



SELINGSGROVE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



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IMAGINE CALLS US TO DISCIPLESHIP
IMAGINE INVITES US TO PARTICIPATE

Now to him who is able to do *immeasurably more* than all we ask or **IMAGINE**, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be *glory in the church* and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21

This prayer is leading us to Imagine the
“infinitely more” of God.

NAME _____



SCN is a church fueled by faith, driven by purpose, and called to bold action. We are on a mission to bring people to Jesus and meet real, practical needs in our community. This is our passion. This is our purpose. This is what it means to **Serve Christ Now!**

For years, we have prayed, planned, and pursued God's vision for our church — a vision centered on loving God and loving others. We have made incredible strides in reaching our community and making a real Kingdom impact. **But what if we could do even more?**

Imagine God moving not just within our church walls but in **every corner** of Selinsgrove. Imagine His presence transforming your school, your workplace, your neighborhood, your home, and your heart. Together, we have the opportunity to build on the legacy of faith that came before us and make a **lasting, generational impact.**

Now is the time to step forward in bold faith.

SCN has always been a **Church in Action** — a place where all are welcome, where lives are changed, and where the love of Jesus is experienced in powerful ways. Now, I invite you to dream with me. Imagine a church where every person who walks through our doors encounters the presence of God. A church that reaches beyond our walls to embrace our neighbors, friends, and family who need Jesus. A church that refuses to stand still because the mission is **too important** to wait.

Throughout our history, the people of SCN have made sacrifices to pave the way for the future. **Now, it's our turn.** God is calling us to step into new levels of faithfulness and obedience. **Will we answer the call?**

Let's dream together. Let's take action. Let's **Imagine** all that God is about to do — here in Selinsgrove and beyond.

Serving Christ Now,
Pastor Bill

NOW IS THE TIME

Our church has been on an incredible journey. Through prayer, vision, and unwavering commitment, we have boldly pursued our mission to be **“An authentic Biblical Community, becoming fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ, who are committed to loving others.”**

This mission has fueled every **ministry, every decision, and every step forward**. Together, we’ve navigated challenges, celebrated victories, and embraced new opportunities to reach our community for Christ.

God has led us to reimagine and revitalize our ministries, ensuring they align with His purpose. We rejoice in the **kingdom impact** of our past work and are excited for the opportunities that lie ahead. The Lord continues to bless our efforts and strengthen our outreach.

WE HAVE:

- Fostered relationships for a **thriving ministry** with Susquehanna University students
- Brought Upward Soccer to life, allowing us to **engage with kids and families** through sports
- Founded Selinsgrove Area Work & Witness, a hands-on **service ministry** that allows us to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community
- Opened SCN Little Seeds Preschool, where we **plant seeds of faith** in young hearts
- Activated MomCo in the Grove to **encourage and uplift mothers**
- Established Celebrate Recovery – a powerful **healing** ministry
- Revamped Discipleship Life Groups to **deepen faith** and community
- Expanded Children and Youth Ministries to better disciple the **next generation**

With so much **life, movement, and ministry** happening, it is **clear** that God is leading us to **Imagine: A Church In Action**. Now is the time to **step forward in faith** and **build for the future**. Let’s **Imagine together — and take action!**

WORSHIP HAS DOUBLED SINCE 2018!

Every Sunday, we welcome **500+ worshippers** across three services. During peak seasons, attendance **surges even higher** — straining our space and resources.

YOUTH MINISTRY IS BURSTING AT THE SEAMS!

More students than ever are engaging in Sunday evening youth gatherings, but their space is **too small** to meet the demand. We must **expand** to nurture the next generation of disciples.

A CENTRAL HUB FOR CONNECTION IS NEEDED!

A **centralized entrance and welcoming space** will foster meaningful connections, creating opportunities for **community, discipleship, and belonging**. Our church family needs **a space to gather, meet, and grow together** beyond Sunday services.

MINISTRY GROWTH = STAFF GROWTH!

As our ministries **flourish**, so does our **staff** — but we lack adequate **office space** for them to **study, counsel, and plan** for the work God has called them to do.

A LARGER MULTI-PURPOSE SPACE FOR CHURCH & COMMUNITY!

Our vision extends beyond our walls — partnering with local ministries, hosting community events, and launching new outreach programs. A flexible, large gathering space will allow us to serve more people in more ways than ever before.

IMAGINE: A CHURCH IN ACTION!

Imagine a church where **every person feels welcomed** — a place where people enter, not just a building, but a life-changing relationship with **Jesus and with us**. A place where we can all pursue **God’s plans together**.

God is moving in powerful ways, and we are growing at an incredible pace! **But with this growth comes pressing needs that we can no longer ignore**. Our growth demands action.

