

Hello!

Welcome to the CCF Youth Ministry weekly Devotional! We want to help you press into our Lord and Savior during this uncertain time. Our hope is that you are enriched by time spent studying God's word and the reflection readings that are provided. Follow each step and spend intentional time on each step. All you need is a Bible, this outline, journal/notebook and a writing utensil! Let's jump in together!

Theme: Seeing God and Being Seen

I. Opening Prayer

Then run faithful souls, happy and tireless, keep up with your beloved who marches with giant strides from one end of heaven to the other. Nothing is hidden from His eyes. He walks alike over the smallest blade of grass, the tallest cedars, grains of sand or rocky mountains. Wherever you go He has gone before. Only follow Him and you will find Him everywhere. Take comfort in this promise. - The Sacrament of the Present Moment by Jean - Pierre De Caussade

II. Psalm 11 (journal your thoughts and observations)

III. Scripture Readings

John 1:35-51

Mark 8: 1-26

Job 42:1-6

IV. Readings for Reflection

What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us...and the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceived God to be like. - **Knowledge of the Holy by A.W. Tozer**

God our Lord would have us look to the Giver and love Him more than His gift, Keeping Him always before our eyes, in our hearts, and in our thoughts. - **St. Ignatius**

If there is anyone who is not enlightened by this sublime magnificence of created things, he is blind. If there is anyone who, seeing all these works of God, does not praise Him, he is dumb; if there is anyone who, from so many signs cannot perceive God, that man is foolish - **St. Bonaventure**

The hardest thing about really seeing and really hearing is when you really have to do something about what you have seen and heard. - **Frederick Buechner**

It is not enough that we behave better; we must come to see reality differently. We must learn to see the depths of things, not just reality at a superficial level. This especially means we need the nonseparateness of the world from God and the oneness of all reality in God: the Hidden Ground of Love in all that is. Prayer is a kind of corrective lens that does away with the distorted view of reality that, for some mysterious reason, seems to be my normal vision, and enables me to see what is as it really is. - **Silence on Fire by William H. Shannon**

V. Reflection and Listening (spend time in silence and prayer and ask for God to help you see what you need to see)

VI. Song - King of my Heart by Bethel (spend time in worship)

VII. Closing Prayer

Lord I know you see me. Help me see you for who you are. My King, my savior, my provider, my protector and there is so much more. Thank you for sending your Son on my behalf so I could have the opportunity to have a full relationship with you. As I walk forward in life, help me remember that you see me for who I am. It's in the most precious name I know, Jesus, Amen.