



## REVEILLE'S GPS WEEKLY SCRIPTURE GUIDE

Explore scriptures and daily devotionals that reflect on this Sunday's sermon message.  
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### January 12-18, 2026

### Sermon Series: "The Time Has Come"

**Sermon Title: "The Kingdom Is Near, II: Now What?" by Rev. Dr. Pete 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:

See Page 39 in *The Time Has Come: A Kingdom Centered Journey to Personal and Church Renewal* for a complete list.

1. Does Christianity sometimes seem to you as simply religious advice on how to live, or perhaps how to go to heaven? How does Jesus' announcement around "good news" change that?
2. Lots of people speak about living Jesus-centered lives. Many churches describe themselves as "Christ-centered." What do you believe that means?
3. Do you agree or disagree with the admittedly broad and unqualified statement that churches that focus upon Jesus, or upon the Spirit generally do better?

#### Monday, January 12: Read Mark 4:1-12

We begin our second week of Reveille's sermon series, "The Time Has Come," in which both our sermons and small group studies are centered around Rev. Dr. Pete Moon's book, *The Time Has Come: A Kingdom Centered Journey to Personal and Church Renewal*. This week, we focus on Chapter 2: "The Kingdom is Near: Now What?" In other words, if the kingdom of God is near, what are we actually supposed to do about it? Our readings, sermon, and book chapter will help us explore an answer that is not just belief, not just repentance, and not just good behavior, but a full reorientation of life, faith, and church around Jesus and his kingdom breaking into the present world.

There is a real sense of urgency in Jesus's message to us today – he doesn't say the kingdom is a possibility, but that it is actually here. In today's scripture, the Parable of the Sower, Jesus calls us to hear the Good News, turning down competing idols, repenting from our hard hearts, and becoming the fertile soil to actively participate in God's renewal of the world.

- **Relationship Opportunity:** Discuss what you believe to be the greatest threat to hearing the "Good News" today. Competing idols (weeds)? Hard hearts (unfertile soil)? Something else?

## **Tuesday, January 13: Read Isaiah 61:1-6**

Notice the urgency and immediacy of today's reading from Isaiah. The people of Israel are hurting now and in need of hope and healing. The prophet has been called to help the brokenhearted, proclaim freedom for the captives, offer light in darkness, comfort those who mourn, and proclaim the year of the Lord's favor *now*, not sometime in the vague future or afterlife. Could this be what we are being called to do? Do we feel this same urgency? Do we feel this same joy and assurance today?

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Reflect on ways you can offer this hope, healing, and comfort to those around you today. Start with one person.*

## **Wednesday, January 14: Read Isaiah 52:5-8**

This is not the first time the world has been hurting. This is not the first time the kingdom of God felt far away. The prophet in Isaiah is speaking to a nation that is facing war, starvation, and exile. Yet the prophet promises joy, not someday in the distant future, but now. We are not called to only hear the message, but carry the message to others. We are to be active players in giving people the hope and good news they need. We are called to help bring the kingdom. The time is near. How will we start?

- **Study Opportunity:** *Research what was going on in Israel and Judah during the time of Isaiah.*

## **Thursday, January 15: Read Romans 10:12-17**

We are called to proclaim the Good News. We are called to be the "beautiful feet" that bring this gospel of peace. But how do we create excitement and motivation for this kingdom in a world that's so full of problems and in a faith that's also struggling with fatigue and declining membership? The key is to keep our focus on the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. There is no kingdom on earth as it is in heaven without Jesus at the center. This is our rallying cry and the message the world so desperately needs.

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *How comfortable are you centering your Good News around Jesus? Explain your answer.*

## **Friday, January 16: Read Psalm 51**

Today's psalm gives us beautiful words to express a key component to enjoying life in the kingdom of God – repentance. Today, we ask God to "create in us a clean heart" so our spirit can be renewed, our church can experience revival, and we can be active participants in helping build God's kingdom on earth. In Mark 1:15, Jesus proclaimed, "*The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news.*" For some of us, repentance may be a dramatic confession. More often, however, it's a long-term reorientation of attention, loyalty, and priorities. What needs more of our attention? Less? What needs to be prioritized? Deprioritized? What difference can this make in our own lives and in the lives of our church?

- **Discipleship and Relationship Opportunity:** *Have a discussion with your small group and/or family about what needs to be reprioritized, dumped, or taken up in order to bring renewal to God's church, God's people, and yourselves.*

## **Saturday, January 17: SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Isaiah 61:1**

"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners."

## **Sunday, January 18: Let us prepare our hearts and minds with our Prayer of 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 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.***