A new **Ministry Center*** is more than a building—it’s a **launchpad** for greater impact. It’s a **home for discipleship, a refuge for the broken, a space for worship, and a tool for outreach**. But this can’t happen without **everyone’s participation, commitment, and sacrifice**.



FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY

\$2 million+ *invested as of March 2025*

\$1.5 million+ *capital needed before construction begins*

\$3 million *projected mortgage by the time of construction*

\$1.5 million+ *annual operating income*

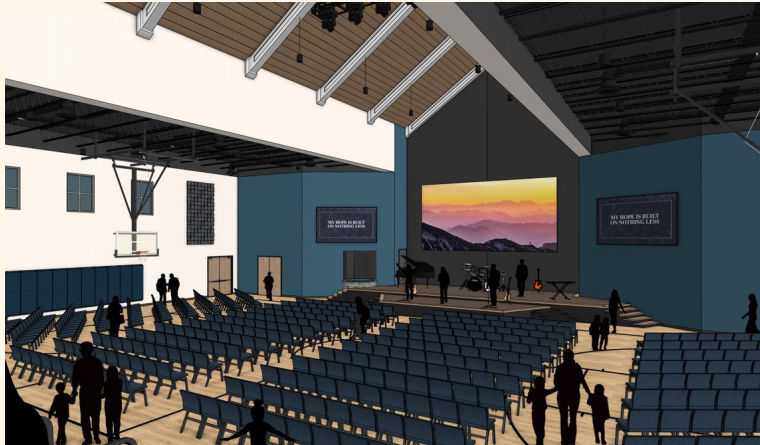
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Our current sanctuary will be transformed into a vibrant, welcoming foyer, complete with a children's entrance



Our new worship space will double as an athletic court, supporting additional community serving ministries.



New multi-purpose lower level space will be dedicated to children and youth ministry.



IMAGINE: GROWTH

Our Goal: To build additional ministry space

Our Why: To meet the needs and opportunities facing our Church

IMAGINE:

- A new worship center
- Space for renovations
- Larger space for youth
- Central foyer and entrance
- Dedicated office space
- Further development of Children's ministry space
- Space for ministry partners

IMAGINE: COMPASSION

Our Goal: To love like Jesus

Our Why: Because all people matter

IMAGINE:

- Learning to ask the right questions
- Leading in Grace and Truth
- Ministries that meet people in their brokenness
- Embracing authenticity
- Investing — intentionally — in relationships

IMAGINE: COMMUNITY

Our Goal: To connect with community

Our Why: To share the love of Jesus

IMAGINE:

- Family-focused discipleship
- Monday-Friday cafe
- Strong ministry partnerships
- Celebrate Recovery
- Counseling center
- Expanding SCN Little Seeds (daycare, summer camps)

IMAGINE: GENEROSITY

Our Goal: To be a people who live generously

Our Why: So we can meet every need

IMAGINE:

- Time made available for others
- Talent applied to kingdom-driven ministries
- Treasure invested sacrificially to make a generational impact

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IMAGINE TWO COMMITMENTS

1 IMAGINE: RELATIONAL COMMITMENT

Identify ONE person who does not have a relationship with Jesus and make them a friend.

Make a relational investment and commit to building a friendship with one local person who has not encountered the life-changing love of Jesus, and be willing to rearrange your life for this person.

WE CALL THIS PERSON YOUR **ONE**.

Ultimately, we should all have more than one person we are doing this with, but we should all have at least one person we are helping take steps toward Jesus.

2 IMAGINE: FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Financially support the vision God is calling us to by committing to sacrificially give above and beyond your normal tithes and offerings to the church for the next two years.

Make a sacrificial financial investment as we prepare for the next season of ministry here at SCN. Our leadership has been dreaming of new and unique ways to position our facilities and give us new opportunities to expand our ministry reach.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE BUILDING PROJECT?

SCN has always been passionate about SERVING CHRIST NOW by meeting practical needs in our community and providing a welcoming space for worship, fellowship, discipleship, and care. As our church family has grown, so has the need for a larger, more flexible space — one that supports ministry expansion and offers a comfortable place to welcome our community.

WHY IS THIS PROJECT NEEDED NOW?

Starting now lets us meet immediate needs while building a space that aligns with our mission and vision. It also allows us to build ahead—to plan for future generations and the continuation of the mission God has given.

WHAT ARE THE KEY FEATURES OF THE NEW BUILDING?

