

# ***Sermon Journal***

September 25, 2017 - February 11, 2018



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Dear church,

We are followers of Jesus who want to help others follow Him, too. The Scriptures were written with this in mind. *“Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”* (John 20:30-31)

The basic idea for the upcoming Sunday sermon appears each Monday. You will see this theme throughout the daily readings.

Two challenges:

1. Create a weekly small group to discuss the scriptures and find a personal application. All you need is your Bible, this journal and at least one friend. Reach out and invite.
2. Couples and families may use it every day. Read the scripture, discuss it and pray together. I challenge husbands and fathers to lead your family spiritually.

This journal contains three series:

**KINGDOM CULTURE.** In front of our south entrance is a life-size statue of John Wesley. The “founder of Methodism” had many great quotes. His words will be the subject of this series. He was a “man of one book” and was very serious about living in alignment with the Bible.

**INVITE.** If we are going to help others follow Jesus we need to invite people. We are to develop healthy and gracious relationships with others. We see this in the New Testament. Invitation was the heartbeat of Jesus. He invited all kinds of folks into God’s kingdom culture. During the period leading up to Christmas (that is Advent), who will you invite?

**UNITE.** In our 2018 New Year, I want to stress unity. This study comes from only one chapter (Ephesians 4). Unity was a BIG deal to Jesus and to Paul. Unity is part of the culture of the Kingdom of God. John Wesley emphasized it, too: “If your heart is as my heart, lend me your hand.”

This can be a wonderful opportunity to INVITE and UNITE under the leading of the Holy Spirit as we seek practical ways to live into God's KINGDOM CULTURE.

It's impossible for us to follow Jesus and to help others follow Him if we do not know and apply the Scriptures. This is your chance to worship, grow and influence.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom". The letter "T" is large and has a long horizontal stroke that extends to the left and then curves back to the right. The "o" is a simple circle, and the "m" is written in a cursive style with two humps.

Tom

# Scripture Readings

## **KINGDOM CULTURE: *The Neglect of Prayer is the Grand Hindrance to Holiness***

- 9/25 Luke 22:39-46
- 9/26 Acts 1:12-14
- 9/27 Acts 1:15-26
- 9/28 Acts 4:31
- 9/29 Acts 8:14-17
- 9/30 Acts 13:1-12
- 10/1 Luke 22:39-46

## **KINGDOM CULTURE: *I Felt I Did Trust in Christ, Christ Alone, for Salvation.***

- 10/2 Ephesians 2:1-10
- 10/3 Acts 8:26-40
- 10/4 Acts 9
- 10/5 Acts 16:6-15
- 10/6 Acts 16:16-18
- 10/7 Acts 16:19-34
- 10/8 Ephesians 2:1-10

## **KINGDOM CULTURE: *I am a Man of One Book***

- 10/9 1 Timothy 4:11-16
- 10/10 Psalm 119:1-32
- 10/11 Psalm 119:33-72
- 10/12 Psalm 119:73-112
- 10/13 Psalm 119:113-144
- 10/14 Psalm 119:145-176
- 10/15 1 Timothy 4:11-16

## **KINGDOM CULTURE: *I Look Upon All the World as My Parish***

- 10/16 John 17:13-19
- 10/17 Matthew 28:16-20
- 10/18 John 13:34-35
- 10/19 Acts 1:7-8
- 10/20 Acts 4:32-37

- 10/21 Acts 5:25-42
- 10/22 John 17:13-19

## **KINGDOM CULTURE: *You Have One Business on Earth – to Save Souls***

- 10/23 Luke 10:1-4
- 10/24 Proverbs 11:30;  
Acts 4:8-12
- 10/25 Philippians 2:12-13
- 10/26 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11
- 10/27 1 Peter 1:3-9
- 10/28 Jude 3-4
- 10/29 Luke 10:1-4

## **KINGDOM CULTURE: *Be Rigorous in Judging Ourselves and Candid in Judging Each Other***

- 10/30 Matthew 7:1-5
- 10/31 Romans 2:1-24
- 11/1 Romans 3:9-26
- 11/2 Romans 14:9-21
- 11/3 1 Corinthians 5:12-14
- 11/4 Hebrews 13:4-5
- 11/5 Matthew 7:1-5

## **KINGDOM CULTURE: *What One Generation Tolerates the Next Generation Will Embrace***

- 11/6 Psalm 145:3-13
- 11/7 Psalm 24:1-6
- 11/8 Psalm 71:18; 79:13
- 11/9 Psalm 102:18;  
Psalm 145
- 11/10 Acts 2:38-41
- 11/11 Philippians 2:14-17
- 11/12 Psalm 145:3-13

# Scripture Readings

## **KINGDOM CULTURE: *Gain All You Can, Save All You Can, Give All You Can***

- 11/13 Luke 12:16-21
- 11/14 Ecclesiastes 5:10-20
- 11/15 Matthew 6:19-20
- 11/16 Luke 16:1-15
- 11/17 Luke 19:11-27
- 11/18 1 Timothy 6:6-10
- 11/19 Luke 12:16-21

