

Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning. However, by recommending them, we are not giving a blanket endorsement to the author or every sentence you'll read. The only perfect person is Jesus and 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"!

- John Ortberg - *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*
- Max Lucado - *Fearless*
- Mike Slaughter - *Dare to Dream*
- Lee Strobel - *The Case for the Real Jesus: A Journalist Investigates Current Attacks on the Identity of Christ*
- Frank Morrison - *Who Moved the Stone?: A Skeptic Looks at the Death and Resurrection of Christ*

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!

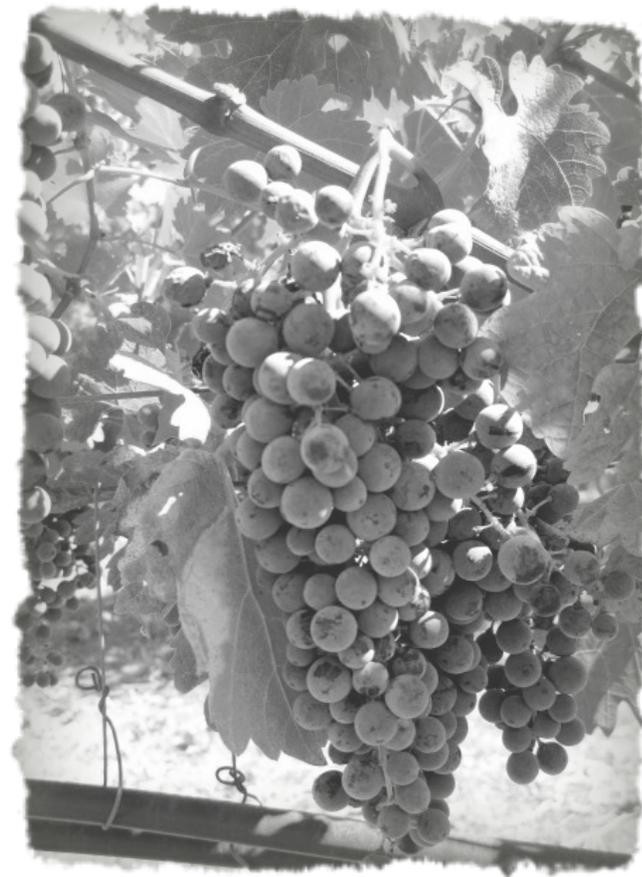
Plus... be sure to stop by the Info Table in our lobby and pick up a FREE copy of our Bible Reading Plan... as well as a FREE Bible!

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The War for Peace

"5th Sunday" of Advent

December 31, 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),

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The War for Peace

(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 - Are you making any New Years Resolutions this year? If yes, what are they? If not, why not? Have fun with this question!
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. Read Philippians 4:6-7. If you squeezed an orange and apple juice came out of it, that would be unexpected, right? When you are "squeezed" by the pressures in life, what typically "comes out" of you: peace or anxiety/fear? Give a recent example.
4. Have you ever felt a nudge from God to do something, but fear kept you from doing it? Explain.
5. In *Fearless*, Max Lucado writes: "Fear creates a form of spiritual amnesia. It dulls our memory. It makes us forget what Jesus has done and how good God is." How has this quote been true in your life?
6. Read John 20:19-20 and Acts 5:27-41. As Christians who know the historical reality of the Empty Tomb, why do we often live more like the fear-filled disciples in John 20:19-20 than the peace-filled disciples in Acts 5:27-41? Explain.
7. In *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat* John Ortberg writes, "...to be a follower of Jesus you must renounce comfort as the ultimate value of your life. And that's sobering news to most of us, because we're into comfort." What are your thoughts on this quote?
8. As you heard the sermon or as you have been processing these Digging Deeper questions, have you been feeling a nudge from God to take a step or even a leap of faith in 2018, doing something to advance the Kingdom of God on earth (in a small way or a big way)? Where you'd need to push through fear to do it. Be specific.
9. How would your life be different if you experienced the perfect peace of God on a 24/7 basis in 2018, where fear was completely absent from your life?
10. What are some practical things you can do to go from believing to BELIEVING in the resurrection of Jesus in 2018? In other words, where it stops being just a doctrinal truth you believe in to an experiential reality that removes every ounce of fear from your body.

Key Passage:

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. - John 20:21-22 (NIV)