



REVEILLE'S GPS WEEKLY SCRIPTURE GUIDE

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April 20-26, 2026

Sermon Title: "The Thief in the Night" by Rev. Bayo Ogungbade

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. How do you feel about the news these days? Is it more life-giving or life-draining to you? Why?
2. What are some of the "voices" in your life that are competing for your attention?
3. Is there a "voice" in your life that you need to cut out of your life? What is it and why?
4. In your own life, how can you be more intentional in listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd (Christ, the voice of truth), instead of the voice that "sounds good" to you (whatever is convenient, all about me, nothing about God)?

Monday, April 20: Read John 10:1-5

We live in an age of complete information overload and constant noise. Whether we want to hear something or not, our news and media outlets often run amok with attention-seeking headlines that don't always paint the full picture of the truth. Controversial tweets. Outlandish statements. AI-enhanced images. Polarizing opinions. In today's 21st-century world of digital media and influencers, one must begin to wonder - what's real and what's fake? How can we distinguish the truth from a lie? How do we know which voice to trust in the midst of a world filled with multiple voices that are always seemingly trying to talk over each other?

Together, this Sunday, we're going to learn how we can distinguish between the voice of Christ and the voices of our vices. In the midst of a world filled with so many voices competing for our attention, we'll learn how we can pay better attention to Jesus's voice - a voice that is even closer and louder than we may think. Jesus is our Good Shepherd, and as his sheep - his people - we must learn to recognize his voice.

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss what "voices" crowd our individual and collective lives today. What are the consequences? What can be done about it? What needs to be done about it?*

Tuesday, April 21: Read John 10:6-10

In John 10:1-10, we're given a warning that there are voices out there that aren't working for our greater good. There are "thieves and robbers," working silently and diligently under the darkness of night, looking to lead us astray and away from God. They appear subtly - that voice of disgust when you look at yourself in the mirror and compare yourself to someone else online. That voice of guilt when you've made a mistake in the past and still live with regret. That "pastor" who tells you what you want to hear when your local preacher up the street doesn't tell you what you want to hear. Those sins or addictions that feel like freedom, but secretly keep you rooted to destruction. Little by little, these voices can steal your joy and rob you of your peace, and even worse than that, it can happen easier than you think and before you even realize it.

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Today, do an audit of the voices creeping into your sound feed. How are you filtering them? What would Jesus advise?*

Wednesday, April 22: Read Acts 2:42-47

Notice the fellowship and community exhibited in the early church as described in this reading from the Book of Acts. Christ's apostles constantly gather together to break bread, talk, reflect, plan, and support. There is no unilateral decision-making, and no one is getting their news from only one source. No one is left to their own devices to process information, make sense of the unsensible, or publicly speak without group accountability. What are the lessons for us today as followers of Christ and consumers of news? What are the lessons for leaders and creators of news?

- **Discipleship and Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss with a trusted group how you can co-create more accountability in consuming and producing "news" today.*

Thursday, April 23: Read 1 Peter 2:19-25

Truth can be uncomfortable; even distressing. It's much easier to cling to speakers who affirm our preconceived beliefs, tell us what we want to hear, and make us feel good about everything we're already doing...or not doing. It's much harder to truly listen, change, act, and repent. Many of us feel powerless and defeated in today's culture and climate, yet as we read today's words of encouragement AND call to action, we can be guided and inspired by the earliest Christian leaders whose voices of truth ultimately outgrew and outlasted the powerful voices of their day, speaking to us 2000 years later, long after the others fell silent.

- **Study Opportunity:** *Research the number of ancient manuscripts that survived the first few centuries from the Bible versus those from ancient Roman rulers of the same time period. What is the significance of what you discovered?*

Friday, April 24: Read Psalm 23

In our darkest moments, when everything has turned upside down, and we cannot see the light at the end of the tunnel, many of us have found incredible comfort in today's famous psalm. Despite our uncertainty about everything else, we have felt the presence of God and the undeniable truth that faith in God gives us power. Gives us direction. Gives us hope. This is the foundation to which we can return time and again. This is the truth we have.

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Go on a walk and recite the Lord's Prayer. Put it in your own words.*

Saturday, April 25: SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Psalm 23

Sunday, April 26: Let us prepare our hearts and minds with our Prayer of Confession:

Lord God, we confess that we have closed our hearts, minds, and ears to your voice. We would rather listen to what is good for us, than listen to the Good News. We have chosen to do what is convenient in place of doing what is Christ-centered. We have allowed ourselves to be led astray, instead of being led by You. Forgive us, O God, and guide us by the sound of your voice. Help us to overcome the voices of death and lead us to Your voice of life. Shepherd us, as your sheep, to your green pastures and beside your still waters. We ask this for our great good, and Your even greater glory. In Christ's name. Amen.