

# 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, April 4th – Sunday, April 10th

Week 5

## 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, April 4th**

**Day 29**

**Well? Do You?**

**John 5:6**

**SCRIPTURE:**

“When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, ‘Do you want to get well?’”

**OBSERVATION:**

This guy has a problem he can't fix on his own. Jesus sees him trying to do just that. The man must have believed in the power of healing, but only in the water. Having been there so long he may have seen others healed, or not, but had become disheartened he'd never been made right himself. Jesus wanted to know if the man was willing to look elsewhere for the thing he wanted – look to Jesus.

**APPLICATION:**

Sometimes we get focused on our own ability or disability and don't see the power of God right in front of us! My heart has been calloused a time or two, even now, and its hard to see beyond the hurt to the healing. If we listen and don't make excuses, Jesus then becomes our healer and not self-will, etc.

**PRAYER:**

Jesus, I need your help to heal my heart again. I give it to you. Amen

**As you continue to Fast and Pray, consider what you want healed in your life. Is it a physical, emotional, or spiritual healing? Are you caught up in addiction to something you know is not good for you, but do not have the will to quit? Jesus is asking you: “Do you want to get well?” Look to Jesus and believe that he will heal you and set you free.**

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



**Tuesday, April 5th**

**Day 30**

**Jesus prays for us**

**John 17:20**

**SCRIPTURE:**

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one. . .”

**OBSERVATION:**

Jesus was aware of his present disciples and those who would come after them. Jesus is advocating for them even before he leaves them. He asks for things of the Father on their behalf and ours.

**APPLICATION:**

I can trust that Jesus is aware of my need as much today as he was in the day of this prayer. He is still advocating before the Father for mercy and grace over me and He wants me to be one with him through the Holy Spirit.

**PRAYER:**

Lord, Jesus, I believe in you through the message that was given to me by other disciples. Please help me to do the same for others. Show me where and when to proclaim your name! Amen.

**As you continue to Fast and Pray, take comfort in the fact that Jesus prayed for you over 2000 years ago and transcends time to today. His desire is that you would be one with him by the filling of the Holy Spirit so that his power naturally pours out of you and into others.**

**Wednesday, April 6th**

**Day 31**

**Bound**

**John 18:12b**

**SCRIPTURE:**

“ . . .They bound Him.”

**OBSERVATION:**

They didn't need to bind him – he wasn't resisting.

The bindings were merely “ceremonial” and they didn't know his power.

It seemed to help them feel in control.

**APPLICATION:**

If Jesus and his power are in me, why do I worry about the things that come against me? The same power that raised Jesus from the graves lives in me. I do not need to be “violent” against the enemy, but confident in knowing that power in me can overcome the bindings put on me.

**PRAYER:**

Lord, show me how to have your confidence in the face of trials and temptations. Praise is all yours for giving the power of grace to break the bindings in my life! Amen.

**As you continue to Fast and Pray, reflect on what is binding you. Praise and Worship God with singing even if you feel bound tight by the worries and cares of your life. Ask God to give you the confidence to know the power he has placed in you to overcome.**

**Thursday, April 7th**  
**We All Have Our Fear**  
**John 19:38**

**Day 32**

**SCRIPTURE:**

“Later Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but recently because he feared the Jews. With Pilate’s permission, he came and took the body.”

**OBSERVATION:**

The Crucifixion was brutal. There was no mercy. People were fearful and Jesus was being made an example to the Jews. Joseph was afraid too. He was a disciple of Jesus! He pushed past his fear and loved Jesus by placing him in his own tomb.

**APPLICATION:**

There are times where I want to be incognito – I just don’t want to be known. Sometimes its because I fear people’s responses to me being a Christian. I must love Jesus more than I “fear” them. I can’t live the “secret Christian life - there is no joy in it!

**PRAYER:**

Lord, fill me with your Spirit that I may be bold and unfettered by my fears. No greater love is this that I lay my life down for Jesus as He did for me! Amen.

**As you continue to Fast and Pray, contemplate what it is you fear. Acknowledge the fear and prepare to push past it. Ask God to fill you so full of His Spirit and love that nothing will hold you back.**

**Friday, April 8th**  
**Interrupted by God**  
**Acts 9:6**

**Day 33**

**SCRIPTURE:**

“Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do.”

