

TABLE LIFE

A 3-WEEK DEVOTIONAL
BY SCGCHURCH

INTRO

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OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 13, 2022

THE *future* OF SCG CHURCH IS *around* THE TABLE.

Thank you for joining us as together we seek God's will for the future of SCG Church. Over the next few weeks, we are asking you to take a few minutes each day to spend with God in His word and in prayer. We have created the following devotional to assist you in doing just that.

Each day follows an ancient Christian practice called *Lectio Divina*. You will begin each day by thoughtfully reading a short Scripture. From there you will move into a time of meditation (Think) on what the Scripture is communicating. In the Pray section, you will speak back to God. We hope that the provided prayer prompt will serve as a springboard for your conversation with Him. The final section is where you will Engage with the Scripture. The prompts will lead you to apply what you have learned and carry God's word with you throughout your day.

We ask that you would join us by signing up to pray at a specific time each day for the future of SCG Church. We are committing to cover our congregation in prayer morning, noon, and night from today until we celebrate together on November 13. Please scan the code below to sign up for a time slot.

We pray that you are refreshed and filled by your time with the only One who can satisfy your soul.

THE TABLE
October 24, 2022

THE GREATEST LOVE

JOHN 15:9-17

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.”

READ

Read today's passage slowly and thoughtfully. Ask God to speak to you as you read the words of Jesus.

THINK

Love. Friendship. Joy. We use these words every day, but do we ever slow down to think about what they really mean? Each of them found its truest expression in the life of Jesus Christ. In the passage above He is commanding (not suggesting) that we express them fully and truly as well. Spend a few minutes pondering each of these words. How is Jesus using them in this passage? What does He mean by them? How is he commanding that we apply them in our lives?

PRAY

Lord, You have commanded that my life be defined by love for others. Please teach me how to love others as You have loved me. Help me to love those who are difficult to love. May my love reflect Your love to those You have placed around me.

ENGAGE

As you go about your daily tasks, keep your eyes open to who God chooses to bring across your path. Keep your heart open for opportunities to express His love through private prayer, words, and actions.

THE TABLE
October 25, 2022

OMNIA VINCIT AMOR

1 CORINTHIANS 13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

READ

You may be familiar with today's passage. Ask God to give you fresh eyes to see something new as you read it.

THINK

The poet Virgil penned the phrase, "*Omnia Vincit Amor*," or, "Love conquers all" about 100 years before the Apostle Paul wrote the words from today's passage to the Corinthian church. Above everything, love is the most dominant force in human life, but most especially in the life of a believer. As you study the passage, note what makes love so powerful. What is love greater than? What are the characteristics of true love?

PRAY

Lord, help me to reflect Your love in all that I do even when I don't feel like doing so. As I learn to draw closer to You, please develop in me more faith, hope, and love.

ENGAGE

Paul tells us that love is greater than our intelligence, our giftedness, our service, and even our faith. NOTHING in life is worthwhile without love. It is the lynchpin that holds everything together. Spend a few moments reflecting on the love in your life: God's love, the people you love, and the people who love you back.

THE TABLE
October 26, 2022

LIFE IN THE LIGHT

1 JOHN 2:3-11

We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

READ

Read through today's passage multiple times. Read it out loud at least one time if your location allows.

THINK

In this passage John makes some startling statements about truth and lies, darkness and light. It's not that you disappoint God when you disobey His commands, it's that you don't know Him at all. It's not that you have a dark patch in your life if you hate your brother or sister, it's that your whole life is characterized by darkness. As you think about this passage ponder the following questions:

1. What is the relationship between our knowing and loving God and our obedience?

2. Why do you think love for a brother or sister brings light, while hatred darkness?

3. How have you seen each of these play out in your life?

PRAY

Lord, help me to reflect Your love in all that I do even when I don't feel like doing so. As I learn to draw closer to You, please develop in me more faith, hope, and love.

ENGAGE

Take some extra time today to pray for any broken relationships you may have in your life. Ask for God's help in bringing you towards a place of forgiveness and healing.

