

# Gold Avenue Church Lent Scripture Reading Invitation 2020

## **Invitation:**

As a Discipleship team, we'd like to invite the Gold Avenue Church congregation on a journey of reflecting on Jesus' life and ministry during this Lenten season. What is Lent? Lent is a season in the church calendar made up of 40 days that many Christian believers engage in to reflect on Jesus Christ's sacrifice and His own 40 days in the wilderness. Lent is a time to fast (or turn away from) comforts and replace that hunger with a focus on the Lord, receiving strength from Him. As God's chosen people, we know that our relationship with the Lord, whether we are a new Christian or have walked with God for years, grows by spending time with Him and in His Word. We want to foster that relationship during this Lenten season by offering a simple daily connecting point. Each week day, you will find a chapter of Scripture to read and reflect upon.

## **Materials Needed:**

- Lent Reading schedule
- Bible
- Composition book, journal, paper or computer

## **Description of a Daily Connecting Point (allow 10 minutes)**

**Look it Up:** Find the assigned bible passage in your Bible

**Write it Down:** Write a verse in your journal from the chapter in scripture that stood out to you. This may feel odd, but it causes us to slow down and think about each word as we write down (or type) the passage.

**Read it:** Read the passage one or more times out loud. Faith comes from hearing.

**Pray It:** Think of ways to praise and thank God, confess to the Lord or ask for help about something you notice from the daily assigned passage.

**Think About It:** Write at least a sentence or two about the passage. This could be things that you notice about God or humanity or God's kingdom. It could be an idea or a question that comes to mind. Maybe reading this passage makes you think about something else you have learned that relates to this. You can write as much or little as comes to mind. This activity helps you meditate on God's Word and ponder it more deeply than a quick reading.

**Obey It!** We don't learn just to accumulate information. God's Word is meant to be listened to and obeyed. As you seek to obey God's Word, you might ask God how this passage applies to your life and listen for any guidance that He might give. If an idea comes to mind, write it out. Once you have discerned and taken a step of faith to obey, be sure to record your step of obedient action and what happened as a result.