase your daily intake of God’s Word? How can your small group help you to become more consistent in your daily Bible reading?
2. For the next week, choose one of the following to incorporate into your spiritual habit of reading God’s Word:
  - A. Pray before you read Scripture, asking God for wisdom, insight and practical ways to apply what you read.
  - B. Use the practice the Scriptural Breathing. First read the Scripture verse or passage, then pray about what you read. Breath in the Scripture. Breath out the prayer. Choose small chunks of Scripture at a time.
  - C. Choose a verse of Scripture to be your Verse for the Year. Choose one that will encourage you, strengthen you or guide you. Say it every day before getting out of bed. Rehearse it again in the evening before bed. Find ways to keep it in your mind like in Deut. 6:4-9.
  - D. Practice reading the Scriptures in order to hear from God. For example, whenever you read from the Bible, be sure you read until you have something distinct that you can put into practice. (James 1:22) Then talk to God about how you will be a doer of that verse, truth or command.
3. What spiritual habit or practice of Bible reading do you use that might benefit someone in your group? Share your practices with your group.

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## **PRAYER (10 MINUTES)**

*Father God, we are grateful for your love for us and the way you transform us from the inside out to look more like Jesus. As your children, we confess our dependence on you as we desire to live out our faith with wisdom. We need you more than ever. As you reveal yourself to us in your Word, may we find strength, peace and wisdom for each day. Grow our hearts to love one another and use this group to encourage us as we go through the week. Your love gives us hope for our lives today and for all eternity. Amen.*