READING

We believe that regular Bible reading is the most important step we can take to grow spiritually. If you need a tool to help you be consistent, check out the options at the Resource table in the foyer.

PRAYING

This information is intended to help you pray for specific needs in our congregation and the world. Updates to prayer requests for individuals will be added as information is provided.

You should pray Scripture because it glorifies God the Father. You should pray Scripture because it helps you focus on what is most important.

(The second 2 of 12 reasons to pray scripture from an article published at http://themelios.thegospelcoalition.org/article/12-reasons-you-should-prayscripture.)

For Our Mission

Give us closer abiding in Jesus that we may bring forth more fruit, have a deeper sense of our obligations to him, that we may surrender all, have a fuller joy, that we may serve him more completely.

- From "The Valley of Vision" edited by Arthur Bennett

For Our World

Pray for those bowed down by modern slavery and injustice. Many helpful resources are available on the International Justice Mission site https://www.ijm.ca/resources

For Our Congregation

- For the following people who continue to struggle with a variety of health issues: David Wilson, Pat Dermenjian; Lynda Weber (Dave Weber's wife); Will Truppe; Michele Nielsen; Harvey Gabriel



Summerside Community Church March 12, 2017 Pastor Mark Cuthbert



HEARING:

Sharing with the Unseen World

1 Corinthians 10:14-22 (pg. 1149)

The Christians in Corinth appear to be asking 3 questions:

- 1. Are we allowed to even be in this pagan temple? (8:1-13)
- 2. Should we eat leftover meat that was offered to idols? (10:23-33)
- 3. Can we attend banquets that are designed to worship idols? (10:14-22)

1. Christians sharing with (10:16-17)

"participation" = fellowship; communion

2. Israel sharing with	(10:18)
3. People sharing with	(10:19-21)
Application 1. Worship God	<u> </u>
2. Worship with the of Christ.	of the presence

DEEPENING

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APPLYING

It's one thing to hear God's Word, it's another to apply it! Answering the questions on your own before your group meets will help you be fully engaged in the

Community Group Questions

- 1. Talk about the significance of eating and drinking together in our culture and around the world. How does looking at the Lord's Supper from the perspective of sharing food together change the way we tend to think about it?
- 2. What was your understanding of the Lord's table as you were growing up. How has it changed as an adult? Did this week's message cause you to think differently about the celebration?
- 3. Can you think of any situations where you, or someone else, might have to refuse to participate in an activity because it could put you in the place of worshipping idols? Talk about good and bad examples of how you could refuse to participate in one of these activities.
- 4. Without getting side tracked with stories about demons, discuss Paul's statement that "the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons"? What are some implications of that statement?
- 5. All of us would agree that there have been too many times when we really didn't think of the presence of Christ when we were worshipping, or celebrating the Lord's Table. What are some things we can do for ourselves, or do to encourage one another, to worship with the awareness of the actual presence of Christ?

REMEMBERING

Memorizing is one of the best ways of making truth stick. You can memorize something if you repeat it enough times. Try reading the verse 5 times a day until it sticks! Choose a part of it for your kids if needed.

(Add this verse to the beginning of last weeks' memory verse):

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! $1 \text{ Corinthians } 10.12^{(\text{NIV})}$