**OBSERVATION:**

Saul’s agenda, his mission, is interrupted by the Lord. He is debilitated, disoriented, and disrupted. He has become dependent.

**APPLICATION:**

I wonder how many times it will take to get me into the place where I don’t need what happened to Saul. I believe the Holy Spirit tries to, in simple ways and quiet moments, to move me in new and better directions. Sometimes I respond. Sometimes He escalates the pain or difficulty and must knock me off my horse. Oh, to be so in tune with the Holy Spirit that only a slight correction or a little redirection is needed.

**PRAYER:**

Lord, thank you for speaking truth into my heart and mind. Help me to heed the direction you give to not need to be knocked off my horse or blinded to get my attention. Show me where I need to grow and what I must do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**As you continue to Fast and Pray, think about the times God had interrupted your direction. How did you respond? Is he interrupting your direction now? Are you feeling debilitated, disoriented, and disrupted? If so, know that God has greater things for you and is not allowing you to continue in YOUR way of doing things. Submit your way to God and seek Him for the new thing He wants to do in your life.**

**Saturday, April 9th**  
**Obey the Holy Spirit**  
**Acts 10:44**

**Day 34**

**SCRIPTURE:**

“...The Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.”

**OBSERVATION:**

The presence of the Holy Spirit was unmistakable. Both Peter [a Jew] and Cornelius [a Gentile] were visited in visions about each other. People who were far apart socially, economically, racially, were brought together spiritually under Jesus’ authority! Many people were being affected by the visions of Peter and Cornelius: believers, servants, soldiers, family members. The Holy Spirit fell on all of them!

**APPLICATION:**

When we trust the impressions of the Holy Spirit on our hearts and minds, Jesus can and will be lifted up and glorified. Obedience to that leading is key. Prayer and an open heart is necessary to hear from the Lord! Just being quiet and listening with our spirit, we can and will hear from Him!

**PRAYER:**

Holy Spirit, help me to get still and quiet that I may hear from you. Lead my thoughts, give me visions, help me obey! Let your glory fall!!! In Jesus’ name! Amen.

**As you continue to Fast and Pray, be still and listen intently to what the Holy Spirit is impressing on you today. Commit to obeying His leading and moving forward in it even when you are not sure what the next step is. He will reveal it to you as you step out in faith and obedience.**



A promotional poster for an event titled "IGNITE FIRE UP YOUR FAITH". The background is black with a large, stylized flame graphic in the center. The word "IGNITE" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the flame. Below it, "FIRE UP YOUR FAITH" is written in smaller, white, sans-serif capital letters. In the top left corner, "Saturday, April 9th" is written in white. In the top right corner, "Starts 5:00pm" is written in white. At the bottom, there is a dark grey horizontal bar with white text: "Hosted by New Horizons Community Church". Below this bar, on a light brown textured background, is the text: "Join us for a night of worship, prayer, healing, connection, and deliverance in the presence of the Holy Spirit!".



**Palm Sunday, April 10th**

**Day 35**

**Greater Confidence**

**Acts 21:33**

**SCRIPTURE:**

“Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord, Jesus.”

**OBSERVATION:**

It seems that Paul’s determination to follow the Holy Spirit’s leading was also from whence came his confidence! Others didn’t understand his passion to be obedient to the Lord, even unto death.

**APPLICATION:**

What is my level of obedience? How far would I go to honor the Lord with my life? I’m nowhere close to having the intimacy of relationship that Paul had with the Lord, but I’d like to believe I’m closer today than I was 10 years ago, 10 months ago, 10 weeks ago, even 10 days ago.

**PRAYER:**

Jesus, show me where my life can be more surrendered to you. If I will sacrifice, I know you will bless me with a greater confidence in you. Less of me, more of you! In Jesus name, Amen.

**As you continue to Fast and Pray, consider the words obedience, surrender, sacrifice. It is through all of these that you will gain confidence in the Holy Spirit’s power in you.**

**Coming Next Week**

**Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. – Disciple's Service  
Footwashing and Communion**

**Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**