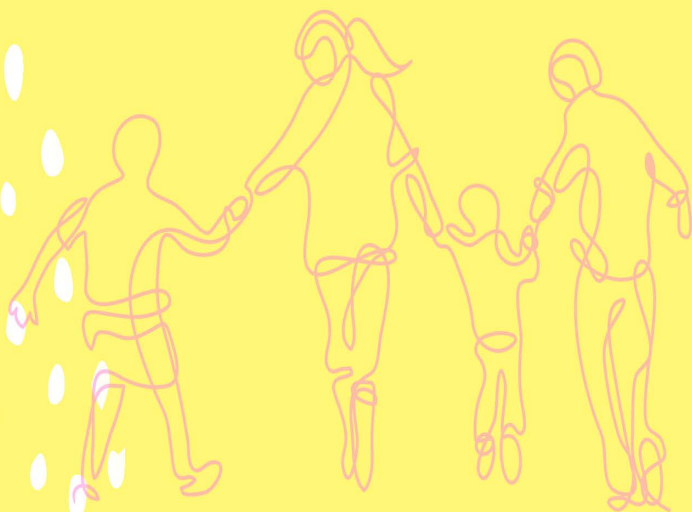


DOORPOST

**discussion
guide**



welcome to the DOORPOST

This Doorpost discussion guide is meant to help you and your household during your discipleship time.

Discipleship time = creating intentional time built into the rhythm of the family's life for the purpose of thinking about, talking about, and living out the gospel (*Family Discipleship, Chandler*).

The discussion guide provides your household with one devotion every week between June 5th and our next Doorpost Sunday event on September 11th. Each devotion includes four steps:

- Talk
- Read
- Live
- Pray

This discussion guide is not the ONLY way you and your household can engage in discipleship time, and we will talk more about that during Doorpost Sunday on June 5th!

You will find a weekly chart on the next page to help you plan discipleship time throughout your week. We will spend time filling out this chart on June 5th, but if you were unable to join us, we encourage you to fill in when you and your household will set aside time to think about or talk about living out the gospel (*This can include quality time with your family, like a game night or sitting down for a family meal. It can also include sharing highs and lows in the car, attending worship together, praying before bed, and of course using the Doorpost Discussion guide for a weekly devotion!*). There is even an extra table at the end of this guide!

We hope your household enjoys connecting with each other as you use this discussion guide this summer!

In Christ,
Kim Austin—DCE Student Ministry
Leah Welter—DCE Children's Ministry
Vicar William Rowland

Family Discipleship Time Plan

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Week of June 5, 2022

Pentecost

SHARE

Share Highs and Lows around your table.

What was the best part of your day? What was the worst?

READ

Read God's Word together:

- Primary: Acts 2:1-11, focus verse: **Acts 2:3**
- *For extra reading: Acts 2:1-47*

LIVE

Live God's Word by talking through these questions:

- Have you ever had to communicate with someone who spoke a different language? What did you do?
- **Share a time when someone kept a promise they made to you. How did you feel about them?**
- How do we know the Holy Spirit was present in this passage? What signs do we read about?
- This experience at Pentecost was a surprising was for Jesus to keep his promise to the disciples. How has God kept His Promises to you in surprising or unexpected ways? How does that change your relationship with God?

PRAY

Just as the people of God were proclaiming His mighty works on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:11), spend time in prayer thanking God and acknowledging His mighty works in your life. Give each person in your household the opportunity to share at least one thing.

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blessing for each person at the table.

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Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not be afraid.

Receive the peace that comes from Jesus. (from John 14:26-27)

*Written by Kim Austin, William
Rowland, and Leah Welter*

Week of June 12, 2022

Trinity Sunday

SHARE

Share Highs and Lows around your table.

What was the best part of your day? What was the worst?

