



REVEILLE'S GPS WEEKLY SCRIPTURE GUIDE

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November 3-9, 2025

Sermon Title: "The Best Is Yet To Come" 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. The sermon this week will deal with the subject of disappointed hopes. One of the things God instructed the people to do in their disappointment was to "work." Where do we "go to work" when disappointment comes our way?
2. In the not-so-great temple building, there is another important message: God really can't be contained or represented in any building, great or not. Take a moment and reflect on the function of our church buildings. What do they do? What do they not do?
3. Sometimes, the glory of God is long coming; sometimes very long coming. Describe a time when you needed or searched for God, and it felt like every day you were looking at a not-so-great temple. How did you get through it? Did you get through it?

Monday, November 3: Read Haggai 1:15b-2:9

All of us have had an experience where we had high expectations (even with God) and it turned out ok, but not great. The famous landmark that turned out smaller and more crowded than imagined. The bucket list accomplishment that ended up feeling hollow. This was the case in Jerusalem when the second temple was completed in the Haggai reading. It was nice, but nothing like that which was before – the one destroyed in the Babylonian invasion and exile. It is important to remember that there will be disappointments in this life, even with the wondrous promises of God. This week, we will examine the difference between the realities of this earthly life and the wonders promised in our eternal life with God. The call is to not lose faith, nor let the disappointment cloud our view of the glory of God and the future that is yet in store.

- **Study Opportunity:** *The historical background for this week's sermon is complicated. It involves Babylon, the Persians, the people of Israel and Judah, their sin, their exile, and their return. It also involves the physical temples where they worshiped. Take some time to look at the history of these two buildings.*

Tuesday, November 4: Read Luke 20:27-38

We sometimes carry the disappointments and trivialities of our earthly existence into our own images of eternal life. How many of us grew up with images of heaven as cherubs floating on clouds playing harps (something never mentioned in the Bible)? *Boring.* We see that tendency to overcomplicate and underwhelm eternal life in today's reading, when the Sadducees ask Jesus this convoluted question involving one widow and seven brothers. Rather than get mired in contemporary politics and tradition, Jesus alludes to the wonder of eternal life with God – one that exceeds our limitations and imagination.

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss where we might be putting limits on the wonders of God's kingdom and eternal life.*

Wednesday, November 5: Read Ezra 3:10-13

Today's scripture shows the disappointment of many when they saw the foundation of the new temple being laid. The exiles have had their prayers answered and have returned to Jerusalem after decades spent in exile in Babylon, but the older ones who remember the original temple start weeping when they see how small the new temple will be built in its place. Sometimes we don't compare our reality to eternity, we compare it to our "glory days", when everything seemed so much better than it is now. Do we have a tendency to do this? What are the dangers here?

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss how living in worship of one's own "glory days" compares to living in joyful expectation of the best yet to come in God's kingdom.*

Thursday, November 6: Read Romans 5:1-5

If we think suffering is all there is, or has no meaning, it makes suffering unbearable. If we know our suffering is temporary and perhaps even productive and leading to a greater reward, then we can bear almost anything in hope. Think of the difference between voluntarily having a hard workout at the gym versus being repeatedly hit with a stick for three sets of 8-12 reps. Today's words in the book of Romans speak directly to the hope we can have that our pain is temporary, even productive, and leading to a reward beyond our imagining. How might our entire outlook on life change if we embrace this truth?

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Share a time when temporary pain led to long-term gain.*

Friday, November 7: Read Ephesians 4:7-13

Promises of eternal happiness are not just individualistic rewards endowed on the lucky or worthy few. Christ's vision of eternity is one where we are all called and equipped to work together for the collective peace, love, and happiness of all. Yes, there is waiting involved, but it's an active waiting; one where we toil in hope and love for the promises of that which is to come, on earth and in heaven. How much of our time is spent in this kind of toil? How much of our days are spent in hope and love, opposed to disappointment and impatience?

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Do an audit of your time: What percentage of your toil is spent on temporary, earthly gain for yourself or your family, and how much of it is spent on eternal kingdom building for all? What do you want the percentage to be? What is one step you'll take toward that?*

Saturday, November 8: SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Ephesians 4:11-13

"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." (NIV)

Sunday, November 9: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship in reading our Prayer of

Common Confession: *Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*