## **KINGDOM CULTURE: *The Best of All Is, God Is with Us***

- 11/20 1 Timothy 6:11-16
- 11/21 Ecclesiastes 12
- 11/22 John 3:10-21
- 11/23 Romans 6:19-23
- 11/24 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5
- 11/25 1 John 5:6-15
- 11/26 1 Timothy 6:11-16

## **INVITE: *Invitation to Connect***

- 11/27 John 1:40-46
- 11/28 John 6:1-9
- 11/29 John 12:20-22
- 11/30 Acts 26
- 12/1 Colossians 1:21-29
- 12/2 1 Peter 3:15-16
- 12/3 John 1:40-46

## **INVITE: *Invitation to Rest***

- 12/4 Matthew 11:28-30
- 12/5 Psalm 32
- 12/6 Isaiah 55
- 12/7 Matthew 12:15-21
- 12/8 John 6:35-40
- 12/9 Hebrews 4:1-11
- 12/10 Matthew 11:28-30

## **INVITE: *Invitation to Love***

- 12/11 Luke 19:1-10
- 12/12 Matthew 1:20-23
- 12/13 Matthew 9:10-13
- 12/14 Romans 5:6-17
- 12/15 1 Timothy 1:15-17
- 12/16 Hebrews 7:23-25
- 12/17 Luke 19:1-10

## **INVITE: *Invitation to Life***

- 12/18 Revelation 3:19-22
- 12/19 Luke 12:35-40
- 12/20 John 1:1-14
- 12/21 John 14:15-21
- 12/22 Colossians 1:15-20
- 12/23 Hebrews 1:1-9
- 12/24 Revelation 3:19-22

## **INVITE: *Invitation to Blessing***

- 12/25 Luke 14:12-15
- 12/26 Genesis 12:1-3
- 12/27 Deuteronomy 30:19-20
- 12/28 Psalm 1
- 12/29 Luke 24:50-53
- 12/30 Galatians 3:10-14
- 12/31 Luke 14:12-15

## **UNITE: *Unite for Peace***

- 1/1 Ephesians 4:1-6
- 1/2 Psalm 133
- 1/3 John 15:9-17
- 1/4 John 17:20-26
- 1/5 Romans 16:17-19
- 1/6 Colossians 3:12-14
- 1/7 Ephesians 4:1-6

# Scripture Readings

## **UNITE: Unite to Serve**

- 1/8 Ephesians 4:7-13
- 1/9 Acts 20:25-38
- 1/10 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
- 1/11 1 Corinthians 12
- 1/12 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
- 1/13 Ephesians 1:15-23
- 1/14 Ephesians 4:7-13

## **UNITE: Unite in Forgiveness**

- 2/5 Ephesians 4:29-32
- 2/6 Genesis 50:15-21
- 2/7 Matthew 6:9-15
- 2/8 Matthew 18:21-35
- 2/9 Acts 9:1-22
- 2/10 2 Corinthians 2:5-11
- 2/11 Ephesians 4:29-32

## **UNITE: Unite to Grow**

- 1/15 Ephesians 4:14-16
- 1/16 1 Corinthians 14:1-12
- 1/17 Ephesians 2:19-22
- 1/18 2 Timothy 2:14-19
- 1/19 Hebrews 5:11-14
- 1/20 1 John 3:16-20
- 1/21 Ephesians 4:14-16

## **UNITE: Unite in Attitude**

- 1/22 Ephesians 4:17-24
- 1/23 Romans 6:1-7
- 1/24 Romans 12:1-2
- 1/25 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- 1/26 Philippians 2:5-11
- 1/27 1 Peter 4:1-6
- 1/28 Ephesians 4:17-24

## **UNITE: Unite in Truth**

- 1/29 Ephesians 4:25-28
- 1/30 John 1:14-18
- 1/31 John 14:1-14
- 2/1 John 16:5-15
- 2/2 John 17:13-19
- 2/3 John 18:33-40
- 2/4 Ephesians 4:25-28





# **KINGDOM CULTURE**

*People who know their God will stand  
firm and take action.*

September 25 – November 26, 2017















































































































































# **INVITE**

*The Heart of Jesus*

November 27 - December 31, 2017















































































# **UNITE**

*The Prayer of Jesus*

January 1 - February 11, 2018

















UNITE TO SERVE

Monday, January 8, 2018

Ephesians 4:7-13

Every Christian has spiritual gifts. We all have gifts to proclaim God's Name. We all have gifts to build and help believers mature. We have gifts to serve the body of Christ. We have gifts to help others follow Jesus. We each have a part. There are many disruptive things which can be destructive in the mission of the church. Fracturing the unity of the body of Christ is crushing. Imagine a football team with players who refuse to block, tackle, pass or run unless the coach calls the play they prefer. This happens in kids sports (often because of the parents) and it happens on professional teams. Disharmony is one of the most grievous things that can happen within the church. Spiritual babies are disruptive. Satan tries to sow seeds of disharmony, too.

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**APPLICATION:** What are your spiritual gifts? What is your part in the body of Christ? How might you be trying to do someone else's part?

**Note:** If you have never taken the spiritual gifts inventory please contact the Membership Coordinator, Michelle Rafferty, at [mrafferty@asburytulsa.org](mailto:mrafferty@asburytulsa.org).















































