This project offers several key benefits, with three main areas of focus:

- **Expanded Sanctuary & Athletic Court:** This will double our seating capacity for worship and allow us to meet new community needs.
- **Children's & Youth Ministry:** We minister to more than 150 children and youth each week. The new building will include a restricted children's space and provide our youth with access to a larger central space for worship and recreation. The phased approach sets the stage for future expansions like a dedicated youth space and secondary worship space where children and youth could have their own dedicated worship services!
- **Fellowship:** If you've experienced our fellowship space between services, you know its full, busy, and not ideally located. Renovating our current sanctuary into a new foyer will combine a welcoming atmosphere with more space for fellowship, along with a children's ministry entrance featuring a slide!

HOW DOES THIS VISION ALIGN WITH OUR MISSION?

Our vision, **Imagine: A Church in Action**, fuels our mission to Serve Christ Now. We call each person to take responsibility for the mission God has entrusted to us, starting with One — someone who needs to experience Christ's love. By focusing on this One, we meet the spiritual, relational, emotional, and physical needs of others. This commitment strengthens our ministry and increases the need for expanded space to serve more effectively, ensuring we can continue reaching those God brings to us.

WHAT IS THE LONG-TERM VISION FOR OUR CHURCH AFTER THE EXPANSION?

Our long-term vision is to continue growing as a vibrant faith community, expanding our ministries, and reaching more Ones with the love of Christ. The new facilities are our first step toward fulfilling that vision.

HOW MUCH WILL THE BUILDING PROJECT COST?

The total cost of the new building is now around \$9 million — more than we initially expected. From the start, we felt the Lord leading us to expand, and early estimates gave us a rough idea of the cost. A year of prayer, research, and discussion has confirmed this was always the likely amount. The new design allows for a phased approach, completing the building's shell while leaving part of the lower level unfinished, helping us steward our resources wisely.

HOW WILL THE CHURCH PAY FOR THE PROJECT?

Some have said, "We can't afford not to build." This is a big step of faith, but we believe God has led us here. If we work together, we can reach — and even exceed — our goal.

We currently have \$2 million in CDs earning 4.5% interest and aim to add at least \$1 million before seeking mortgage approval from Denominational leadership. To make this vision a reality, we ask our church family to make a financial sacrifice over the next two years.

We are also:

- Evaluating our budget to eliminate excess and maximize investment growth.
- Encouraging one-time gifts, such as real estate, stocks, surplus investments, in-kind donations, or year-end giving.
- Exploring grant opportunities to supplement funding.

WHAT DOES BUILDING IN PHASES MEAN?

Building in phases expands our ministry space while maintaining financial stewardship.

- Baseline: Worship Center, large lobby, and undeveloped space — providing immediate benefits and a road map for future growth.
- Phase 1 Option: A full build-out and renovation of all additional spaces.
- Phase 2 Option: Gradual annual expansions, prioritizing the most pressing needs.

HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO THE PROJECT?

Our prayer is that 100% of the Selinsgrove Nazarene Family is moved to participate in this season of spiritual and physical growth and generosity. Making a commitment is a deeply spiritual moment that provides an opportunity for you to step out of your comfort zone and take the next step in your faith.

We ask you to consider the following opportunities:

- A sacrificial increase donation above your current level of giving to the general ministry of SCN. Will you pray about a sacrificial increase to your current giving level?
- Sacrificial recurring donation above your current level of giving to the Imagine vision. You can set up a recurring donation at scn.church. Checks are also accepted.
- Periodic larger one-time donations or targeted year-end giving.
- Outside-the-box donations, such as real estate, investment surplus, stocks, in-kind donations to be sold, etc.
- For those who own a business, consider making a tax-free donation or setting up matching grant opportunities.

As a registered nonprofit organization, all donations to the church for this project are tax-deductible. Donors will receive a giving statement for tax purposes.

HOW CAN I STAY UP TO DATE ON PROGRESS?

Clear communication is a top priority for this project. We value the input of our Church family and will host meetings and forums to gather feedback and answer questions throughout the process.

We've developed a plan to keep you informed and will continue sharing updates through:

- Open access to staff for questions
- "In the Know as we Grow": A bi-monthly update-focused newsletter
- A dedicated webpage (scn.church) with regular news and updates
- Quarterly Church Chats for deeper discussions and updates
- Weekly progress slides shown every Sunday
- Ongoing discussions at Connection Lunches, LifeTrack classes, and other gatherings

WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION BEGIN?

With the launch of our refreshed Imagine vision, our goal is to begin construction in two years, with a one-year build time. If needed, we may extend by a year, depending on fundraising, while prioritizing ministry development, staff development, and building development.

CAN I VOLUNTEER MY TIME OR SKILLS TO HELP WITH THE PROJECT?

Absolutely! We welcome volunteers for various tasks, including fundraising efforts, administrative support, and skilled labor.

