



REVEILLE'S GPS WEEKLY SCRIPTURE GUIDE

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February 24-March 2, 2025

YOUTH SUNDAY

Youth Preachers: Phi Perry and Grayson Buelow

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 families, small groups, and individual reflection:

1. This Sunday is Youth Sunday. Take a moment to reflect upon or discuss the importance of being in ministry with our youth.
2. Anyone could have been on the mountain with Jesus. Why Moses and Elijah (hint...what parts of the Bible do they represent and why does that matter)?
3. Why do you think Jesus brought the disciples with him to this event? What did the disciples need to hear and take back from it?

Monday, February 24: Read Luke 9:28-36

How perfect that Youth Sunday's focus is on transfiguration, for many of us will remark on how our entire youth and our youth preachers, Phi Perry and Grayson Buelow, seem to be transforming (and seemingly transfiguring!) before our eyes. Many of us will remember them in children's choir and can't believe they are now rapidly approaching graduation and young adulthood, with all the changes, opportunities, and challenges that entails. These youth have seen so many changes in their own lives already and will be speaking on the power of change, transformation, and transfiguration in their world, their faith, and their own journeys. This can be scary and even painful, but as usual, Jesus has gone before us, allowing himself to be transfigured into what God planned for him. This week, we will prepare our hearts and minds to learn from the words and examples of our youth as we also pray for them and the changes they are facing in the next chapter of their lives.

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Share with someone a formational experience you had as a youth in church. If you didn't have any, speak of what you wished you might have had.*

Tuesday, February 25: Read Luke 9:37-43

Today we continue reading in Luke, coming across this strange story of Jesus's first miracle after his transfiguration - healing the "demon-possessed" boy, then rebuking everyone for being an "unbelieving and perverse generation." This entire scene may seem a bit unreal and uncomfortable to us. Where is Jesus, the gentle and approachable teacher we so know and love? Jesus probably seems a bit unrecognizable to his disciples, and maybe even to us. Today, let us think of the ways change can be hard, and how easy it is to want to hold onto our old habits, old mindsets, and old perspectives...of others and of ourselves. Who better than our youth to deliver this message - the ones who are both experiencing and exhibiting the most change in their own lives?

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *This Jesus of The Transfiguration is not the typical "go to" image of Jesus. His clothes flash "white like lightning." How comfortable are you with this "supernatural" or cosmic side of Jesus? Why is this aspect so important?*

Wednesday, February 26: Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Sometimes, we are the ones trying to change ourselves to be something we are not or hide the shameful or less "beautiful" parts of us from others. Sometimes, we even hide our inner light and our faith, worrying what others will think. Teenagers have struggled with this from the dawn of time, and part of growing up is coming to terms with who we really are and determining what we want others to see. Today, let us think of what we may be hiding from others, and how we have a God and Savior who knows everything about us and loves us anyway.

- **Discipleship and Relationship Opportunity:** *Spend time in prayer and meditation, reflecting on what you may be hiding from others. Cast your cares, secrets, and sins before God.*

Thursday, February 27: Read Jeremiah 1:4-8

We pause today to celebrate the power and wisdom of youth and everything they have to teach us. For those of us just starting out in life, today's scripture encourages us to embrace the gifts and power we already have and not use our youth as an excuse to delay impacting real change in the world. For those of us who identify with the more "mature" side of life, today's scripture may serve as a reminder to check against our own biases that may prevent us from hearing the wisdom of younger voices.

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Share a time when someone younger than you taught you something important.*

Friday, February 28: Read Psalm 99

Today's psalm praises our God of all creation and all power while also calling out the importance of some of the human agents God used to teach, lead, and heal. This is one of the most amazing things about God - how God uses imperfect human agents to build the kingdom. We are called today to both recognize the awesome power of God's natural creation AND the power of God's work through humans.

- **Study Opportunity:** *Research the impact Moses and Samuel had on the kingdom of Israel.*

Saturday, March 1: SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Jeremiah 1:7-8

"But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD."

Sunday, March 2: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship by praying a prayer of Personal Confession and a prayer for Enlightenment: *This week, we do something different. Let us begin our Sunday with a greater intention to cast our sins before God and ask God to open our hearts and minds to the words and teachings of our youth.*