# **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.

Lord Jesus Christ, I rejoice and rejoice continually in Your glorious and triumphant victory over death. For Your victory is my victory. Help me to live by it, in it, and for it. I am grateful to my depths - grateful forever. Amen.

- an Easter prayer, Selwyn Hughes

#### For Our Mission

"Building a loving community of Christ followers who worship God, serve others, and grow together."

We place our responsibility to others (in the world) before our responsibility to one another (in the church). We do this because the natural tendency of most churches is to serve themselves, and then serve others if there is time, energy, and resources left over.

Pray that our hearts become tender and responsive to spiritual needs and appetites around us in our daily life.

#### For Our World

Freedoms in China are deteriorating seriously. Last year the government announced draconian new laws designed to punish "illegal religion" (i.e. all worship or activity outside the control of the atheistic Communist Party). Christian activity in China has been strictly monitored, due to the presence of tens of millions of facial-recognition cameras that have sprung up in every city and town, and now even in villages. A helpful report can be found at this web site:

https://asiaharvest.org/special-china-issue-please-pray-for-christians-in-china/

### For Our Congregation

- Fred Lukianow suffered a seizure this past week. He had a CT scan, but it showed nothing - and is heart is good. He is home, but must attend the seizure clinic in the next couple of weeks for an assessment;
- Ron Harris continues to recover in hospital after suffering from a bleed from a vessel malformation (with stroke symptoms);
- Paul Lewington fell while out west on holidays recently and broke 3 ribs. He is recovering and is back at work;
- Dana Orchard currently has kidney dialysis three times/week;



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# **HEARING:**

God is our Warrior

Exodus 15 (pg. 70)

Worship is our response to who God is, what he says, or what he does

Colossians 3:16 - "Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord"

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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 discussion.

## **Community Group Questions**

- 1. When you were growing up did you play cops and robbers, war games, or any kind of good-guy/bad-guy games? What was your parents attitude towards these kinds of games including toy guns?
- 2. Do you think your upbringing had an affect your view of God as a warrior? Is this a concept you have thought about much? Why, or why not?
- 3. Read the following passages thoughtfully and spend some time sharing observations of what is being emphasized.
  - □ 1 Corinthians 15:22-28
  - □ Revelation 19:11-16
- 4. How does knowing God as a warrior encourage you? Share how it affects specific situations you face.
- 5. What are some ways we can help children understand the concept of God as a warrior while we protect them from being exposed to the excessive violence in things like movies and computer games?
- 6. Discuss the implications of God as our warrior who leads us *home*.

# **DEEPENING**

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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.

The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.

Exodus 15:3 (NIV)