WILL CHURCH SERVICES CONTINUE DURING CONSTRUCTION?

Without a doubt, ministry will continue. From the beginning, we have prioritized the mission God has given us over the building itself. Our three tiered approach — focused on continued ministry, staff development, and building development — will ensure we remain dedicated to loving our community and worshiping the Lord as we Imagine infinitely more.

HOW WILL PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY BE AFFECTED DURING CONSTRUCTION?

The new design won't impact the current parking lot, though temporary changes may be required.

HOW CAN I PRAY FOR THIS VISION?

Pray for wisdom for leadership, the embrace of each One, and congregational unity. Pray for safety of construction workers, provision of funds and that this project glorifies God.

Through your prayers, generosity, and service, God has positioned us for even greater impact. Let's continue this incredible journey — expanding our reach, deepening our faith, and transforming lives for Christ.

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

EPHESIANS 3:14-19

THE REFRESH

WEEKLY GUIDE “HOW TO”

The next eight weeks mark the refresh of our movement toward God’s vision for our Church to reach wider, longer, higher and deeper for His Kingdom.

The following devotional guide is designed to correspond with the weekly sermons from March 30th-May 18th and invites us to go deeper as a Church family.

We know that when it comes to spending time with God, everyone is different. But we hope that whether you enjoy journaling, digging into your Bible, discussing God’s Word in a group, worshipping through music, or meditating while walking in nature, you will find something in this guide to strengthen your relationship with Him.

The following pages contain weekly questions, prayers, and ways to engage as we embark on this exciting time as a Church. We encourage you to bring this devotional with you every Sunday during the sermon series to write down your thoughts and reflections from each week’s sermon. Then, read through Monday’s guide at the beginning of each week.

Throughout the rest of the week, you’ll be able to explore some different ways to customize your spiritual walk on a daily basis. Challenge yourself. Try something new. And most of all, enjoy the journey!

SILENCE

Set aside two to three minutes to prepare your heart and mind for a time with God. Try to diminish the physical distractions around you.

Free yourself from mental distractions by quickly listing them to the right.

CENTERING

Take several minutes to focus on these verses:

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. - *John 13:34-35*

THE STORY

Jesus called upon Matthew, a tax collector whom the world despised, to follow Him and be His disciple. Matthew began to follow Jesus and invited Him for dinner among many sinners. The Pharisees questioned why Jesus chose to eat with such a group of sinners. Jesus shared the importance of extending mercy, compassion and forgiveness to sinners. These tax collectors and sinners could be relabeled “invisible people;” the ones we pass by without noticing. Like Jesus, let’s strive for there to be no invisible people in our midst. Jesus saw Matthew. Who is Jesus calling us to see?

BIBLE READING

Matthew 9:9-13

WEEK 1

For the Week

PRAY

Daily pray our Week 1 Prayer from the previous page.

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FAMILIES

At mealtime or at bedtime, talk with your children about their day. Did they notice anyone who was having a rough day? Talk about the importance of loving others, just as Jesus loves each of us. Ask them about ways they could show love to that person, even when it feels hard. Pray for that person together. As the week goes on, intentionally look for people who are having a difficult time. Be super detectives! And like Jesus, discover ways to shine Jesus' light in the lives of others.

TEENS

Think of times in your life when you've been forgiven by a friend or shown mercy when you least expected it. Look up the meaning of the Hebrew word "Hesed." One type of love that exists is very conditional. "I love you because..." With hesed, the phrase should be switched. "Because God loves you..." God is committed to loving us. Nothing we say, think, or do can change that. Hesed is unconditional. Who are people in your life that you should show this kind of love to?

ENGAGE

Interact with God's Word further by considering these questions, either on your own or with your friends, family, or small group.

- Jesus sat at a table with sinners, even though the Pharisees questioned His actions. What are some ways that you can extend mercy to others, even when the majority feels that they don't deserve it? How can this mercy lead others towards Jesus?
- Alone, we are unworthy of Jesus' love and forgiveness, yet He makes us worthy through his death and resurrection. How does knowing that Jesus offers this kind of love and forgiveness to you change your life?
- What are some ways you think SCN helps people feel seen? How can we continue to bring people physically and spiritually home?

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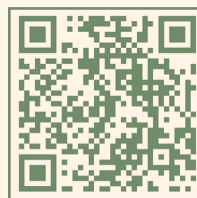
Go Deeper

ENJOY A DEEPER DIVE INTO GOD'S HEART ON THIS MATTER

Explore additional Bible reading in **Luke 14:7-11**

Check out this video resource:

The Bible Project: *Matthew 1-15*



Stream these songs for personal worship:

Who You Say I Am *by Hillsong Worship*

Good Good Father *by Chris Tomlin*



PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Not sure who your One is? Begin praying that God would reveal your One to you.

