

## 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.

Join the apostle Paul in these prayers for wisdom and knowledge:

"... that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him..." (Ephesians 1:17)

"And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding ..." (Colossians 1:9)

### For Our Mission

Children's ministry needs more help as we look toward October and two services. Pray for God to speak in respect of this need and that each of us would be ready and willing to serve (or willing to be made willing) on this team, or other opportunities as He leads.

### For Our World

- The 100 largest people groups without an indigenous, self-propagating Christian church movement constitute about 24% of the world's population. That's 1.8 billion souls with no exposure to the gospel.
- John 8:12 - When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

### For Our Congregation

- **Doug Gibbs** has been diagnosed with a cancer that has spread to several organs and cannot be successfully treated;
- **Dana Orchard** is on a waiting list for a kidney transplant;
- **Justin Thomas** continues to struggle with some ongoing health issues;
- **Shari**, Ian Houghton's sister-in-law, is on a waiting list for kidney transplant
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# WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

August 19, 2018

Speaker: Dr. Deven K MacDonald



## HEARING:

### The Ark of the Covenant

Exodus 25:1-22 (pg. 80)

#### 1. What was the Ark of the Covenant?

#### 2. What was in it?

Hebrews 9:4-5 → Three items:

- Jar of \_\_\_\_\_
- Aaron's Staff that \_\_\_\_\_
- The Tablets of the Covenant

#### 3. How was it used?

- Went ahead of Israel in the Wanderings
- Taken \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 6)
- Part of the Tabernacle and, later, Solomon's Temple (Housed in the Most Holy Place):

Interesting stories about the Ark:  
Ark was captured: 1 Samuel 4  
Death by Ark: 2 Samuel 6

#### 4. Where is it now? (And why it doesn't matter!)

 Jeremiah 3:16

#### Shadow and Reality (Old Testament and New)

##### → Jesus is Better:

1. The Ark symbolized God's presence → Jesus is better
2. The Ark went ahead and led God's people → Jesus is better

## 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 discussion.

### Community Group Questions

1. What was your take away from the sermon on Sunday?
2. Have you ever heard the Ark of the Covenant talked about? Where have you seen it come up in stories or conversations?
3. Look at point two from the sermon: "What was in it?" Why were these three items in the Ark?
4. Talk about this idea of the Old Testament as a shadow of the reality that is to be found in Christ. How have you seen this occur in the book of Exodus? How have the events, details, and themes of Exodus been fulfilled in Christ?
5. Take time to prayerfully consider the privilege and joy that is ours when we are welcomed into God's presence through Christ. Why is Jesus so much better than the Ark of the Covenant?

## 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.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 <sup>(NIV)</sup>