

## Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning. However, while we recommend them, we do not necessarily agree with or endorse every word on every page. The only perfect book is the Bible so as you read these, practice discernment. In other words, "chew the meat and spit out the bones"!

- Billy Graham - *Nearing Home: Life, Faith, and Finishing Well* (This week's "Pastor's Pick")
- Mercy Me - *I Can Only Imagine* (song) available on iTunes of the album "Almost There"
- Randy Alcorn - *Heaven*
- Ken Blue - *Authority to Heal: Answers for Everyone Who Has Prayed for a Sick Friend*
- Stormie Omartian - *The Power of a Praying Mom 3-in-1 Collection* (contains *The Power of a Praying Wife*, *The Power of a Praying Parent*, and *The Power of Praying for Your Adult Children*)

## Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

### Quest Study Bible

"The Question and Answer Bible."

### CSB Study Bible

The CSB Study Bible offers the award-winning Holman study system, which includes over 16,000 study notes, tools, word studies, and articles from respected Bible scholars.

### Teen Life Application Study Bible

includes sections explaining what the Bible has to say about the questions and issues teens face in the *Choices*, *I Wonder*, *Ultimate Issues*, and *My Story* features.

### Kids Quest Study Bible

contains over 500 questions that kids ask, "Quest Challenges" to help you apply what you read and more!

**Plus... be sure to stop by the Info Table in our lobby and pick up a FREE copy of our Bible Reading Plan... as well as a FREE Bible!**

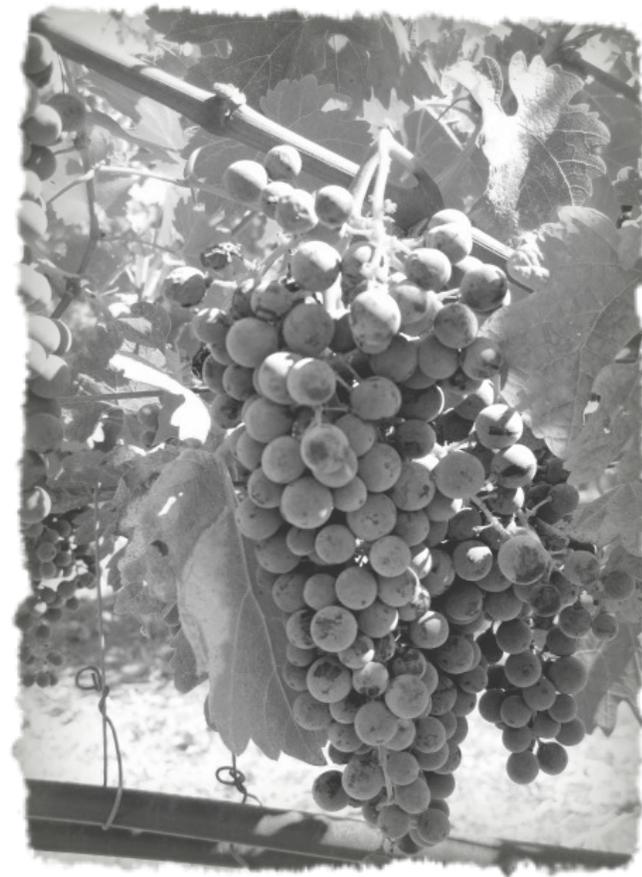
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## Phyllis. Mom. Grandma Kopp.

November 19, 2017

**We want people to encounter God on Sundays and not just "go to church." That is why today's 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.**

# Phyllis. Mom. Grandma Kopp.

(Dan Kopp - lead pastor of The Eastside Vineyard Church)

Notes:

## Digging Deeper Questions

*In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message "stick" we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.*

1. Icebreaker - Spend some time going around the room talking about your mom or someone who has been a mom to you. What is her name, and where was she born and raised? What memories come to mind when you think about her?
2. Is there anything you heard in this week's sermon or experienced in this week's service that was an "a ha" moment, something significant for you?
3. In *The Jesus Creed* Scot McKnight writes: "Jesus clearly affirms the duty of loving one's family. Sadly, far too many Christians love others with abandon while their own families are starving for their love. Let this be clear: *our home is also in our neighborhood*. It is attention grabbing to love the poor, to show compassion to AIDS sufferers, and to show mercy to victims. But it is attention-deflecting to wake up in the morning and ask, "What does my wife or husband, my daughter or son [or parent or roommate] need?" and then attend to those needs. It is easier to see love in the public square than to show love in the home. The Parable of the Good Samaritan [see Luke 10:25-37] is often misused here: as if love is shown only in the most extravagant of places, at the most unusual of times, and to the most needy of all persons. Not so, Jesus suggests: neighborly love begins in the home. In fact, if it is not shown in the home, it is a sham in public." What are your thoughts on this quote?
4. Read Luke 12:13-21. When it comes to what most people would say on their deathbed... they don't say, "I wish I'd made more money" or "I wish I watched more sports on TV" or "I wish I had more clothes in my closet." Instead they say, "I wish I'd spent more time with my family and done more to impact my community." What are your thoughts on what you just read? In what ways might you be living like the "rich fool" in the parable?
5. Read Ephesians 5:15-16. Fast forward to the end of your life. When people come to the funeral home to pay respects to the loved ones that YOU leave behind, what would you hope they'd say about you, when it comes to things like your character, your passions, and your legacy? What changes do you need to make so those who know you best actually say the things you want them to say about you? Be specific.
6. Questions for Personal Reflection:
  - How afraid are you of dying?
  - What words do you need to say that maybe you have never said... or don't say often enough to your loved ones?
  - To what degree is God a priority in your life?
  - If you were to die tonight, how confident are you that you would be welcomed by God in heaven? What do you base this confidence on?
  - If you aren't happy with your answers to any of the previous questions what are some tangible next steps you are going to take, so that a few months from now you'd answer each question very differently?

### Key Passage:

***This is how we know we are in him: The one who says he remains in him should walk just as he walked.- 1 John 2:6 (CSB)***