



REVEILLE'S GPS WEEKLY SCRIPTURE GUIDE

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April 27-May 3, 2026

Sermon Title: "Is This As Good As It Gets?" 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. Note the opening line of our reading this week: "Don't let your hearts be troubled..." (John 14:1). Jesus is offering guidelines to alleviate the disciples' grief. Name some of the things that are "troubling" you right now.
2. Jesus goes on to describe the "way". What does he mean by this way?
3. Jesus also describes the way to the way! Go through our reading (John 14:1-14) and review the number of times Jesus uses the word "believe". Belief is the way to the way. How do we do this? What does this "belief" entail, and how do we do it?
4. This "way" of Jesus consistently takes us to "greater things": a place in eternity, truth, life, and literal "greater things" than even he did. This way offers an opportunity to pray for anything in Jesus' name, and it is granted. What greater things would you like to do in your life?
5. Greater things here is not a wish list nor rubbing Aladdin's lamp. What is the difference between Jesus' invitation to seek greater things and the wish list?

Monday, April 27: Read John 14:1-8

The sermon title this week is based on a scene in the movie "As Good as it Gets," as actor Jack Nicholson looks into the waiting room of a psychiatrist's office of struggling patients and asks this thematic question. Have you ever asked a similar question about life or the world? Have you ever seen someone else ask this question in one way or another? This week, we explore how the Bible answers this question, beginning with this reading from John's gospel where Jesus immediately promises us more...more in eternity and more through him who is "the way, the truth, and the life." This life is not all there is, and today's troubles are in no way as good as it gets. Who needs to hear this today?

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss the difference it makes in your life to know this is not "as good as it gets." What difference could this message make in the world today?*

Tuesday, April 28: Read John 14:9-14

Like Philip in today's reading, we often demand more proof that things will get better. We, too, ask to "see the Father" in order to trust in the future when the evidence of Christ's love and presence is right in front of us. How many of us are walking through life in despair while ignoring the love, beauty, and promises of renewal and redemption all around us? How often are we neglecting to be the hands and face of Christ to others, thereby helping those in pain and despair find hope and healing now? Living as an Easter people who follow the risen Christ means we can enjoy a better life now, not just in the future. We have access to hope, healing, love, and renewal now. Are we living it? Are we showing it to others?

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Look for ways to recognize and reflect the healing, hope, and renewal of Christ in the world today.*

Wednesday, April 29: Read 1 Peter 2:2-10

We all long for purpose, meaning, and legacy in our lives. We want to know that our work matters and will live on beyond us. Today's scripture gives us that direction and hope – that our work in Christ is helping lay the foundation for God's kingdom for all. No act of love, faith, or grace is wasted; no life is without meaning or overlooked by God. Even as we cannot yet see the ultimate manifestation of our work for Christ, we can have hope that we are a vital part of God's plan to build a kingdom of light where all are welcome and all are healed.

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss a time when your seemingly insignificant act of love, service, or faith yielded much bigger and lasting results than you could have predicted. What did it teach you?*

Thursday, April 30: Read Acts 7:55-60

Stephen, the first Christian martyr, saw something more. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Stephen saw God's majesty and Jesus standing at God's right side. Stephen saw "heaven on display". He also saw forgiveness and grace, even as he was being stoned to death. Have you ever known anyone whose faith and belief seemed to allow them to see beyond present reality and circumstances? Have you ever experienced this yourself? How can we be more receptive to this gift of the Spirit in ourselves... and others?

- **Study Opportunity:** *Read further into these chapters of Acts to learn more about Stephen and the earliest Christians. What gave them such hope and assurance?*

Friday, May 1: Read Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Today's psalm is written from a place of distress and danger coupled with assurance of future deliverance and protection. Notice the play between future and present tense: "Be a rock of refuge for me... You are indeed my rock and my fortress." The psalmist does not have to wait for God to act – the psalmist can already enjoy the benefits of God's protection through faith alone. Could we also enjoy a better life before any of our circumstances actually change? How? If so, what are we waiting for?

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Put today's psalm in your own words, switching between asking God for deliverance and thanking God for delivering you. Reflect on the difference it makes.*

Saturday, May 2: SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: John 14:1-2

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" (NRSVue)

Sunday, May 3: Let us prepare our hearts and minds with our Prayer of Confession:

Gracious Lord, we gather this morning and confess our rush to despondency. Trouble comes and we turn to everything but you. We look at the problems and ignore your call to believe in you. When we do believe, our faith proves superficial and fragile. Forgive us O Lord and lead us to the Way. Guide our steps and make them firm for we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.