

Taking Gathered Worship Home

We have been looking together at *First Peter* in the adult Sunday School classes using the Sinclair Ferguson series. Now in God's providence we hear a summary of that message from Pastor Meinen. How are you applying these truths to your daily living?

Please use these passages, questions, and prayers to help you and your family lean into the sermon from this week.

Sunday

READ **First Peter 4:12-19; Psalm 31:1-24; John 15:18-21; 16:33; Romans 8:31-39; Revelation 1:9.** DISCUSS Why do Christians encounter various trials according to the Bible? How does God use these trials? What does it mean to embrace them? SERVE someone in need. MEDITATE on **John 16:33.** PRAY "Jesus, forgive us for our forgetfulness when we are surprised by trials. Teach us to rejoice and all the more gladly await Your return."

Monday

READ **First Peter 4:12-19; Psalm 31:1-24.** DISCUSS How is God your refuge today? How are you responding to trials in your life? MEDITATE on **John 16:33.** PRAY, "Jesus, thank You for being our Protector and rock of refuge. Enable us to trust You come what may."

Tuesday

READ **First Peter 4:12-19; Psalm 31:1-24; John 15:18-21.** DISCUSS How does the world's hatred of us as God's people glorify Christ's name? How are you encouraging others who are likewise suffering? SERVE by considering someone else's needs *above your own!* MEDITATE on **John 16:33.** PRAY, "Lord Jesus, You tell us we will be hated as You are hated. Enable us to rest in Your peace as we encounter various trials. Use them to make us more like You, Jesus."

Wednesday

READ **First Peter 4:12-19; Psalm 31:1-24; Romans 8:31-39**. DISCUSS How does Christ's resurrection strengthen you as you face various trials? For whom are you currently praying that the Lord might strengthen them in persecution? Who have you asked to pray for you? MEDITATE on **John 16:33**. PRAY, "Lord, thank You for Your ministry of intercessory prayer. Enable us to pray for one another like You pray for us."

Thursday

READ **First Peter 4:12-19; Psalm 31:1-24; Revelation 1:9**. DISCUSS How encouraging is it to know we have a "partner in this tribulation" among the apostles? And indeed in Christ Himself? How are you encouraging fellow partners as John did? SERVE by demonstrating God's tenderness! MEDITATE on **John 16:33**. PRAY, "Lord, please enable us to encourage one another."

Friday

READ **First Peter 4:12-19; Psalm 31:1-24; John 15:18-21; 16:33; Romans 8:31-39; Revelation 1:9**. DISCUSS How has the Holy Spirit been guiding you *this week through these passages*? MEDITATE on **John 14:6**. PRAY that we at FCCW would *be entrusting our soul to a Faithful Creator while doing good*.

Saturday

PREPARE today for *gathered worship tomorrow*. READ **Mark 12:1-44**. Please prayerfully prepare to participate in the discussion regarding the FCCW mission and vision statements during Sunday School at **9:00** and then the **10:30** worship service. Ask the Lord to *make us more like Jesus*.

Meditate on John 16:33

"I have said these things to you, *that in me you may have peace*.
In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart;
I have overcome the world."