THE TABLE
October 27, 2022

SELF-LESS

ROMANS 12:3-13

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

READ

Read through today's passage slowly and carefully. Underline one or two sentences or phrases that stand out to you.

THINK

It is amazing to many of us that the world, sun, moon, and stars do not revolve around us. Because, wouldn't it be nice if they did? As followers of Christ, we are in a constant battle to move from a self-centered universe to a God and others-centered style of living. As you study today's passage, make a list of attitudes and actions that we are to take towards others. Think about each one as you write it down and how it might apply to your life.

PRAY

Lord, help me to discover my gifts so I can serve others. Also, help me to remember that my life is not all about me, and that in serving others, I will learn to be less selfish.

ENGAGE

What is one humble activity that you can do today? Can you do one of your family members' chores without pointing it out? Do it with an attitude of humility.

THE TABLE
October 27, 2022

ONE. BODY.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-20

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

READ

As you read through today's passage, underline every occurrence of the word "one" and circle every occurrence of the word "body."

THINK

If you read the above passage in your own Bible, you may have noticed that the section was titled something like, "Unity and Diversity in the Body." How do you see these two concepts explored in the passage? Take a few minutes to meditate on the words "one" and "body." What do these words mean to you in context of the Church as a whole? How do you see yourself fitting into the body?

PRAY

Lord, please give me a desire to serve others like You did. Teach me to put others before myself, using the gifts and abilities that You have given me to serve them.

ENGAGE

Have you found where in the body at SCG God has placed you? If yes, take a moment to send a text or note of encouragement to your ministry leader. If not, ask God to show you where He might want you to step out and begin to contribute.

THE TABLE
October 29-30 2022

REST, REFLECT, & PRAY

REST

Take time this weekend to rest. Carve out 6-8 hours and step away from social media, electronics, and daily work. Spend time with your friends and family. Go for a walk. Refresh your soul.

REFLECT

Look back over what you have learned this week in your time with God. Are there any common themes that stand out to you? What do you think God might be trying to say to you?

PRAY

Lord, help me to experience your peace as I rest in You. Teach me how to rest, reflect, and pray even when it's hard to do. Help me to be still and hear Your voice during this time.

weekend service notes...

THE FOOD
October 31, 2022

CONFIDENCE & REST

HEBREWS 4:9-16

There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

READ

Read through the passage today with a specific purpose: look for references to Scripture and Prayer. Underline them when you find them.

THINK

The stars of social media have become experts at presenting themselves just as they want to be seen. Their images are carefully curated with the best lighting, filters, and angles. Would they be recognizable if we saw them as they really are, unfiltered and raw? This is how many of us long to stand before God and others: presenting a carefully curated image to show us to our best advantage. Study today's passage with this in mind:

- What does God's word do to us?
- How does Jesus respond?
- How do we respond?

PRAY

Guide me into Your perfect Sabbath-rest as I make this a priority in my life. Teach me Your word and allow it to penetrate my soul and spirit. Help me to approach Your throne of grace with confidence.

ENGAGE

Write the word, "confidence" on a piece of paper and carry it in your pocket or purse today. Remember it when situations you face cause you to lose your peace.

THE FOOD
November 1, 2022

HAPPILY EVER AFTER

2 TIMOTHY 3:12-17

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

READ

Get alone and get quiet. Find a private place to spend the next few minutes alone with God. Give your full attention to today's passage as you read.

THINK

And they lived happily ever after. We often fool ourselves into thinking that once we commit ourselves to Christ, the rest of our lives will flow smoothly from that day forward. Scripture contradicts this idea again and again. Life as a disciple of Christ is GOOD. Life as a disciple of Christ is HARD. What tools has God given us to overcome these hardships? In what ways has Scripture been "useful" in your life?

PRAY

Lord, help me to follow You more closely as I read Your word. Protect me from the depravity of this world and give me strength, wisdom, and discernment in my interactions with others.

ENGAGE

Find a Bible verse that is meaningful to you. Spend today memorizing it.

