



## REVEILLE'S GPS WEEKLY SCRIPTURE GUIDE

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**February 2-8, 2026**

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

**Sermon Title: "Kingdom-Style Diversity" 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:**

1. Is there anything you fear when we speak to this multi-ethnic kingdom and world?
2. How does it feel to say that your primary citizenship is not to your earthly nation of origin but instead to the kingdom of God? Does that sound a bit grandiose, or is it empowering and freeing?
3. Do you remember the song, "We Are the World"? How do you believe the Kingdom of God can supply the missing refrain to the song and to our world today?

### **Monday, February 2: Read Revelation 7:9-12**

Who belongs in God's kingdom and what should its population look like? As we explore these questions in this fifth week of our study, "The Time Has Come," we will quickly run into a word that has caused much controversy in recent years: *diversity*. We will be challenged this week to transcend political division and its narrow lens and approach diversity through the transformational vision of the Kingdom. Pete's sermon on Sunday will make a case for forming a new narrative for all of us around diversity, based on the images of the kingdom like the one in Revelation we read today, comprising an inclusive, universal gathering of all nations and all people, united as one body in praise of their God and Creator. This is the picture of the eternal kingdom, the ultimate goal toward which we should all be working. How are we doing?

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss if you've ever viewed diversity as the ultimate picture of God's Kingdom. What would change if we did? Does the multi-ethnic imagery of today's scripture change the way you see heaven?*

## **Tuesday, February 3: Read Isaiah 56:1-8**

Diversity in today's scripture isn't about simply tolerating others' differences; it's about actively welcoming them in. It's seeing them as brothers and sisters who belong with us, united in purpose for the good of all and God's kingdom. Notice that within the diversity described in today's scripture, there is a qualification: to welcome in foreigners who "bind themselves to the Lord." What do you think this means? Does this mean that not everyone needs to be welcomed? Why or why not?

- **Relationship and Discipleship Opportunity:** *Reflect on whether or not we need to have caveats on who is welcomed in. What are the dangers of each answer? Discuss your thoughts with one another with curiosity, not judgment.*

## **Wednesday, February 4: Read Romans 15:23-24**

Today's brief scripture reading gives us a fascinating snapshot into the mind of Paul as an apostle on the GO. Paul saw no boundaries or borders on who should be included in the gospel message. He was not dissuaded by politics, economics, or religious climates. He went everywhere and preached everywhere – often and ultimately to his own peril. Paul had serious standards around right and wrong and often expressed what we would call today very "conservative" views about women, homosexuality, and marriage. He also held one of the most inclusive views of God's kingdom in his time, being the greatest agent for opening up Christianity to the Gentiles – a revolutionary concept that shocked many of the earliest Christian leaders, who were all Jews. Where do we see this example of radical inclusivity today?

- **Study Opportunity:** *Research the life and travels of Paul. Where do you see inclusivity? Is there any place you do not?*

## **Thursday, February 5: Read Acts 8:26-40**

Today, we read the story of the very first named convert in the book of Acts, a black man from Ethiopia and a member of a sexual minority. The story of the spread of Christianity could have been told in many other ways, but the writer of Acts told this story intentionally and in great detail. Thousands of years later, we are still trying to live up to its example. How easy it would have been for Peter to think, "This gospel message won't interest him" or "Let's start with someone easier; more like us." Instead, Peter climbed into that chariot, and the gospel message soon traveled to Africa and beyond. What message is there for us today as individuals and as a church?

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss how this story speaks to you. Would you have climbed into the chariot?*

## **Friday, February 6: Read Genesis 12:1-9**

One of the most distinguishing features of the Jewish people throughout the Old Testament is their identity as a people set apart – they ate differently, worshipped differently, and were warned repeatedly not to mix with the local population. Yet we read that Judaism's very foundation was steeped in the principle of being a blessing to all nations. The Jewish people, like all people, have sometimes struggled with this dual commandment of being set apart while also focusing on outsiders. There are plenty of examples of this fact throughout the Bible and in today's morning paper. But today, we see how God had the blessings of all humanity in mind when God made the covenant with Abraham. Everything God did was to ultimately bless the world, bringing us full circle to the vision in Revelation we read Monday. God's covenant story starts and ends with all of us. This is diversity, equity, and inclusion in its truest, most holy form.

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Take time to reflect on your own beliefs and actions around inclusion. Do you believe the faithful work of the few should benefit the many? Should yours?*

## **Saturday, February 7: SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Revelation 9:1a**

"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb."

**Sunday, February 8: Let us prepare our hearts and minds with our Prayer of Confession:** *Holy God, our sin is always before us. We reject King Jesus. We refuse his power to make us holy. You are driving this creation to a celebration of diversity, a kingdom of many cultures. We fight it. We humbly ask for Your forgiveness. Turn our shame to reverence, and our guilt to awe. Let us receive with gratitude Your unshakable kingdom, to draw near to the throne of grace and to fix our eyes on Jesus, alongside our brothers and sisters from other nations. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.* Adapted From Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church Prayer of Confession, August 31, 2025

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