Already know who your One is? Reach out! Let your One know that you're thinking about them and praying for them — invite them to coffee, have them over for dinner, or simply let them know that they are on your heart and mind by sending them a text or giving them a call.

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CENTERING

Take several minutes to focus on these verses:

But I trust in Your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in Your salvation.
I will sing the Lord's praise, for He has been good to me. - *Psalm 135:5-6*

THE STORY

John: A few days ago, Jesus, the one the disciples had followed throughout His ministry, had died. On this day, the disciples had heard the news from Mary Magdalene that Jesus was alive. They knew that the tomb was empty, and that Mary claimed she had seen Jesus. No matter whether they believed yet or not, they were terrified of what the Jews would do to them now that the body was gone.

Acts: The disciples received the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages. Some in Jerusalem were curious and others scornful, but Peter took this opportunity to preach boldly about Jesus and share the gospel. About 3,000 people responded to Peter's message to repent, be baptized, and receive the Holy Spirit. The number 3,000 illustrates the magnitude of the Holy Spirit's work. This was a substantial number, indicating a rapid and powerful expansion of the early church fulfilling Jesus' promise in Acts 1:8 that the disciples would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them, enabling them to be His witnesses.

BIBLE READING

John 20:19-22, Acts 2:42-48

WEEK 2

For the Week

PRAY

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FAMILIES

Sometimes we are afraid to share what we believe because we don't feel equipped to answer questions that may arise. This can be true for adults and kids! Talk with your kids about questions they sometimes have about God. How can you, as a family, work towards exploring answers to some of the questions you have?

TEENS

What's one way you can display your faith at school? Aim to do something that starts a conversation about Jesus (or start one yourself).

ENGAGE

Interact with God's Word further by considering these questions, either on your own or with your friends, family, or small group.

- The first thing Jesus does when He sees the disciples after His resurrection is to wish peace to them. How can you rest in the peace that God gives as you live out His calling for your life? How can you help others do the same?
- Christians in Jerusalem supported each other by selling their property and sharing the money with those in need. How can I and those around me support each other physically and spiritually?
- The early Church in Jerusalem set themselves apart through their fellowship together. How has God called me, or a group that I am in, to be set apart in my daily life?

WEEK 2

Go Deeper

ENJOY A DEEPER DIVE INTO GOD'S HEART ON THIS MATTER

Explore additional Bible reading in **John 15:9-17, Colossians 3:12-17, and Hebrews 10:19-25**

Check out this video resource:

The Bible Project: *John 15-21*

The Bible Project: *Acts 1-12*



Stream these songs for personal worship:

Follow You by *Leeland with Brandon Heath*

Make Room by *The Church Will Sing*



PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Check in with your One on how they are doing and share what is going on with you. Talk about what the future looks like for both of you and how it fits in with your present. Is there something that is going well? Is there something that you want to change?

SILENCE

Set aside two to three minutes to prepare your heart and mind for a time with God. Try to diminish the physical distractions around you.

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CENTERING

Take several minutes to focus on this Psalm:

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; A broken and contrite heart You, God, will not despise. - *Psalm 51:16-17*

THE STORY

It was the last day of Christ's teaching in the temple. A substantial number of people were gathered in Jerusalem, as Jesus had attracted their attention. Crowding in the temple courts, the people eagerly listened to every word that fell from His lips. And there, out of the crowd, a poor widow came and gave all she had. A widow bearing no earthly honor or royal badge, came with humbleness of heart and devotion to God to worship. She gave from her heart. Jesus' words in Mark 13 serve as a powerful reminder of the impermanence of earthly structures and the sovereignty of God's plans over human endeavors. It calls believers to focus on the eternal kingdom of God rather than the temporary structures of this world. He looks at the heart of the believer and desires that our response to Him would be to worship. Has our giving of our time, talent and treasure been like that of those who give without thought or care, or does it come from the depths of our hearts where Jesus compels us to action?

BIBLE READING

Mark 12:41-13:2

WEEK 3

For the Week

PRAY

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FAMILIES

Discuss these questions over the next few days:

Is there something the Lord has given you that you can share with others?

Sacrifice does not always pertain to our money and possessions. Another way to sacrifice to the Lord is to give of our time. Is there a way that you can sacrifice your time to the Lord, especially as it pertains to another's need(s)?

Parents, give an example of one way you sacrifice your time to the Lord.