THE FOOD
November 2, 2022

SIMPLE, HONEST, HUMBLE

MATTHEW 6:5-15

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“This, then, is how you should pray:

‘Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.’

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

READ

Read this familiar passage thoughtfully, asking God to give you a fresh perspective as you digest it today.

THINK

Sometimes prayer feels intimidating. How are we, with all of our failures and faults, supposed to talk to God, the perfect Creator? So we try to dress it up with fancy words and special postures. But Jesus says that we are to pray simply, honestly, and humbly. We are to approach the Mighty Creator God as our loving Father. What stands out to you most as you think about this passage? Why? Spend a few moments journaling your thoughts.

PRAY

Lord, thank You for the gift of prayer. Teach me to talk to You each day and teach me also to listen for Your responses. Help me to model the prayer that You taught us all.

ENGAGE

The last few sentences of this passage should challenge you. Do you have unforgiveness in your heart? What do you need to do to root it out? Take the opportunity to forgive today.

THE FOOD
November 3, 2022

SOLUTION: PRAYER

JAMES 5:13-16

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

READ

Read through today's passage multiple times. If your location allows, read it aloud at least one time.

THINK

In the movie, My Big Fat Greek Wedding, the father of the bride had one solution for everything: "Put some Windex on it!" James similarly has one, much more effective, response in every situation: Prayer. As you think about today's passage note:

- When should you pray?
- Why should you pray?
- What is the result when you pray?

PRAY

Lord, teach me to pray in faith for those who are in need. Help me to trust You for all things. Give me opportunities to pray with others.

ENGAGE

Who is on your prayer list? Spend some time praying for others today.

THE FOOD
November 4, 2022

THOUGHT - LIFE

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

READ

Take a few moments to center your heart and mind on God's word before you begin reading. Close your eyes and take 4 slow deep breaths in and out. Then read the passage thoughtfully, underlining anything that stands out to you.

THINK

Our mind is the battleground for our souls. What our mind dwells on tends to dominate our lives. God tells us that we are not passive observers in the activity of our mind. We have a choice as to where to direct our thoughts. There are a few things Paul instructs us to do in this passage, what are they? How is each a valuable tool in refocusing your thoughts? What might need to change in your thought life to align your life more closely with this passage?

PRAY

Lord, give me peace as I trust You in every situation. Help me to think about true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy things.

ENGAGE

Ponder the list Paul gives of things we are to think about. In the space below, write at least one thing you have observed in the last few weeks that corresponds to each word on the list.

True:

Noble:

Right:

Pure:

Lovely:

Admirable:

Excellent:

Praiseworthy:

THE FOOD
November 5-6 2022

REST, REFLECT, & PRAY

REST

Take time this weekend to rest. Carve out 6-8 hours and step away from social media, electronics, and daily work. Spend time with your friends and family. Go for a walk. Refresh your soul.

REFLECT

Look back over what you have learned this week in your time with God. Are there any common themes that stand out to you? What do you think God might be trying to say to you?

PRAY

Lord, bring things to mind that You would like for me to focus on today. Help me to take a pause and spend time with You reflecting over the past week.

weekend service notes...

THE CHAIRS
November 7, 2022

FAITH THAT WORKS

JAMES 2:12-18

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

READ

Read the passage slowly and carefully. Underline any phrases or sentences that stand out to you.

THINK

Freedom. Mercy. Faith. Deeds.

Meditate on each of these words within the context of this passage. How do they relate to each other? How do you experience them in your own life? What thoughts or feelings does this passage evoke for you?

PRAY

Lord, grow my faith by giving me opportunities to take action.

ENGAGE

Pick one of the words above and write it on a piece of paper. Carry this paper with you in a pocket or wallet and meditate on the word throughout your day.

THE CHAIRS
November 8, 2022

SHOW, NOT SHOW OFF

MATTHEW 5:14-16

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

MATTHEW 6:1-4

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

READ

As you read today's passages, pay careful attention to the similarities and differences between them.

