

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 11th – Friday, April 15th

Holy Week

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 11th

Day 36

Anointed

John 12:1-3 RSV

SCRIPTURE:

“Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him... Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair.”

OBSERVATION:

It is almost Passover, but only Jesus knows what is about to happen. Mary of Bethany, Martha & Lazarus’ sister, is led to anoint Jesus’ feet. Jesus recently raised her brother from the grave. She is moved and grateful. Does she have any idea what will happen in less than a week?

APPLICATION:

I need to express my gratitude to Jesus for raising my life from the pit of this world. I need to worship him for giving me new life by making a way for me to be born again.

PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, I am grateful. You sacrificed so much, and I gained eternal life. Your death on a cross made forgiveness of all my sin possible. May my life reflect the gratitude and honor you deserve.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, concentrate on gratefulness. List the things you have gained because of Jesus’ sacrifice.

Tuesday, April 12th

Day 37

Die to Live

John 12:24 RSV

SCRIPTURE:

“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

OBSERVATION:

Jesus said this five days before the Passover. He is indicating that out of death comes greater things. He said this one day after having a special meal with Lazarus [whom he raised from the dead] and was anointed with expensive perfume by Mary. It is heavy on his mind that he will soon become the Passover Lamb. Jesus' time is near and his instructions are becoming simple:

Do not be afraid of death – life comes out of death. Follow Me.

Death is next for Jesus, but he wants his disciples to still follow.

APPLICATION:

I must choose to die so I may have life. I must die to myself and my wishes and dreams and preferences so that Jesus can give life to greater things in me. So that Jesus' purposes can be fulfilled in me.

PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, please help me to die to myself so that you may live through me. Please help me to not be afraid of death in myself or others. Please be with those who are facing physical death, whose lives have come to a complete halt due to a health prognosis or the death of a family member. Please show them that their life is not over but will have life more abundant and will bear much fruit for you.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, take comfort in what God has next in your life and the lives of others. Has the pain of death and dying taken away the joy of your salvation? God is not surprised by your circumstances. Trust Jesus to provide the peace and strength to take your next step as you follow Him.

Wednesday, April 13th

Day 38

Do This In Remembrance of Me

John 13:12-17

SCRIPTURE:

“After washing their feet, he put on his robe and asked, ‘Do you understand what I was doing? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, because that is what I am. And since I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. . . Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.’”

OBSERVATION:

Jesus is Lord and Teacher. He is the leader of this group. He could have assigned one of them to wash feet. He could have arranged for a “servant” to wash feet. But he did not. He, once again, lowered himself to that of a servant and bent down and washed at least 12 sets of feet! Then he puts us all on notice, that we should wash each other’s feet as he exemplified.

APPLICATION:

I need to humble myself and wash other’s feet physically and figuratively. I need to follow Jesus’ example and daily lay my agenda, schedule, and desires, down and wash the feet of others by participating in their lives. This is the love Jesus talks about when He says, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

PRAYER:

Lord, show me what washing other’s feet looks like. Help me to set aside all my stuff so that I can interact and participate in the lives of others, no matter how messy it can get. Please help me to humbly love my neighbors.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, reflect on what is holding you back from physically washing the feet of others. Is it the humility? Is it embarrassment? Is it physically painful? Is it just not your thing? Seek the Lord for ways you can figuratively wash others’ feet daily.

**Tonight, April 13th @ 7:00 p.m. – Disciple’s Service
Footwashing and Communion
New Horizons Church
4300 Lansing Ave.
Jackson, MI**

Thursday, April 14th

Day 39

3 Mary's near the cross

John 19:25

SCRIPTURE:

“Standing near the cross were Jesus’ mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary [the wife of Clopas Joseph’s brother], and Mary Magdalene.”

OBSERVATION:

The devotion of these women to Jesus and to Mary, His mother, is so deep. To stand and watch with Mary as her son and their Lord and friend dies a criminal’s cruel death is true commitment.

APPLICATION:

I must stand with Jesus and not be ashamed. I must not fear what man or government can do to me. I must go through the trial boldly and unwavering, not matter how hopeless it appears.

PRAYER:

Lord, fill me with your Spirit that I may be bold and ready to stay with you. Help me to be calm yet courageous in times when it all looks hopeless. Help me to cling to faith in you as I stand in solidarity with believers around me.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, consider what your faith will look like when tried. Seek God for the strength to stand firm in those times when you are punished for standing with Christ.

Good Friday, April 15th
The Passover Lamb
John 19:31

Day 40

SCRIPTURE:

“Since it was the day of Preparation [for Passover week], the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath.”

OBSERVATION:

It was almost Passover, and the Sabbath would be starting soon. Jesus died at 12 noon. Passover starts at sundown. Do the religious leaders have a clue? They are so busy with their “preparations”, this “heretic” is such a nuisance! They need to get back to their religious stuff. 3 human beings just died before their eyes [one of them is the Messiah] and they need to get back to their stuff.

APPLICATION:

Jesus died a criminal’s death for my sins. What does my life look like? Am I scheduling worship and devotion in so I can get back to my stuff?

PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, please forgive me for taking your sacrifice lightly. You have set me free from all the bondage of this life so that I may freely love others and grow disciple-makers. Please help me to live that out every day, not just putting you first, but putting you always.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, consider your calendar and daily routine. Is Jesus more than first in your life? Is Jesus Always?

Good Friday Service, April 15th @ 6:30 p.m.
RiverTree Community Church
3113 Lansing Ave.
Jackson, MI

Coming Next Week

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**Resurrection Sunday Breakfast
April 17th @ 9:15 a.m.
NHCC Fellowship Hall**

**Resurrection Sunday, April 17th @ 10:45 a.m.
Bring someone with you to celebrate the Risen King!**