TEENS

Mark 12:41-44 tells of the widow who sacrificed out of her want (she took from her basic necessities of life and gave). Get together with a couple of friends and make a list of things that make your life comfortable. Choose one item on your list to sacrifice for a week and use the time to pray together. Choose one person to check in with during the week to help provide accountability and encouragement.

ENGAGE

Interact with God's Word further by considering these questions, either on your own or with your friends, family, or small group.

- When was the last time you sensed God prompting you to do something big? Did you do it, and were there any hardships along the way? What were the rewards?
- What kind of sacrifices might the people of Selinsgrove Church of the Nazarene need to make so that more people in our community can encounter Jesus?

WEEK 3

Go Deeper

ENJOY A DEEPER DIVE INTO GOD'S HEART ON THIS MATTER

Explore additional Bible reading in **2 Corinthians 9:6-7** and **Matthew 6:19-21**

Check out this video resource:

The Bible Project: *The Gospel of Mark*



Stream these songs for personal worship:

I Give Myself Away by *William McDowell*

Refiner by *Maverick City Music*

Purify my Heart by *Jeremy Riddle*



PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Think of ways you can make a sacrifice this week to spend time with your One. Grabbing a cup of coffee together, making time for an intentional phone call, taking a walk together, etc.

SILENCE

Set aside two to three minutes to prepare your heart and mind for a time with God. Try to diminish the physical distractions around you.

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CENTERING

Take several minutes to focus on these verses:

For while we were still helpless, at the appointed moment, Christ died for the ungodly. For rarely will someone die for a just person — though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die. But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us! - *Romans 5:6-8*

THE STORY

Three days after Jesus had been crucified, two disciples were walking on a road to get to a village called Emmaus. On their journey, Jesus appeared to them and revealed to them what the Scriptures said about the Messiah. Until He left them, they did not realize that it was Him. These disciples went to Jerusalem and told the others. As they talked about what happened, Jesus appeared again in their midst.

BIBLE READING

Luke 24:35-49

WEEK 4

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PRAY

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FAMILIES

Take some time to talk with your kids about what they know about Jesus' death and resurrection. Then, use legos, blocks, etc. (any building supplies you can come up with) to build an empty tomb and retell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection and retell the story in their own words. Get creative!

TEENS

Where do you recognize Jesus' work in your life? How has He blessed you or those around you? Find a friend that you can share with.

ENGAGE

Interact with God's Word further by considering these questions, either on your own or with your friends, family, or small group.

- Jesus ate fish in front of the disciples to show that He truly had risen. What are some ways Jesus is reminding you that He has risen? How can you find comfort and hope in these reminders?
- What are some ways that you can witness about Jesus to others? Are there any obstacles that get in your way of witnessing? How can you overcome them?

WEEK 4

Go Deeper

ENJOY A DEEPER DIVE INTO GOD'S HEART ON THIS MATTER

Explore additional Bible reading in **James 1:5-8 and Romans 1:15-17**

Check out this video resource:

The Bible Project: *Luke, part one*



Stream these songs for personal worship:

I am Barabbas *by Josiah Queen*

Thank you for the Blood *by Charity Gayle*

Graves Into Gardens *by Elevation*

Worship feat. Brandon Lake

All Hail King Jesus *by Bethany Wobrlé*



PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Share the Gospel with your One. Speak from personal experience about what Jesus has done in your life and extend His invitation to your One.

SILENCE

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CENTERING

Take several minutes to focus on these verses:

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. - *1 Corinthians 12:12, 27*

THE STORY

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews details great men and women of faith. Their extraordinary lives, which include difficulties and failures, are celebrated.

Chapter eleven concludes: "These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect." Did you notice that we are included? This is where their story and our stories collide.

Chapter twelve begins, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." We are challenged to invest in the race. Run with perseverance and remember we are in this race together, young and old alike. All of us with our eyes fixed on one finish line — Jesus! Let's run this race together.

BIBLE READING

Hebrews 12:1-2

WEEK 5

For the Week

PRAY

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FAMILIES

Your children are uniquely created by God. Using sticky notes, write some words to describe each of your children and place them on their bedroom door or on a mirror where they will see them (make it a surprise!). Read them together and then talk about the abilities and character traits you see in each one of them. Use these questions for further conversation: What do you think you are good at? What are the things that you feel you are not good at? How could you use what you're good at to help somebody else?

TEENS

Knowing Jesus as your Savior, gives you the opportunity to join an eternal race. A race to share the love of God demonstrated through Jesus Christ, with One who is open to hearing your story. Sharing the truth about who Jesus really is with as many people as possible.

God created you with purpose. How can you engage someone in your circle of friends or family members to join you in this race?

ENGAGE

Interact with God's Word further by considering these questions, either on your own or with your friends, family, or small group.

