

NEW HORIZONS COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD



40-DAY DISCIPLE'S JOURNEY

Transforming the world around me starts with
transforming the person within me.

“I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.”
Ephesians 3:16

“I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him.”
Romans 12:1-2

Monday, March 21st – Sunday, March 27th

Week 3

March 7th – April 15th, 2022 (Good Friday)

Focus on

- **Open & repentant hearts ready to listen and obey God's will:**
 - in our individual lives & in our corporate fellowship

- **Vision of how God can work through us:**
 - to minister & meet needs in our community
 - to foster fresh enthusiasm and hunger for growth @ New Horizons
 - to bring a thirst for new spiritual maturity

- **Salvation of:**
 - unsaved loved ones, neighbors, friends & classmates

- **Deliverances:**
 - Spiritual healing for those with unresolved emotional hurts & addictions
 - Physical healing for those dealing with chronic pain and ailments of all kinds

- **Leadership Roles:**
 - Pastors and their families
 - Disciplers – to help “new believers” grow in their faith
 - Elders – spiritual leadership & vision
 - Worship Leader – primary vocal and lead instrumentalist

- **Resources**
 - Financial – an increase of those who would give a tithe of their income
 - Ministry Volunteers – partners in children & outreach
 - Facilities – wise use of space to meet primary ministry needs

The above list is not exhaustive, but will serve as a guide to stimulate prayer and seeking God's will for each person and the church as a whole.

Monday, March 21st

Day 15

The Promise

Galatians 3:16 NLT

Luke 1:55

SCRIPTURE:

“God gave the promises to Abraham and his child. And notice that the Scripture ‘doesn’t say to his children,’ as if it meant many descendants. Rather, it says ‘to his child’ – and that, of course, means Christ.” [Gal 3:16]

“For he made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children forever.” [Luke 1:55 from Mary’s Magnificat]

OBSERVATION:

Mary recognizes the promise God gave Abraham. Abraham’s obedience and belief in God was what God used to reveal his promise that a descendant would bless all nations. Three-month pregnant, Mary is standing before her aunt Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John [the Baptist]. Everything seems to fall into place and Mary utters a beautiful song of praise and a realization of the fullness of God’s promise.

APPLICATION:

We have Jesus, the promise of God. Our obedience and belief are what spreads the word to all nations that Jesus is alive and offers forgiveness and a new start in life through faith in Jesus.

PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, I believe you are the promise. I want to be obedient to you. Please fill me with your Holy Spirit to work through me to spread your word. Please draw others to yourself through me.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, consider the fullness of God’s promise. Jesus fulfilled the promise and soon he will return. This is good news! Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with a sense of urgency to tell everyone you meet and to give you the words to say.

If you have lost a loved one recently, consider attending:



Tuesday, March 22nd

Day 16

Truth Overcomes the World

Luke 2:33 & 34

SCRIPTURE:

“This child is destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed, and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

OBSERVATION:

1. Jesus is destined to cause many to rise and many others to fall.
2. The deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.
3. A sword will pierce Joseph & Mary’s very soul.

APPLICATION:

Truth was born into the world, and it shook up the system. I need to rely on Jesus - The Way, The Truth, and The Life - as my world and system gets turned upside down. It is going to pierce my heart and soul as I see the evil revealed because of the truth of Jesus.

PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, you make all things beautiful, but its going to get ugly first. Please help me to rely on you as the world goes crazy fighting against you – the Truth.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, take comfort in the truth that Jesus continues to bring into the world. Jesus is the ultimate truth that overcomes the world. Pray for the people of Ukraine as they live through the horror of evil decisions made over their lives.

Wednesday, March 23rd

Day 17

Spiritual Milk

1 Peter 2:1-3 NLT

SCRIPTURE:

“So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, now that you have had a taste of the Lord’s kindness.”

OBSERVATION:

Salvation is a growth process, and we need nourishment like babies need milk. God's word is our milk. For a complete salvation meal, pair His word with His Grace drenched in the Holy Spirit - as a glass of milk with a plate of pancakes with bacon and eggs covered with the syrup of God Holy Spirit.

APPLICATION:

I need to come to the table empty of all wickedness, guile, hypocrisies, envy, and evil words. I need to be as hungry as a newborn, ready to take nourishment for my new life. I need to be ready to grow and change as I am fed by God’s Word and cleansed by His Grace and moved by the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER:

Dear God,

Please forgive me of any malice deceit and envy and even hypocrisy I have had over the last week. Help me to intentionally be aware of my actions and to be accountable also. Thank you for the forgiveness you have provided for me in the blood of Christ and please cleanse me with your Grace and feed me with your Word as if it is milk for a baby growing up in your salvation. I ask this because I have tasted the sweetness of your grace and your goodness. Please fill me with your presence God Holy Spirit and direct my path wherever you want me to go. I ask this from you in the name of your son and my Savior, Jesus Christ the resurrected one... Amen.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, reflect on the sweetness of God’s grace and goodness. Have you experienced it? Drink in the word of God and grow in your salvation.

