

MY HEART CHRIST'S HOME

COVENANT CHURCH
SUMMER 2021



A Guide for Spiritual Formation

Theme of the month: My Heart Christ's Home
Text for the Week: Luke 19:1-10
Message for the Week: "May I Come In...To The Hall Closet?"
Theme for the Week: Acknowledging Sin, Embracing Repentance

Week 9

Opening:

What is one low (a bad thing) and one high (a good thing) that happened to you this past week? Write them down and take turns sharing them with the others in your group.

Where have you seen the work of the Holy Spirit in your life this past week?

How many closets do you have in your house? What kinds of things do you keep inside of them?

Preparation:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with God to center and prepare yourself for your time with God today.

Read:

Read [Luke 19:1-10](#) out loud.

What words, phrases, or ideas grabbed your attention and heart in these verses?

Write them down below and/or share them with those who are with you.

Respond / Reflect:

How would you describe/define genuine repentance to someone who doesn't know what it is?

Where would God put an "X" in your heart and life? What needs to be cleaned out of your closet?

How do we turn the "closets of our hearts" over to Jesus?

In what kind of ways does your sin affect those around you?

Why are we often so judgmental?

"Try It!"

Genuine repentance involves naming things and often having hard conversations with God and others. Who can help you work through and have these hard conversations? Who might you need to have a hard conversation with? What will it take for you to have that conversation?

Pick up and read a copy of the booklet, "My Heart, Christ's Home" by Robert Munger. Editions for both adults and children are available in the narthex.

Try keeping a spiritual journal this summer of what you are learning through this series - both through the messages and in your personal times with God.

Prayer:

Spend time in prayer with/for the other people who are with you.

Use this breath prayer throughout your week, "Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner."

Pray this prayer of Saint Augustine: "The house of my soul, oh God, is too small for you to come in. May it be enlarged by you. Enable me to celebrate your abundant goodness. AMEN.

Missional/Spiritual Practice for the Month: Serving

During the month of August, identify what ministry area(s) you are going to use your spiritual gifts to serve at Covenant Church. There are a wide variety of different ministry opportunities for you to serve: Hospitality, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Adult Ministry, Child Care, Hand 2 Hand, Kids Hope, Furniture Ministry, Worship Team, and AV Team. Contact any of the ministry staff and let them know where and how you would like to serve at Covenant Church.