- Take a moment to list some of the personal characteristics, experiences, and training God has given you. If you're in a group, ask others to share what characteristics they see in you.
- Your list shows how unique you are. There is no one else quite like you. What are some ways that God has used you (or could use you) to serve Him at SCN and in our community?
- Take a look at Hebrews 11. How was God able to receive glory from these ordinary people? Each verse describes heroes of the faith and their persistence in faith that accomplished His work.

WEEK 5

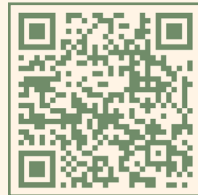
Go Deeper

ENJOY A DEEPER DIVE INTO GOD'S HEART ON THIS MATTER

Explore additional Bible reading in **Hebrews 11, 1 Corinthians 9:24-26, and 2 Timothy 4:7-8**

Check out this video resource:

The Bible Project: *Hebrews*



Stream these songs for personal worship:

Trust in God *by Elevation Worship*
Firm Foundation *by Cody Carnes*
The Blessing *by Elevation Worship feat.*
Kari Jobe & Cody Carnes
I Speak Jesus *by Charity Gayle feat.*
Steven Musso



PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Make sure to attend our **Prayer & Worship Experience**, this Tuesday, April 29th as we come together to celebrate God's faithfulness in the life of our Church.

SILENCE

Set aside two to three minutes to prepare your heart and mind for a time with God. Try to diminish the physical distractions around you.

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CENTERING

Take several minutes to focus on this Psalm:

Whom have I in heaven but You? And the earth has nothing I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. - *Psalm 73:25-26*

THE STORY

Moses was a man who spoke directly to God. An incredible leader, who led the people out of Egypt to the Promised Land. After Moses' death, God called Joshua, a man filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. God told Joshua "I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous."

God had a huge assignment for Joshua. He was called to lead God's people through the Jordan River to the promised land. God told Joshua, "I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses ... obey all the laws my servant Moses gave you; do not turn to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go." (Joshua 1:3, 7) Clearly Joshua needed assurance that God would be with him and lead his steps.

When Joshua stood before the commander of the army of the Lord, he surrendered fully — without fear. He asked for God's message and was told he was standing on Holy ground.

Like Joshua, surrender completely and seek God's message. Have the confidence and courage to speak up and share your own "Holy ground" story. Without your commitment, how will family, friends and your One know about the power of Christ and the change He has made in your life? Pray, share and surrender to the message God has for you to share!

WEEK 6

For the Week

PRAY

Daily pray our Week 6 Prayer from the previous page.

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FAMILIES

Is there a difficult situation in your life right now? Talk about what surrendering that situation over to God looks like. Sometimes we try to control people or situations in our life without God's help. How can surrendering to God change how you face hard things and make you stronger in your faith?

Take time to pray together for that situation. If God has answered a prayer for you or your child, consider placing a Joshua stone from the foyer in the jar in the sanctuary to represent God's faithfulness to be present in our surrender.

TEENS

Think about someone at your school who needs protection from enemies. Ask God to give you courage to become friends with that person.

ENGAGE

Interact with God's Word further by considering these questions, either on your own or with your friends, family, or small group.

- Read Joshua 5 and 6. Discuss how our surrender, God's presence, and worship go together.
- Identify points where the Israelites surrendered to God, where God's presence was evident, and how the Israelites responded in worship.
- Knowing that the story of the Israelites is filled with the back and forth of serving God and not serving God, trusting God and not trusting God, etc. Discuss how you are similar to the Israelites.
- As an SCN family, what do we need to do in order to hold fast to a posture of surrender to God?

WEEK 6

Go Deeper

ENJOY A DEEPER DIVE INTO GOD'S HEART ON THIS MATTER

Explore additional Bible reading in **Ephesians 6:10-20, James 4:7-10, and Romans 12:1-2**

Check out this video resource:

The Bible Project: *Joshua*



Stream these songs for personal worship:

I Surrender *by Hillsong United*

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) *by Hillsong United*

Center *by Bethel Music feat. Abbie Gamboa*



PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Join us for **Friday Night in the Grove**, this Friday, May 9th. This is a night of connection, celebration and fun. Invite your One to join you!

SILENCE

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CENTERING

Take several minutes to focus on this verse. Try using breath prayers to calm your mind. Start by breathing in slowly and saying "Be still" and exhaling slowly and repeating "and know that I am God."