Thursday, March 24th

Day 18

Bridegroom

Luke 5:35

SCRIPTURE:

“The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and they will fast in those days.”

OBSERVATION:

Jesus knew what he was on earth for. The disciples knew he was the Messiah. Only Jesus knew the plan. When Jesus says bridegroom, it means a lot! It means promise. It means forever. It means going away to prepare a forever home for the bride and bridegroom.

APPLICATION:

Jesus is still preparing a forever home for us. Now is the time to fast and pray. The world needs Jesus, and we need the strength and courage to witness.

PRAYER:

Dear Lord, help me to focus my attention on you as I fast and pray. Help me to seek your Holy Spirit for the strength and courage to tell the world about you. Please love through me. Please open my eyes to the needs of those around me that I may open my mouth to witness of your love.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, consider what the Bride of Christ would be doing as she waits for her Bridegroom. How would she prepare? What would she be focusing on?

Friday, March 25th

Day 19

Understanding God's Word

Psalm 119:99 &100 NKJV

SCRIPTURE:

"I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep your precepts."

OBSERVATION:

Many times, in this chapter the psalmist asks God to reveal the meaning of scripture to him. The psalmist also realizes that he needs to meditate and obey God's word to have understanding of God's word. This scripture also shows us that the Holy Spirit can give us understanding beyond what human teaching can show us.

APPLICATION:

In need to spend more time reading and studying God's word each day asking the Holy Spirit to reveal to me the hidden gems that He has placed in His word. I need to be obedient to His word so that sin will not hinder my understanding.

PRAYER:

Lord, I pray for more desire to spend more time reading and studying your word each day. Give me the understanding that I need from your word to live my life so that it glorifies you. Give me the strength I need to be obedient to your ways and the faith that you can teach me beyond human wisdom. Thank you for the blessings that you give me each day, you are truly worthy to be praised. Amen.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, take time to read God's Word. The Gospel of John is a great place to read as Holy Week approaches [April 10 – 17]. This is a good way to Familiarize yourself with the life of Jesus and to gain new insights into the sacrifice He made for us.

Saturday, March 26th

Day 20

Walk this Way

Ephesians 5:15 &16 NKJV

SCRIPTURE:

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of time, because the days are evil.”

OBSERVATION:

How I walk thru life and spend my time has a huge impact on myself and other in regards to eternal consequences.

APPLICATION:

I need to be constantly evaluating how I spend my time. I can spend more time looking to God’s word to learn his will for my life, praying to help me to understand my calling, and for my brothers and sisters in Christ for the spiritual direction they need.

PRAYER:

Lord, help me to see my life through your eyes. Show me the places where I need to utilize my time better and change my heart so I will joyfully do what you show me is the best. Thank you for the way you are changing my life. Amen.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, take inventory of how you spend your time. Have you been able to spend more time in God’s word and prayer during this 40-day fast? Are you experiencing the joy of your salvation as God leads you to meaningful ways to serve others?

Saturday Evening Praise and Prayer @ 7:00 p.m.



Sunday, March 27th

Day 21

One

Ephesians 4:4-6 NKJV

SCRIPTURE:

“There is one body, and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

OBSERVATION:

Our God is one and we are called to be one body of believers in Christ, bound together by one Spirit. Jesus is our Lord for the one baptism upon us is the Holy Spirit of God. He resides inside us, and all through us and is all around us. He is above us all in sovereignty and love.

APPLICATION:

We must always be aware of and remember that God is love and we must look to see his love in everyone. We must nurture that love and value it, for that love is God in us all.

PRAYER:

God, you are sovereign over all, and you are absolute pure love. Your word says that we are to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Thank you, Jesus, for your sacrifice on the cross and defeating Satan so that we can be one with the One God, One Lord, One Spirit. I love you, Lord. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, reflect on how your love for God is getting stronger. Have you noticed that your love for others is getting stronger too?

Coming Next Week

March 28th – April 3rd

A graphic for a 'JOY DINNER' event. The background is a wooden surface with various food items like bread, onions, and dips. The text is overlaid on the right side.

JOY DINNER

~Calling all those who are 55 years young and over.
~Come for a potluck dinner and refreshing Fellowship in the Church Gathering Room.

Friday April 1st @ 4:30pm

A graphic for a 'CHURCH SPRING CLEAN-UP' event. The background is light blue with stylized clouds. The foreground shows various cleaning tools like a rake, wheelbarrow, shovel, boots, and watering can. The text is overlaid on the right side.

**CHURCH SPRING
CLEAN-UP**

Saturday, April 2nd 9am-3pm
Lunch is included