Life Steps

Monday Matthew 7:7

Reflect: Have you ever asked the question, "Where's God?" What was going on in your life at the time? What actions did you take to get closer to God? If you have not, what or who influenced you to know God is truly omnipresent.

Prayer: God, you are surrounding me, help me to experience your presence in my life.

Tuesday Matthew 7:7

Reflect: Today is known to many as "Fat Tuesday" the day before Ash Wednesday. As you move through this day, worldly, known as a party day, which view will you choose to experience: worldly or divine? Invite awareness toward your internal process of choosing.

Prayer: Gracious God, fill me with your spirit today as I move and live in this world.

Extra Mile: Tomorrow begins the Walk with God - 46 day challenge! Join us at the Ash Wednesday Service.

Ash Wednesday Matthew 18:19-20

Reflect: If you have attended an Ash Wednesday service, recall your experience. We join with others in prayer and praise and to declare our dependence on Jesus to save us through his death on the cross. You are invited to attend at 6:30pm tonight to begin the season of introspection, self-awareness, and repentance.

Prayer: Holy and Grace filled Lord, I am a sinner saved by Your grace, forgive me.

Extra Mile: Today begins the Walk with God - 46 day challenge! Grab a card at church or keep track of your days on your own calendar. 15 minutes in your car, at the dinner table, talking to your kids, etc. Growing closer to God during this Lenten season. Look for further reflection/scripture as you go the extra mile.

Thursday Matthew 6:33, Proverbs 3:3

Reflect: We share Jesus with others not only by our words but, more importantly, by our actions. How are you reminding yourself daily of the presence of God in your life? When someone visits you in your environment (eg., home, office) or sees your jewelry or tattoos, are you reflecting God in your life?

Prayer: Gracious Lord, fill me with your spirit to freely share Jesus with others in a loving manner that will draw them in, not scare them away.

Extra Mile: Romans 12:2 In Jesus' day, men would wear 'tefillah or tefillin', small box(es) with scripture or prayers written on scrolls inside of them. How would you feel about doing something visual to represent that you are absorbing the scriptures into your life? What might that look like today?

Friday Lamentations 3:22-23

Reflect: We spoke about moving to living a life that is Christ centered. If you drew a bullseye with the outer ring "exploring and moving into the Christ Centered relationship with God, where would you put yourself on that diagram? Explain. **Prayer:** Lord, fill me with your spirit, help me open my heart and soul to you and your ultimate path for my life. Have mercy on me, a sinner saved by grace.

Extra Mile: Psalm 51:10 What steps can you take today to move even deeper toward the center, becoming Christocentric in your life?

Saturday John 5:24 and 17:3

Reflect: What does eternity mean to you? Do you think eternity can be here and now, or is it something in the future, or both? Share your thoughts and start the discussion today.

Prayer: God, we thank you for your desire to have a relationship with us not only after we die but especially now while we are living in a world that is often hard to understand. Fill us with your grace and mercy so that we may share a bit of heaven here on this earth through Jesus.

Extra Mile: John 15:5 – What will you do this day to stay connected to Jesus? How are you doing on the Walk with God 46 Day Challenge? It's never too late to join the challenge!

Sunday Psalm 16:11

Reflect: God Almighty wants to spend time with you today! Use this time to create a list of the ways you have witnessed God all around you. If your list is short, go seek and explore. God is closer than you realize.

Prayer: God of wonder and awe, fill me with your spirit, make your joy complete within us! Renew me, refresh me, and continue to pour into my life as I make time for you.

Extra Mile: Use your 15 minutes today filling your soul with your favorite Christ-centered songs and enjoy God's presence in your life!

