

## Be His

Matthew 7



Make it the highest goal of your life to \_\_\_\_\_

With Him – Matt 7:1-6

Treat \_\_\_\_\_

The Pursuit of God – Matt 7:7-14

Your calendar reveals \_\_\_\_\_

The Rooted Life – Matt 7:15-23

Only life rooted in Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

On the Rock – Matt 7:24-29

Only the life built on \_\_\_\_\_

### My Action Steps:

What I will do on my calendar to pursue Jesus first and commit to being closer to Him.

### Devotions: Matthew

Jesus calls each person to follow Him. He is our King and Savior, and becoming His disciple changes our lives as we follow Him, share life together, and live out His mission.

Mon – Matt 24:1-25 / Tues – Matt 24:26-51 / Wed – Matt 25:1-30

Thur – Matt 25:31-46 / Fri – Matt 26:1-35 / Sat – catch up and pray

## PRAYER

Be earnest and disciplined  
in your prayers. 1 Peter 4:7

### Praise

*Psalm 119:62-64 I rise at midnight to thank you for your just regulations. I am a friend to anyone who fears you anyone who obeys your commandments. O LORD, your unfailing love fills the earth...*

- Lord, we praise You for Your unfailing love! Thank You for Your just ways. May we praise You when we rise in the night unable to sleep.
- Praise the Lord for the Media Fast! We have heard so many testimonies of how God worked through this time!
- Father, we are grateful for the opportunities for connection with Covenant Grove—in person, on the phone, email, text or Zoom.
- Oh Sovereign Lord, we lift up our heads, hands and hearts to give You our adoration and worship—just for who You are—worthy!
- We express our gratitude for the wonderful daily devotions posted daily on Facebook and on the Covenant Grove website.
- We thank the Church Council for all they do, and pray for their support, wisdom, guidance and blessing as they make decisions.

### Prayer

*Psalm 118:5-6 In my distress I prayed to the LORD, and the LORD answered me and set me free. The LORD is for me, so I will have no fear...*

- Dear Heavenly Father, thank You that You are for us, even when the arrows come flying at us. You are our Shield and our Defender.
- Help us in our fear, to turn to You. You bring peace that casts away all fear. Help us to abide in Your strength and let it be our joy.
- Great Physician, we pray for Your healing—of our bodies and our souls. Mend our hearts Lord. Make them more like You.
- Yvonne Del Santo—pray for her and her family who just moved here from the Bay Area. Her Mom is progressively forgetful, needs Jesus.
- Caitlin Timmons—pray for upcoming MRI to provide much needed answers and that no surgery is required.
- Pray for our missionaries in the MENA (Middle East North Africa) area. Pray for their safety, protection, mission tasks and connections.

If you have a prayer request, please add it to your connect card or contact the church. Please mark if you want it shared publicly. We pray for each other!



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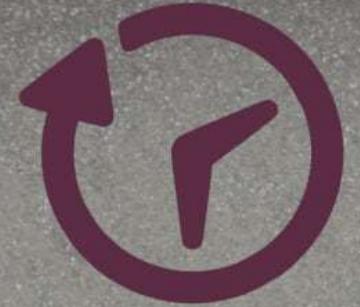
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agenda  
teaching on time  
from the sermon on the mount

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# Welcome!

We are so glad you are here! This is a safe place to be authentic, ask questions, grow in your faith, and make a difference with others. Our mission is to transform religious and irreligious people into Fully Devoted Followers of Christ. We like to go deep, have fun, and be a little different – this ain't your mama's church! You can get more information about our church at [www.covenantgrove.org](http://www.covenantgrove.org).



We want to help you get connected! For more information about Life Groups, go to [covenantgrove.org](http://covenantgrove.org) or email [lifegroups@covenantgrove.org](mailto:lifegroups@covenantgrove.org)  
**Make Disciples. Make Connections. Make an Impact**

This month, we have been learning about how our faith guides our agenda; the way that we use our time matters! It seems like something is always pressing in on us, and we just don't have enough time/energy/money/strength to get it all done. Perhaps there's a Source that you haven't plugged into yet? When we gather together, we can get filled with encouragement. When we gather, we read the Word, and Jesus speaks to our lives. When we gather, we pray, and the Spirit works in our hearts. When we gather...we realize that we aren't alone on the journey. Can you give 1-2 hours a week for that? I know it will make a difference in your life. Make time to get filled up by joining a Life Group this season.



