



REVEILLE'S GPS WEEKLY SCRIPTURE GUIDE

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January 5-11, 2026

Sermon Series: "The Time Has Come"

Sermon Title: "Kingdom Possibilities" 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. Many of our churches need new life. Would you agree? Are you looking for a "new thing" in your life? Has the "time come" for a new season of life in your church?
2. What are the first things that come to your mind when you hear the phrase, "The Kingdom of God"?
3. The opening words of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark were: "The time has come..." As you reflect upon your life, what has the time come for? What about your church? What has the time come for in your congregation? Discuss this in the group as you are comfortable.

Monday, January 5: Read Mark 1:14-15

This is the time of year when many of us are thinking about renewal. The new year prompts us to ponder if the "time has come" for us to drop a bad habit, start a good one, or finally get serious about that goal. Jesus also talked a lot about renewal and creating a sense of urgency, but with a focus on the kingdom of God. For Jesus, the kingdom of God was not just a thematic or theological concept; it was a tangible reality that served as his primary preaching and ministry focus. The kingdom of God is to be our focus, too – the place where we find the personal and church-wide renewal that we have been looking for. How much has the kingdom of God entered our thoughts in the new year?

➤ **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss how much you use the kingdom of God as an ideal and/or a resource for your own renewal. How much should you?*

Tuesday, January 6: Read Matthew 6:25-34

Some of us make resolution lists as long as our arm. We want the perfect year, leading to the perfect life, so that means ensuring we gain full control over what we eat, spend, wear, exercise, and plan. This is not what Jesus teaches, however. Jesus teaches to “seek first the kingdom of God” (verse 33), then trust that everything else will be added as well. What would this look like in our modern lives? What could it look like in 2026 in our own life? In the life of our church?

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Reflect on your existing goals for 2026. How could you change them to seek the kingdom of God first?*

Wednesday, January 7: Read Luke 16:19-31

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus is one of Jesus’s classic teachings of the tragic danger of focusing on the wrong things during our lifetimes. The rich man died having “won” according to all earthly standards of success, yet finds himself in torment, as opposed to Lazarus, who has found peace and comfort in eternity. Are we keeping eternity in mind as we make our plans and resolutions for 2026? Why or why not? What would change if we did?

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss your comfort level with thinking about death and the afterlife when making your priorities and goals for renewal.*

Thursday, January 8: Read John 3:1-21

We are all ready to follow a to-do list to find happiness and meaning. But are we ready to throw away our list and strip ourselves down to our most vulnerable and most open – to be born again into God’s love and grace? To allow God to make us into a new person? Are we ready to allow ourselves to be fully loved, fully forgiven, and fully renewed in God’s image? This is the opposite of control; it is a release. Are we ready? If now, when? Is now not the time?

- **Study and Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss what being “born again” means to you in the context of today’s passage. Look up what different denominations believe about this.*

Friday, January 9: Read Matthew 13:44-46

Our short reading today underscores Jesus’s emphasis on the importance of seeking the kingdom of heaven above all else. The parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl describe people singularly focused on finding their treasure and willing to sacrifice for it. What are we willing to sacrifice in 2026 in order to find, build, and share the kingdom of God? Let us all take time today to inventory what distractions, stumbling blocks, and slippery slides we have built into our current routines, habits, and priorities that keep us from seeking, recognizing, and enjoying the kingdom of God.

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Create or renew a commitment to creating a singular space for seeking God’s guidance, peace, and love, and cutting out something that keeps you from finding it.*

Saturday, January 10: SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Mark 1:15b

“The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Sunday, January 11: Let us prepare our hearts and minds with our Prayer of Confession: *Almighty and Glorious God, you will come in power, mercy, and grace to bring all creation under Your rule. Yet we confess we have not been expecting you. We are not looking for your Kingdom to come. We instead follow our own ways. We trust in our own solutions. We obey our own promptings. We live casual lives that ignore your presence. Forgive us, O Lord, and restore us to be your people who follow You alone, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

- From Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church Prayer of Confession, Sunday, December 21, 2025