



# Created for Community

**A word from Pastor Tony:**

Dear Church,

Here is your Created for Community Guidebook! This might be the simplest Lenten series that we have ever undertaken. We are simply reading God's Word together and listening to how God is speaking to us through it. But beware, because "simply" listening to God's Word together can be a very transformative experience!

I am encouraging everyone to find a **Lent Buddy** for this journey! So, think of someone in the congregation that you'd like to connect with. I am more than happy to help you make that connection if you wish. If you choose not to connect with a Lent Buddy, you can still fully participate in this series, on your own, or with your spouse/family.

You and your buddy will follow the simple weekly study included in this guidebook. There are **daily scripture readings** at the bottom of each page as well. We will also offer an **in-person Bible study option on Mondays at 10:00am** at the Church. Please let me know if you plan on attending. We will be distanced, and masked, but we will be together! I will also provide a **weekly video** that will be on our website ([www.LMCQuincy.com](http://www.LMCQuincy.com)) and our Facebook page every Monday evening by 7:00pm.

Let's make this Lenten journey together in community and see what God has in store for us!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Tony

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**LENT 2021 AT LUTHER MEMORIAL**

## GUIDEBOOK

You will meet with your Lent Buddy once a week during Lent. Commit to pray for one another, share highs/ lows and follow this simple order below. You will read same appointed scripture lesson 3 times and each time you will have a question to ponder. After each reading, take a few moments of reflective silence before you share with your partner(s) or write in your journal.

Open with a short, **SIMPLE PRAYER** asking God to speak to us through the reading of God's Word (see bottom of page).

### FIRST READING:

What captures my attention?

### SECOND READING:

What questions do you have? What do you wonder about?

### THIRD READING:

How might God's Spirit be nudging us?

Close with the **LORD'S PRAYER**

DEAR LORD, OPEN OUR EARS AND OUR  
HEARTS TO HEAR YOUR HOLY SPIRIT  
SPEAKING TO US THROUGH THE READING  
OF YOUR WORD TODAY. AMEN

## WEEK ONE- SCRIPTURE LESSON

# MARK 4:35-41

[35] On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' [36] And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. [37] A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 38But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' [39] He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. [40] He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' [41] And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

**NOTE:** Each week we also provide you with daily scripture readings. These are to be read on your own throughout the season.

### DAILY READINGS FOR WEEK ONE

<b>Mon — Feb. 22</b>	Job 4:1-21	Ephesians 2:1-10
<b>Tue — Feb. 23</b>	Job 5:8-27	1 Peter 3:8-18a
<b>Wed — Feb. 24</b>	Proverbs 30:1-9	Matthew 4:1-11
<b>Thu — Feb. 25</b>	Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18	Romans 3:21-31
<b>Fri — Feb. 26</b>	Genesis 16:1-6	Romans 4:1-12
<b>Sat — Feb. 27</b>	Genesis 16:7-15	Mark 8:27-30

## WEEK TWO- SCRIPTURE LESSON

# MARK 9:2-8

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[2] Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, [3] and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. [4] And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. [5] Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' [6] He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. [7] Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' [8] Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

### DAILY READINGS FOR WEEK TWO

<b>Mon — Mar. 1</b>	Genesis 21:1-7	Hebrews 1:8-12
<b>Tue — Mar. 2</b>	Genesis 22:1-19	Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19
<b>Wed — Mar. 3</b>	Jeremiah 30:12-22	John 12:36-43
<b>Thu — Mar. 4</b>	Exodus 19:1-9a	1 Peter 2:4-10
<b>Fri — Mar. 5</b>	Exodus 19:9b-15	Acts 7:30-40
<b>Sat — Mar. 6</b>	Exodus 19:16-25	Mark 9:2-8

## WEEK THREE- SCRIPTURE LESSON

# MARK 2:1-12

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[2] When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. [2] So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. [3] Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. [4] And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. [5] When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' [6] Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, [7] 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' [8] At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? [9] Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? [10] But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he said to the paralytic— [11] 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.'

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## WEEK 3, CONT'D...

[12] And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

### DAILY READINGS FOR WEEK THREE

<b>Mon — Mar. 8</b>	1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22	1 Corinthians 3:10-23
<b>Tue — Mar. 9</b>	2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19	Hebrews 9:23-28
<b>Wed- Mar. 10</b>	Ezra 6:1-16	Mark 11:15-19
<b>Thu — Mar. 11</b>	Genesis 9:8-17	Ephesians 1:3-6
<b>Fri — Mar. 12</b>	Daniel 12:5-13	Ephesians 1:7-14
<b>Sat — Mar. 13</b>	Numbers 20:22-29	John 3:1-13

## WEEK FOUR- SCRIPTURE LESSON

# MARK 5:1-20

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[1] They came to the other side of the lake, to the country of the Gerasenes. [2] And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. [3] He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; [4] for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. [5] Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. [6] When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; [7] and he shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.' [8] For he had said to him, 'Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!' [9] Then Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' He replied, 'My name is Legion; for we are many.' [10] He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. [11] Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; [12] and the unclean spirits begged him, 'Send us into the swine; let us enter them.'

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## WEEK 4, CONT'D...

[13] So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the lake, and were drowned in the lake. [14] The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. [15] They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. [16] Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. [17] Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. [18] As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. [19] But Jesus refused, and said to him, 'Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.' [20] And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

### DAILY READINGS FOR WEEK FOUR

<b>Mon — Mar. 15</b>	Exodus 15:22-27	Hebrews 3:1-6
<b>Tue — Mar. 16</b>	Numbers 20:1-13	1 Corinthians 10
<b>Wed — Mar. 17</b>	Isaiah 60:15-22	John 8:12-20
<b>Thu — Mar. 18</b>	Isaiah 30:15-18	Hebrews 4:1-13
<b>Fri — Mar. 19</b>	Exodus 30:1-10	Hebrews 4:14—5
<b>Sat — Mar. 20</b>	Habakkuk 3:2-13	John 12:1-11

## WEEK FIVE- SCRIPTURE LESSON

# MARK 10:32-45

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[32] They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, [33] saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; [34] they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.' [35] James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' [36] And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' [37] And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' [38] But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' [39] They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;

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## WEEK 5, CONT'D...

[40] but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' [41] When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. [42] So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. [43] But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, [44] and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. [45] For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

### DAILY READINGS FOR WEEK FIVE

<b>Mon — Mar. 22</b>	Isaiah 43:8-13	2 Corinthians 3:4-11
<b>Tue — Mar. 23</b>	Isaiah 44:1-8	Acts 2:14-24
<b>Wed — Mar. 24</b>	Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23	John 12:34-50
<b>Thu — Mar. 25</b>	Deuteronomy 16:1-8	Philippians 2:1-11
<b>Fri — Mar. 26</b>	Jeremiah 33:1-9	Philippians 2:12-18
<b>Sat — Mar. 27</b>	Jeremiah 33:10-16	Mark 10:32-34, 46-52