THINK

Both of today's passages are contained within one sermon that Jesus gave: The Sermon On The Mount. They are separated by only a few verses in our Bible but they seem to contradict each other so strongly. Do they? Why would Jesus make two such opposing statements? How do they work together? Practically, how are we to live by them? Don't rush through these questions, spend time wrestling with them and ask God to help you make sense of these two very important passages.

PRAY

Lord, help me to be humble as I seek to be a light that reflects Your love in this dark world.

ENGAGE

Spend a few minutes answering the questions, "How does God want me to respond to what I've read today? What do I need to do or change?"

THE CHAIRS
November 9, 2022

NO WORRIES

LUKE 12:22-34

Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

READ

This passage calls for special attention. If your location permits, stand up and read it out loud.

THINK

Human life is plagued by doubt, worry, and outright fear. We are tiny specks living atop dirt on a planet covered with water. Our lives are precarious. At the same time, our lives are precious–jealously guarded and shepherded by the God who loves us. As you study today's passage, make a list of the things Jesus tells us not to worry about. How do the things you are anxious about today correspond to this list?

PRAY

Lord, remind me of the wild flowers and the birds when I become anxious. Help me to trust in You for all of my needs.

ENGAGE

Commit today to trusting God with your future. Dedicate some extra time to praying for the future of SCG Church and how you will be involved in the work He is doing here.

THE CHAIRS
November 10, 2022

TAKE HOLD OF LIFE

1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

LUKE 21:1-4

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

READ

Ask God to give you a soft heart and to speak to you as you read His Word today.

THINK

Missionary Jim Elliot once said, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what He cannot lose." So often we put our hope in wealth to provide us peace, contentment, and security. But it is a fickle friend. Trying to hold wealth is like trying to hold water in your hands, inevitably it will run out on you. Over and over again, Scripture warns us that money will let us down, it can never provide the true life that God intends for us. Why do you think it is so hard for us to let go of our stranglehold on our finances? Do you consider yourself a generous person? Why or why not? How is God speaking to you though these passages today?

PRAY

Lord, remind me of the poor widow when I give to You and help me to be a good steward of my resources. Also, thank You for the realization that all I have in this world comes from You.

ENGAGE

Spend a dedicated time today speaking to God about the Past Forward Campaign. How much is He prompting you to gratefully and freely give from your personal finances? If you are married, compare your numbers with your spouse and discuss what God has put on your heart.

THE CHAIRS
November 11, 2022

FAITHFUL STEWARDS

1 PETER 4:8-11

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

READ

Read through the passage a few times. Underline every verb or action word you see.

THINK

Look at the words you have underlined in today's passage. Which ones are you currently doing well? Which ones do you need to work on? How are you stewarding the gifts of God's grace that He has entrusted to you?

PRAY

Lord, help me to love deeply, and serve with humility. Also give me opportunities to share hospitality with others in a way that reflects your grace, love, and mercy. And teach me to be a faithful steward of all my resources that ultimately come from you.

ENGAGE

Decide (together with your spouse if you are married) on your pledge for the Past Forward Campaign. Fill out your pledge envelope and seal it. If you have kids, tell them what you are doing and why. Thank God for the abundance that allows you to give. Pray together over your gift; ask for God's blessing on it, on SCG Church, and for your family.

YOUR SEAT AT THE TABLE
November 12-13 2022

REST, REFLECT, & PRAY

REST

Spend time this weekend resting and rejoicing. As you bring your offering to service, come with a spirit of joy and gratitude. Join with your brothers and sisters at SCG in anticipation of the work God will do through our generosity and obedience to Him.

REFLECT

Look back over what you have learned over the past three weeks in your time with God. Are there any common themes that stand out to you? What do you think God might be trying to say to you?

PRAY

Lord, please help me to reflect on this entire experience as I rest in you and pray. Help me to think about my next steps of faith. What should I do? How can I serve? How can I give my time, talents, and resources to the ministry of SCG and the Kingdom of God?

weekend service notes...

SCG CHURCH