

DAILY READING PLAN



Week of February 20, 2022

Planting Hope: Accompaniment

1 Peter 4:10-11

Day One | Read 1 Peter 4:10-11

¹⁰ *God has given each of you a gift from God's great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.*

¹¹ *Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.*

- The call of Jesus to plant hope, to speak hope, to embody hope locally, nationally, and globally is the mission that we share together as the Body of Christ. Doing this is part of the sense of “mutuality” that we share. Mutuality reminds us that we have a mutual responsibility to one another and those we serve. What gifts do you have that bring hope to others? How would you like to develop your sense of mutuality with others?

Day Two | Read 1 Peter 4:10

¹⁰ *Be generous with the different things [gifts] God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it.”*

- We're called to Inclusivity. Prince of Peace has a mission to build relationships across boundaries that exclude and divide people. By its very nature, there is “No Room in the Inn” for exclusion and division in the Kingdom of God. Read 1 Peter 2:10 again, noticing the scope of the inclusive partnering: “So everyone gets in on it!” The writer didn't write, “Just Lutherans, or just those who join the church, or only those who agree with us on everything.” The writer reminds us that we all have gifts. Use them to serve others. Don't get picky. Include everyone. No exceptions. How can you be generous with your gifts this week?

Day Three | Read Joshua 1:9

⁹ *“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”*

- We are called to embrace vulnerability. Jesus told his followers that following him would be risky, costly, vulnerable. But vulnerability is the new strength. Brené Brown reminds us that “Vulnerability is the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, courage, empathy, and creativity. It is the source of hope, empathy, accountability, and authenticity. If we want greater clarity in our purpose or deeper and more meaningful spiritual lives, vulnerability is the path.” How have you experienced the vulnerability of sharing your gifts? What gives you strength to be vulnerable?

Day Four | Read Ephesians 3:20-21

²⁰ *Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,* ²¹ *to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

- Becoming vulnerable leads to Empowerment: It's not uncommon for someone to go on a mission trip with the goal of empowering others, only to return home realizing that they have been changed. Recall a time when you meant to encourage someone else and you were the one who was empowered.

Day Five | Read 1 Peter 4:10

¹⁰ *God has given each of you a gift from God's great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.*

- Empowerment creates a willingness to do what is necessary to sustain the mission that God has placed into our hands. When we express our gratitude through our generosity, creating partnerships will ensure the sustainability of the local, national and global ministries that we've committed to. It all comes back to this in 1 Peter 4:10. What one step will you take this week toward helping sustain the mission that we're engaged in together?