Be still and know that I am God. - *Psalm 46:10*

THE STORY

Matthew 17:14-20

A man approaches Jesus out of a crowd of people, asking to heal his son. The man explains that his son is suffering greatly but the disciples could not heal him. Jesus called the boy to come to Him and healed the boy in that moment. The disciples questioned why they couldn't heal the boy. Jesus explained that when you have even just a little faith, God can move mountains and make anything possible.

Mark 9:14-29

In a crowd of people, a man brings his son to Jesus, explaining that he has a mute spirit. The man shared that the disciples could not drive it out of him, so he asked Jesus for compassion and healing. Jesus explains that all things are possible for those who believe. Jesus healed the boy by casting out the evil spirit. Jesus explained that this is only possible by prayer and fasting.

BIBLE READINGS

Matthew 17:14-20, Mark 9:14-29

WEEK 7

For the Week

PRAY

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FAMILIES

This week, talk with your children about what it means to have faith the size of a mustard seed. Show them a picture of a mustard seed to help illustrate this parable. Explain that all good things must start with small beginnings; with a small amount of faith, big things are possible with God. Bonus Idea: Pick a seed packet out at the store and plant it together!

TEENS

This week, discuss the importance of trust and faith with your family and/or friends. Identify times/ examples in your life when it was hard to believe and trust, but God provided in ways you didn't expect.

ENGAGE

Interact with God's Word further by considering these questions, either on your own or with your friends, family, or small group.

- In Mark 9:24, the boy's father asks Jesus to help him overcome his unbelief by healing his son. What are some situations you have experienced in your life, where God was prompting you to trust in Him?
- Discuss a time when you had little faith in a situation, but through prayer and mustard seed faith, God proved faithful.
- What are you thinking about our future building, future ministries, and future relationships with your One(s)? Are you trusting God with those plans? What are some ways you believe God will move in those areas here at SCN?

WEEK 7

Go Deeper

ENJOY A DEEPER DIVE INTO GOD'S HEART ON THIS MATTER

Explore additional Bible reading in **Genesis 22: 1-19**

Check out this video resource:

The Bible Project: *The Gospel of Matthew*



Stream these songs for personal worship:

Hard Fought Hallelujah *by Brandon Lake*

Honey in the Rock *by Brooke Ligertwood*

I Believe *by Charity Gayle*



PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Check in with your One. Ask your One if they have any prayer needs. Give them a call and pray over the phone or in person. Share your support by talking through areas of need and ways that God has provided in your life.

SILENCE

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CENTERING

Take several minutes to focus on these verses:

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. - *Romans 1:16*

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. - *2 Timothy 1:7*

THE STORY

As we revisit Luke this week, we are brought back to the resurrection story that provides us with much to celebrate. Luke 15 highlights Jesus' great love for us, showing the great lengths He will go to in order to find us. The lost sheep is brought back! Celebrate! The lost coin is found. What joy! The prodigal son returns! Give a Shout! In His resurrection, all the world celebrates in the victory that has been already won. Our lives are filled with moments and opportunities to share this victory with others. Will we share it? These passages invite us in, to join with God as He finds those who are lost.

BIBLE READING

Luke 15:4-7, Luke 24:1-12

WEEK 8

For the Week

PRAY

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FAMILIES

Is there a day this week when your family is together for a meal where you can plan a joyful celebration of God's work in your lives? Maybe you will have a certain dish or dessert or maybe there will be balloons or special songs playing. You could invite people over and/or wear a special color of clothes. End with a prayer of thankfulness to God celebrating His work in your family life.

TEENS

Grab some friends and throw a party to celebrate how God has kept His promises in your lives! Take some time during the party to highlight how God has shown his love, faithfulness, or help throughout your life!

ENGAGE

Interact with God's Word further by considering these questions, either on your own or with your friends, family, or small group.

- Read Luke 24:13-35
- How can you relate to verse 32? "They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'"
- Looking at Luke 15, how are these three parables the same? How are they different?
- Add a Joshua Stone to our Joshua Jar in the front of the Sanctuary to thank God for his faithfulness to you. Pick one up this Sunday in either of the foyers.

WEEK 8

Go Deeper

ENJOY A DEEPER DIVE INTO GOD'S HEART ON THIS MATTER

Explore additional Bible reading in **Mark 16:15, Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Peter 3:15, and Romans 10:14-15**

Check out this video resource:

Bible Project Video: *Luke, part 2*



Stream these songs for personal worship:

Running Back to You *by Seph Schlueter*
Counting My Blessings *by Seph Schlueter*
Praise *by Elevation Worship feat. Brandon Lake, Chris Brown & Chandler Moore*
That's My King *by CeCe Winans*



PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Make an extra effort to spend more time praying for your One this week. Be open to sacrificing screen time, to make yourself more aware of God's voice and leading as you look for ways to spend time with your One.

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