



REVEILLE'S GPS WEEKLY SCRIPTURE GUIDE

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October 21-27, 2024

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY II

Sermon Title: "Raise Us Up!" by Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

Use the space below to reflect on the questions in this week's devotionals, make class and sermon notes, and write down prayers and concerns.

Questions for small groups and individual reflection:

1. Jesus said that we could ask for anything in his name and he would do it. Is this Jesus encouraging us to put together a "wish list"? Why or why not?
2. One of the points of the message is that when we pray with a spiritually accurate vision our prayers "rise" to a new level. That means that our prayer life presumes a risen, living, and active Jesus at the right hand of the Father, with all the power that there is. It is empowered by the Holy Spirit. Our prayer life seeks to do what Jesus did when he walked this earth. In all that, we can presumably do even greater things than he did. That is a lot to unpack but try!
3. What does it mean to "pray in Jesus' name"? Why does that make a difference in the effectiveness of our prayers?
4. Do these words of Jesus encourage you in your personal prayer life?

Monday, October 21: Read John 14:5-6

Our theme for stewardship at Reveille is a simple prayer: "Raise us up." We pray that God will do great things through us in 2025, guiding and empowering us through the Holy Spirit. This can be a scary prayer, however, can't it? What will God ask of us? What are God's plans for Reveille? We, like the disciples in today's passage may ask, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" This week, we will focus on scripture that offers the promises of God being with us even as God asks us to walk ahead in faith, going farther and higher than we ever imagined. By staying rooted in Christ, we can receive the guidance, assurance, and power to take God's plan for Reveille to places we have never before reached or even imagined.

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss what ministries at Reveille you are most excited about. Least excited about? What ministry could be added that would motivate you to give more to Reveille?*

Tuesday, October 22: Read John 14:7-14

Jesus's promises to his disciples – and to us – in today's scripture are astounding: "Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." (12b-14) We have been given a great gift and a great responsibility- to carry on Christ's work and do *even greater things*. What is our response?

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss with others: What do you think Jesus meant when he said to us that we would do even greater things than he did? What "greater things" could we do in 2025 at Reveille?*

Wednesday, October 23: Read Acts 1:6-9

Even after witnessing his resurrection, the disciples still thought small. The greatest thing they could imagine Jesus doing was to restore the kingdom of Israel from the clutches of the Roman Empire. Jesus had much, much greater plans than this. Jesus planned for them to bring the Good News to the ends of the earth and help establish an eternal kingdom. Today, are we not still suffering from small-minded plans? When we pledge our money and time to Reveille for 2025, are we envisioning all that Christ could do through us, even without us knowing the time or the place or the "how"?

- **Study and Discipleship Opportunity:** *Spend a few minutes researching stories of modern churches who have experienced incredible transformation, growth, and outreach. What is inspiring? What is actionable for Reveille? What ideas could you share with all of us?*

Thursday, October 24: Read Isaiah 54:1-3

In today's prophetic vision from the book of Isaiah, the "barren woman" (an analogy to the exiled Jewish people at the time) is told to enlarge the place of her tent, for she should make room for all her descendants. In a time when so many church congregations are shrinking in size, what are your feelings about this advice?

- **Relationship and Discipleship Opportunity:** *Discuss with others: Should Reveille be enlarging our "tents" and making room for growth? What are the consequences if we do this? What are the consequences if we don't do this?*

Friday, October 25: Read Isaiah 60:1-5

We have to have a vision, and as Christ's followers, our vision needs to be in alignment with God's vision for us as Christ's body. Today's gorgeous prophetic vision challenges us to look beyond whatever darkness and fear we currently feel and see God's ultimate plan for God's people: sons and daughters coming from afar, drawn to our light. Reveille has a mission to be a light within our community; a hub where people can gather in fellowship, safety, and love. What is your vision? How will you be a part of it?

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Spend time in prayerful meditation for how God can use your time, your talents, and your financial resources to be part of God's vision for Reveille in 2025.*

Saturday, October 26: SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: John 14:12

"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."

Sunday, October 27: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship by praying our Prayer of Common Confession: *Holy and righteous Lord, we confess that we have dismissed your call to us. You have invited us to partake of the bounty of your greater things. We have been so moderate. You have called us to ask to do greater things in your name and we have hidden in the busyness of lesser activities. You have invited us to call upon your Holy Spirit and be swept into the dynamic work of your kingdom, and we closed the windows of our homes and church to your sweet breeze. Forgive us O Lord for our tame faith. Lead us again into the greater things you have in store for us, for we ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.*