Save the date!!  
We will start meeting again January 11th.  
Time/Location: 7:00pm  
4825 Roselle Ave (at the Church)  
Contact: Jacqui Crumrine, 209-505-3745

Sometimes the Bible can feel like a pretty confusing book, right? There's a lot of stuff that we don't quite understand! For the first few weeks of this season, we are studying the Bible; how we got it, who wrote it, how it has authority...and more! Join us each week as we learn how to read the Bible, and let it guide our hearts and transform our lives!

This season we will continue to gather on Monday nights at 7:00pm. CG2(ages 18-24), and Young Adults (ages 24-29) will start out together and then break into groups to learn, connect and grow! January is always a season of 'new beginnings' so make sure you prioritize this time NOW! Block it out on your schedule and get ready to dig Deep Roots!



## Night to Shine

Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older. You can choose to help with hair and make-up, audio/visuals, set up, drive thru karaoke and paparazzi, security, medical, and more. Go to [www.NightToShineModesto.com](http://www.NightToShineModesto.com) to register to volunteer. Night to Shine is on Friday, February 12.

## Supply Lines of Support

In this sermon series beginning January 31, Pastor Scott will teach on key characters from the Bible and highlight lessons for the five areas of support we all need: devotion (roots), vision, encouragement, relationships, and practical tasks.



## Media Fast, Spiritual Feast

As we get to the second half of our month-long Media Fast, our prayer is that each of us can reflect on the lessons the Holy Spirit is showing us in our lives. The goal is not to return to where we were before but grow because we have been part of a "spiritual feast." The Media Fast covers four key areas: Social Media and Web, Shows (tv, sports, movies, YouTube, etc.), Video Games (including on phones), and Music.

## Update on Missionaries

Our church supports four missionary families around the world. Philip and Stephanie Volland in Germany (Kiel), Greg and Kristi Fauss in Germany (Berlin), Grant and Miho Bucholtz in Japan, and another family in the Middle East (their names withheld for security reasons). This month, pray for our missionaries as they deal with coronavirus in their areas while still faithfully proclaiming the message of Jesus.



## Coming Up

- Jan: Media Fast (whole month)
- Jan 25: Youth Parent Meeting, Zoom, 7:00pm
- Jan 28: 4-5th grade Campfire Event, 6:30-7:30pm
- Jan 31: Confirmation (7-8th grade), 1:10-3:30pm
- Feb 12: Night to Shine, 5:30-9:00pm
- Feb 17: Ash Wed Service, 6:30pm
- Feb 21: Kids Ministry serving event, 2:00-3:30pm
- Feb 28: All Church Meeting, 1:30pm
- Mar (all month): Building Hope emphasis
- Mar 7: Membership Class, 2:00-5:00pm



THE NEST: (Ages 0-3)  
ACORNS (PreK-1st grade)  
SPROUTS (2nd-3rd grade)  
BRANCHES: (4th-5th grade)

## #4 Family Media Fast Challenge:

Let's use our words to encourage and inspire each other! Try one of these: 1) write a poem for one of your family members, 2) write an uplifting note for a neighbor or friend, 3) write a song or jingle that makes people smile, 4) create a crossword or word search using words that make people happy.

## Kids Ministry Events

**January 28th @ 6:30-7:30pm // Firepit and Marshmallows**  
4th-5th graders join us for some hangout time, we will sing some campfire songs, spend some time in the Bible, and eat some snacks! Let us know you can come by sending an email to [hannah.nelson@covenantgrove.org](mailto:hannah.nelson@covenantgrove.org).

**\*Note New Date\* February 21st @ 2:00-3:30pm "With Hearts, With Hands" serving project (under the Big Tent)**  
Kids up through 5th grade and parents, let's get together and encourage our teachers at Crossroads Elementary! We will create "candy necklaces" and write notes to the teaching staff.

Send questions to Pastor Hannah at [Hannah.Nelson@CovenantGrove.org](mailto:Hannah.Nelson@CovenantGrove.org)



## YOUTH MINISTRY

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:40pm @church  
Middle School (6-8th grades) and  
High School (9-12th)

Youth Group is our weekly time to hang out, grow closer to Christ, have fun, worship, and pray for each other. Youth Group is important; we need the support, roots, fun, and connection that happen. Invite your friends, too!

**Sunday Mornings:** we are here in church, worshiping God, serving on teams, reaching out to invite others in, and connecting with each other. Youth Ministry is active on Sunday mornings!

Email any questions about Youth Ministry to Pastor Nick at [nick.tucker@covenantgrove.org](mailto:nick.tucker@covenantgrove.org)

## Upcoming Events:

February 10th - "Battle of the Sexes" Game Night  
February 17th - Ash Wednesday Service