



The Way Forward Series Guide

Oct. 18: Using redemptive practices

Welcome for the group and Check-in

"I am feeling..."

Psalm 23 Rhythm

Slowly read as a group twice

Observe your experience of the meditative reading of Psalm 23

What part resonates or creates an allergic reaction within you as we read the Psalm today?

Group Prayer:

"Good Shepherd, thank you for pursuing us, providing for us, and protecting us. Continue to refine our thoughts of you and your ways. Today shepherd us along the right paths for your name sake. May we wisely listen and put into practice what you teach us. Amen."

Group Discussion about The Way Forward: Using redemptive practices

Overview of ideas the sermon explores:

1. The Way Forward at Union Center, is through intentionally applying the redemptive practices of Jesus to our lives.
2. We can have an imagined closeness to Jesus, and be blind to how our life is divided from Him and His teaching.
3. The Way Forward is to delight and love Jesus above all else, and to live out the redemptive practices he taught - love God, love enemies, acknowledge your sin, forgive, make peace, and seek reconciliation.

Reading of passages from the sermon: Matthew 7.21-29; Matthew 5.3-9; Revelation 3.20

Group Discussion:

Question 1: What in Revelation 3.20 brings encouragement to you, knowing this was said to a church that Jesus was disciplining?

Question 2: What were your thoughts and feelings about the teachings of Jesus to love God, love enemies, acknowledge your sin, forgive, make peace, and seek reconciliation

Question 3: How is your heart responding to these teachings?

Question 4: What action is God leading you to take in response to Jesus' teachings?

Closing Prayer: