



ENTER God's presence

Psalm 25:4-7

- ⁴ Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.
- ⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.
- ⁶ Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.
- ⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, Lord, are good.

- **Pray:** Teach us your ways O Lord, that we may walk in your truth. Make us whole hearted in fearing your name, that we may walk in your truth and bring glory to your holy name. Amen



SHARE life together

1. What are your highs and lows for this past week?
2. Have you ever discovered that the way you do something is different to how everyone else does it? What was the thing and how did you feel when you found out?
3. How do you usually respond when someone points out that 'you're doing it wrong'?
4. When was the last time you got to tell someone, "I told you so". How did you feel when you were proven to be right?

Week beginning:
Monday 19th February 2024

Worship series:
Discipleship Begins With A 'W'
#3 - 'Ways'



VERSE for the week

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Key Verses: Psalm 25:4-5

Full Text: Psalm 25:4-7



REMEMBER this week

**Jesus transforms
our hearts so that
grace creates a
place for others.**



LISTEN attentively

Psalm 25 reminds us that there is good in doing things God's way, and that is because our God is a good God. Read **Mark 9:30-37** in your own Bible or online at Bible Gateway [HERE](#)

5. **Retell the passage in your own words.**
6. **What verse/concept/teaching in this reading caught your attention and what was challenging/confronting/comforting about it for you?**
7. **What do you notice from this story about the way the disciples were arguing and the way Jesus addressed their dispute? How might this inform our own practice or behaviour as a group of Jesus disciples?**
8. **What do you think is special or significant about Jesus using children as an illustration here?**



GROW deeper

We love stories like this one where we see the 12 disciples following Jesus, walking with him down the road to Capernaum. They are walking the physical path that Jesus is setting out for them and yet they still don't get it; they still can't see what Jesus is really on about. They don't understand the **way** that Jesus does things or the **way** things work in the Kingdom of Heaven. We love them because they give us hope when we know we have failed to act on or understand what Jesus has wanted us to do, that all is not lost. These 12 men who didn't get it, are still the ones God used to establish the Church on earth.

9. **How would you describe the way that Jesus is setting before the disciples in this passage?**
10. **Have you ever had an experience of looking at your life and being left with the question, "God what are you doing? What are you trying to teach/show me through this?" How did God answer that question for you? Do you still feel that the answer is not clear?**
11. **If we said the 'way' Jesus puts to his disciples here is a way of humility and service, how do you see humility and services being linked or connected to trust and obedience?**



LIVE purposefully

MAKE IT REAL:

Living the **way** of Jesus is about living a life modelled on how Jesus lived and also on what Jesus taught. Jesus showed us a way of humility – he did not consider his status as the Son of God something to be used to his own advantage (Philippians 2:5-11). Instead, he used and lived his life in service to others and in humble obedience to the will of the Father, even to the point of his death on the cross. Sometimes as Christians, we can behave like the disciples, arguing and bickering among ourselves about whose theology, or Bible knowledge or devotional life is the best. It happens between individuals and also between different churches.

12. **What kind of impact do you think that kind of behaviour has on the way the rest of the world views us 1. as Christians, 2. the church as Gods people, 3. God himself?**
13. **The way of Jesus is very different to the way of the world. How easy would it be for someone to recognise you as someone who walks the way of Jesus?**

What are three things that you might do (or stop doing) that would help people to recognise that you walk the way of Jesus?

- **Thing 1:**
- **Thing 2:**
- **Thing 3:**

Plan your weekly devotions or download the Church Central app for the daily LifeWay Devotions



PRAY intentionally

- Praise God for His word in which he shows us the way life was meant to be lived. Thank Jesus for becoming the way, the truth, and the life for us. Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to walk the way of Jesus more closely each day.
- Pray that the people of God around the world would walk together in the way of Jesus. That we would walk together in humility, and obedience to the will of God the Father.
- Pray for those who have lost their way and are wandering through life without hope or purpose. May they come to recognise Jesus as the way forward.
- Continue to pray for those affected by natural disasters, severe weather, and conflict around the world.



BLESS one another

You might like to address one person in your group and make the sign of the cross on their forehead or on the palm of their hand as you say...

[Name], May you delight in walking Jesus' way, Amen.



Remind yourself as we start 2024 of the Vision 2030 Plan that God has called us to at LifeWay [here](#).

Begin our Vision 2030 challenge! Start planning your Table Moment.



TABLE MOMENTS

600 MEALS FOR LIVING, SHARING
AND GROWING COMMUNITY

- 1 INVITE NEIGHBOURS OR COLLEAGUES TO A MEAL AT YOUR PLACE
YOU CAN INVITE SOMEONE FROM CHURCH TOO BUT IN ADDITION TO THE OTHERS!
- 2 SHARE A MEAL
- 3 SHARE YOUR STORIES
- 4 PRAY FOR THEM
- 5 TAKE A PHOTO
SO WE CAN ADD IT TO THE TABLE MOMENTS WALL!