READ

Read God's Word together:

- Primary: John 16:25-31, focus verse: **John 16:27**
- *For extra reading:* Genesis 1:1-4

LIVE

Live God's Word by talking through these questions:

- This passage says that we can speak directly to our Creator, because He loves us for loving His Son. Does that change the way you think about prayer?
- **What's something that you wish you could talk about with God? Maybe something you haven't been able to talk to anyone else about?**

PRAY

- Take some time to silently talk to God about whatever is on your mind. If you're thinking it, He hears it.
- Then, have everyone take a turn saying a prayer for your household out loud

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Written by Vicar William Rowland

Week of June 19, 2022

SHARE

Share Highs and Lows around your table.

What was the best part of your day? What was the worst?

READ

Read God's Word together. Because it's VBS week at Peace, this week's passage focuses on the major themes from VBS!

- Primary: Psalm 89:2
- *For extra reading: Psalm 89:1-8*

LIVE

Live God's Word by talking through these questions:

In Monument Valley (picture), sediments were deposited in the area at the same time the Colorado Plateau experienced a geologic uplift. That pressure pushed up the plateau, causing bulges and cracks to form. Then wind and water wore away more land in some of the cracks, leading to the deep valleys and tall rock formations we see today. You can almost imagine God playing with those rocks the way we play (or played with) play dough.

- **Ask:** What are other things that might seem unchanging at first glance but do actually change?

The truth is, even the biggest, strongest things in this world don't last forever. Our world will one day pass away. But here's one thing we can count on: God's love. No matter what happens in our world, no matter what we do, God loves us no matter what. Read Psalm 89:2 again.

- **Ask: What is one specific way you can show God's amazing love to someone this week?** (Or how can you remind YOURSELF of God's unchanging love this week when you are nervous or anxious?)

PRAY

Take time to thank God for His unchanging love. Have each person in your household thank God for one thing that reminds them that God's love is unchanging. Ask God to help you notice someone this week who

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blessing for each person at the table.

*[Name], may you be filled with the Holy Spirit today and every day.
Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not be afraid.*

Written by Leah Welter, DCE – Children's Ministry

Week of June 26, 2022

SHARE

Share Highs and Lows around your table.

What was the best part of your day? What was the worst?

READ

Read God's Word together:

- Primary verse: Ephesians 2:1-10, Focus Verse: **Ephesians 2:8-9**
- *For extra reading:* Ephesians 2:1-22

LIVE

Live God's Word by talking through these questions:

- **Share about the most memorable/best birthday gift you have been given. What did you love about the gift you were given?**
- Now share about a time you were given an unexpected gift. What made it surprising? How did you feel?
- God gave each of us the best and most unexpected gift. What do you think it means to be given something you don't deserve?
- We talk a lot of about grace in the church. God gives us grace through his son Jesus dying on the cross. What does the word grace mean? Is there a time your parents have ever shown you grace?

PRAY

This week practice thanking God each day for something unexpected.

Father God, Thank you for giving gifts each and every day. You generously give your grace and mercy to us through your son, Jesus. Help us this week to see your gifts. Thank you for loving us no matter what. In your name we pray, Amen.

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Week of July 3, 2022

SHARE

Share Highs and Lows around your table.

What was the best part of your day? What was the worst?

READ

Read God's Word together:

- Primary: Galatians 1:3-12, focus verse: Galatians 1:12
- For extra reading: Galatians 1:3-24

LIVE

Live God's Word by talking through these questions:

- **Play a round of charades or telephone with your household. Each member can make up their own words or categories to include.**
 - **After you play for a few minutes, talk about what caused the message to get confused or messed up? What would have helped the message remain true?**
- We believe that the Word of God is without error and inspired by God Himself. Why is this important for our faith?
- What causes the true message of God's Word to get confused or messed up today?
- What is one way our family can cling to God's truth in His Word?

PRAY

Dear God, thank you for giving us your perfect Word, the Bible. Guide us each day as we seek to live out it's Truth. We thank you especially for this promise: _____ (allow each person so share one of their favorite promises of God.) Amen.

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Week of July 10, 2022

SHARE

Share Highs and Lows around your table.

What was the best part of your day? What was the worst?

READ

Read God's Word together:

This week our students are at the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. The passage for this week is the focus for their experience at the Gathering!

- Primary verse: Colossians 1:15-20, focus verse Colossians 1:17
- *For extra reading: Colossians 1:1-29*

LIVE

Live God's Word by talking through these questions:

- In Verse 16 of Colossians Chapter 1 it is written that "...all things were created through Him and for Him."
 - Even though God created all things through Him how do we make sure His creations are used for Him?
- In Colossians Chapter 1:17 it's written "And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."
 - How do you put God first and how do you see Him holding things together in your life?

PRAY

Pray for steady communication. As people grow up it is important to keep communicating with one another, lives get busier and it is important to ask God to give you strength to communicate! Thank you God that you hold all things together.

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Written by Sarah Grow, HS Senior

Week of July 17, 2022

SHARE

Share Highs and Lows around your table.

What was the best part of your day? What was the worst?

READ

Read God's Word together:

- Primary: Philippians 2:1-10, focus verse: **Philippians 2:5-6**
- *For extra reading: Philippians 2:1-18*

LIVE

Live God's Word by talking through these questions:

- Why do you think Jesus took on the form of a servant even though He was equal to God?
- What are some of your own interests that are standing in the way of doing what God has called you to do?
- Who is God calling you to serve this week?

PRAY

Dear Lord, Please help me put aside my own interests so that I can listen to and follow what you have called me to do. Give me the confidence and humility to be your servant this week. In your name we pray, Amen.

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*Written by Thomas & Lauren Schepmann,
Young Adult Ministry Leaders*

Week of July 24, 2022

SHARE

Share Highs and Lows around your table.

What was the best part of your day? What was the worst?

READ

Read God's Word together:

- Primary Verse: Hebrews 4:14-5:10, focus verse: **Hebrews 4:15**
- *For extra reading: Hebrews 3:1-6*

LIVE

Live God's Word by talking through these questions:

- What do you think it means that Jesus can “sympathize” with every temptation we have? Parents, you may need to define sympathize and temptation for your children. Concepts like “feels the same thing” or “can understand” are easier for children to understand the word “sympathize”. For the word “temptation” use an example, like seeing cookies on the counter and wanting to eat them, but remembering Mom and Dad said “No!” to cookies for a snack.
 - **For small children, a game of “Imitate Me” might help them better understand Hebrews 4:15. Designate a person to be the leader. Everyone else has to follow their every movement, including imitating what they say and the sounds they make. For older children, revisit the Highs and Lows that were shared and ask others how they would respond in the various situations.**
- Why do you think it's important that Jesus understands the struggles that we face? What struggles do you think He faced while He was carrying out His ministry on earth? You can mention frustration with the religious leaders, overturning tables in the Temple, frustration with His disciples, the struggle Jesus had in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night He was betrayed, pain at the Crucifixion, etc...
- Knowing that Jesus can sympathize with you and me in our struggles, how do you think this can help us turn to Him in prayer? Does this help you feel like Jesus can help you, encourage you, or even lead you through the struggles that you are facing?
- Read together Isaiah 40:27-31. How does this passage bring you comfort? Are there other passages that help you remember God will give you strength in a time of struggle?

PRAY

Jesus, thank you for taking on our struggles, our pain, or sins and dying on the Cross so that we can be forgiven! Help us to remember that in Your resurrection we have victory over every struggle in our lives. Help us to remember that you too suffered and struggled so that You know exactly what we need. Strengthen us, as You promised through the prophet Isaiah, and remind us that we do not walk alone in this life, but that You are with us every day. In Your holy name, amen!

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Week of July 31, 2022

SHARE

Share Highs and Lows around your table.

What was the best part of your day? What was the worst?

