

How Do I Start?

Welcome to **day 18** of our 21 days of prayer and fasting! As we approach the end of our fast I want us all start praying for the leadership at our church. This means staff, children's workers, production volunteers, worship leaders, choir members, deacons, trustees, committee members, greeters, kitchen staff, D-Group leaders, and anyone else who takes on responsibility at our church. Pray for those who are currently filling those roles and pray for those who God is calling to lead us in the future. What have we learned during our study about leadership? Power, strength, influence, heritage, experience, and wisdom all pale in comparison to faith and obedience. Above all, we need people who trust God and follow Him at all costs. But there is one final qualification we are looking for. We need people who understand grace. Grace is the most important word in the Bible. Our reading today will begin with God's justified punishment of a wicked and rebellious people but it will end in a new covenant of love the people do not deserve and could never earn. That's grace!! And that grace will ultimately be fulfilled in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. We need the Holy Spirit to teach us about grace!

Things to pray about today:

1. God, forgive us where we have rebelled against you.
2. Father, teach us what grace really means and help us understand how Your grace is the foundation of everything we believe.
3. Lord, raise up leaders in our church family who have a strong faith, are committed to obedience, and are full of Your grace. Strengthen the leaders we have, call out leaders from our church family, and bring us 5 new families who are ready to invest in the work You're doing in forest Park.

Today's Reading - Jeremiah 11-12, 31:31-40

Read the passage for today and write down anything that stood out to you. God primarily speaks through His word, so, if something "jumped off the page" that was probably God revealing something to you or to our church family. Write it down!

Pray

Write out your prayer. Or at least the main points. I like to do this section in a different color.

Listen

Take time to listen to what God is saying to you. Check your understanding against the truth of His word. He will never tell you something that contradicts His word. Be sure to listen throughout the day even after you leave the sanctuary. As He speaks, write it down! I like to use a third color for this part

Date: _____

What's on my mind?

Prayer

Today's Scripture

Listen