

Living the Faith



Week 1: The Church Year

Mon, Jan 2

Readings: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Prompt: What are some traditions that you and your family do every year, and why?

Tue, Jan 3

Readings: Colossians 3:1-17

Prompt: Describe some of Zion's traditions that we do as a community each year.

Wed, Jan 4

Readings: Exodus 12, Psalm 136

Prompt: We often begin each new year with resolutions. According to Exodus 12, how did Israel begin each new year? Why would God make this change?

Thu, Jan 5

Readings: Deuteronomy 32:1-47, Jeremiah 2

Prompt: Why is remembering what God has already done for His people so important?

Fri, Jan 6

Readings: Luke 24, John 20

Prompt: Jaroslav Pelikan once wrote: "If Christ is risen, nothing else matters. And if Christ is not risen—nothing else matters." What do you think he meant?

Week 2: Who is Jesus?

Mon, Jan 9

Readings: Matthew 16:13-20, Mark 8:27-30, Luke 9:18-20

Prompt: Imagine you're talking to someone who has never heard of Jesus. How would you answer their question, "Who is Jesus?"

Tue, Jan 10

Readings: Acts 2:42-47, Acts 8:26-40

Prompt: Imagine you're still talking to someone who has never heard of Jesus. How would you answer their question, "What is a Christian?"

Wed, Jan 11

Readings: Isaiah 53:1-12, Luke 22:39-46, Philippians 2:1-11

Prompt: What does Jesus becoming a human mean for you, today?

Thu, Jan 12

Readings: Luke 4:1-13, John 11:17-44, Hebrews 4:14-5:4

Prompt: How does it change your perspective of Jesus knowing that He has personally experienced human life?

Fri, Jan 13

Readings: Romans 10:1-17, 1 John 2:18-27

Prompt: We recite one of the three Church Creeds together every Sunday, without exception. Why do you think we do that?

Week 3: Reading God's Word

Mon, Jan 16

Readings: Genesis 1, John 1

Prompt: When we think of God's Word, we often think of the Bible. How does John describe God's Word?

Tue, Jan 17

Readings: Psalm 119:105-136, 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Prompt: The Bible as we know it was compiled sometime after Jesus' resurrection. How would the Christian life today be different without the Bible?

Wed, Jan 18

Readings: Jeremiah 1:1-10, 2 Peter 1:16-21

Prompt: How does it affect your view of the Bible knowing that God used human writers instead of angels?

Thu, Jan 19

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-11, Romans 6

Prompt: Why do you think so many world religions are based off what we do for salvation, rather than what God does for us?

Fri, Jan 20

Readings: John 6:22-69, John 17:1-19

Prompt: Jesus has the words of eternal life—what does that mean to you?

Week 4: What is Worship?

Mon, Jan 23

Readings: Psalm 147

Prompt: What are your favorite (and least favorite!) parts of a worship service, and why?

Tue, Jan 24

Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-12

Prompt: Look up the definition of "liturgy" online. What does "liturgy" look like at Zion?

Wed, Jan 25

Readings: Exodus 25:1-22

Prompt: The Tabernacle was designed to engage the senses (sight, smell, touch, taste, hearing). Does worship today still do this? How so?

Thu, Jan 26

Readings: 1 Timothy 2:1-5, Romans 12:9-13

Prompt: Prayer is a vital part of worship. What distracts you from talking to God?

Fri, Jan 27

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-7, 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Prompt: Why is God's forgiveness so important, according to today's readings?