READ

Read God's Word together:

- Primary Verse: James 1:2-8, focus verse: **James 1:5**
- *For extra reading: James 1:1-27*

LIVE

Live God's Word by talking through these questions:

- What kinds of trials stand out in your life that have tested your faith? How so?
- Why does God allow trials to occur in our life? What have been the learnings from those trials as you look back on them?
- What does it mean to be wise (wisdom)? How do you become wiser? Why do you think God wants to give wisdom to you?
- Why do you think God ties his generous gift of wisdom to belief?

PRAY

Dear Jesus,

I acknowledge that trials in my life are difficult and many times painful. The notion of embracing these painful storms with joy sounds crazy on the surface. Please work in me to accept that You are all-knowing and all-powerful. You operate outside of time and Your perspective is incomprehensible to what I could ever imagine. Thinking that I might know what is best for me in my life is laughable as compared to an all-knowing and all-powerful God that loves ME.

I ask that you...

- Give me the courage and perseverance to come to You as my Lord and Savior any time and all of the time.
- Give me the strength and wisdom to turn away from the cultural norms of today that promotes me being my own Savior.
- Give me the wisdom so that I might embrace the trials that come into my life as opportunities to shape me into Your everlasting masterpiece.
- Give me wisdom in Your faithful obedience so that I might live in freedom in accordance to your design for me.

In Your Name, Amen

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Written by Josh Anderson

Week of August 7, 2022

SHARE

Share Highs and Lows around your table.

What was the best part of your day? What was the worst?

READ

Read God's Word together:

- Primary Verse: 1 John 2:28-3:3, focus verse: **1 John 3:1**
- *For extra reading: 1 John 2:28-3:24*

LIVE

Live God's Word by talking through these questions:

- Do you like surprises? Why or why not?
- When you think of LAVISH, what do you think of?
- What is something you think is very special? Why is it so special to you?
- Do you and your family have nick names, or rituals only you as a family know about?

In the Bible reading for today, we see God Lavishing on us his grace and forgiveness. Lavishing is something beyond what we could do for ourself, more than we would expect. Greater than any action we could do for ourself even with time and resources. God's forgiveness allows us to be called His sons and daughters. Not just a friend but a family member, someone who belongs in the house!! Being called sons and daughters of God the world should see something different in us. Look at verse 28 .. we may be confident and unashamed .. How can we be confident and unashamed? God's Lavished gift pulled us out of what separated (sin, hurtful behavior, etc) us and clothed us with the robes of righteousness (named his children). This Lavish Gift – wiping away everything that is not perfect, not nice, not holy, not blameless – to be PERFECT so we can be in the presence of the almighty God and HE tell us to call him Daddy.

The honor to call the almighty Daddy – comes at a huge price, thank you Jesus your payment on the cross and defeating death. You now ask us a your children to allow YOUR love to shine through us. Since you are holy this light looks different to the world. Verse 3 “...just as he is pure” Let us be thankful for this lavished gift. Let us allow this lavish gift to shine a NEW hope.

PRAY

Dear Daddy,

Thank you for this Lavish gift. We cannot thank you enough because we do not deserve this outside of your grace. Help us live in the NEW HOPE, your gift has given to us and your children. Allow us to give hope of your love and acceptance to others. We ask this in Jesus name, Amen.

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Written by Mary Hildebrandt

Week of August 14, 2022

SHARE

Share Highs and Lows around your table.

What was the best part of your day? What was the worst?

READ

Read God's Word together:

- Primary: Romans 6:21-23, focus verse: **Romans 6:23**
- *For extra reading: Romans 6, Galatians 5:22-23*

LIVE

Live God's Word by talking through these questions:

- **Play a game of Hide-and-Seek. Explain how the seeker is in the darkness with their eyes closed, and when they open them, suddenly the light comes pouring in. This is what it's like when we go from being slaves to sin and the Holy Spirit brings us into the light that is Jesus Christ. Then, we pursue the fruits of the Spirit.**
- What are the fruits of the Spirit? (see Galatians 5:22-23)
- How can we resist sin and get the fruits of the Spirit instead?

PRAY

Dear God, thank You for setting me free from sin and darkness and for using the Spirit to bring me into the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lead me as I pursue the fruits of the Spirit, and sanctify me so that I might be used as an instrument of Your righteousness. Amen.

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Written by Vicar William Rowland

Week of August 21, 2022

SHARE

Share Highs and Lows around your table.

What was the best part of your day? What was the worst?

READ

Read God's Word together:

- Primary: Romans 8:31-39, focus verse: **Romans 8:31**
- *For extra reading: Romans 8:1-39*

LIVE

Live God's Word by talking through these questions:

- Make an obstacle course in your backyard or living room. Place a prize or treat (or a big hug from Mom) at the end of the obstacles. Time each person in your household as they make their way through the course to get the prize. Afterwards, ask: what obstacles did you have to overcome to make it to the prize?
- What obstacles are in our lives that keep us from fully realizing God's love for us?
- What obstacles (sins or struggles) in our lives keep God from loving us? (Hint: reread verses 38-39. Answer: NOTHING!)
- Who do you have in your life who is "for you"?

PRAY

Take time together to thank God for all those people He's placed in your life who are "for you". Pray that God would remove those "obstacles" in your life that keep you from fully knowing God's love.

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Week of August 28, 2022

SHARE

Share Highs and Lows around your table.

What was the best part of your day? What was the worst?

READ

Read God's Word together:

- Primary: Romans 12:1-8, focus verse: **Romans 12:2**
- *For extra reading: Romans 12:1-21*

LIVE

Live God's Word by talking through these questions:

- What are we not to be conformed to? (*Hint: read verse 2*)
- What does the word conformed mean? Grab a Dictionary and look it up!
- Head to the kitchen and grab ingredients to make a cake, or brownies, or cookies. Lay each ingredient out. Look at the ingredients: think – would a stick of butter, or one raw egg, or oil be any good by itself? What if you took all those ingredients and mixed them together (and baked)?
 - The Body of Christ is like a recipe for cake, or brownies, or cookies. Each ingredient serves a purpose, just like each person has a different talent or ability. The Bible tells us that we are a body as the Church. If we are willing to use our talents and abilities for God, He will bless us beyond measure.
- What talents and abilities do you have that you think God could use?
- Take a moment and embrace all that God has done for you? (think: what am I grateful for?)

PRAY

Dear God, Thank you for giving us unique gifts. Help us use them for your glory. Allow us to work with one another, recognizing that we are the body, and YOU are the head. Thank you for your love. We love you, God! In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Week of September 4, 2022

SHARE

Share Highs and Lows around your table.

What was the best part of your day? What was the worst?

READ

Read God's Word together:

- Primary: Romans 13:8-12, focus verse: **Romans 13:10**
- *For extra reading: Romans 13:1-14*

LIVE

Live God's Word by talking through these questions:

- Early in the Bible, God presented Moses with the Ten Commandments to help guide how followers should live.
 - How many of the Ten Commandments can you recall?
Reference Exodus 20 as needed
 - Which of the Ten Commandments do you struggle with the most?
- In Today's passage, we learn that we should love our neighbor as ourselves and that loving our neighbor is fulfilling the law.
 - What does it look like in your household when you are showing love to others?
 - Take a moment to give everyone in your household a hug and tell them you love them. How did that make you feel?
 - How might showing love to others help us follow the Ten Commandments?
- **Showing love to others is like being a bright light in the world.**
 - Sing "This Little Light of Mine" as a family to remember we have God's light within us and that we can spread that light by showing love to others.

PRAY

Dear Jesus, we learned today that we all have the ability to show love to others, no matter what. Help us to show your light to others by spreading love to all our family, friends, and neighbors. Amen.

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Written by Ryan Austin

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