

Northway Christian Church

Beyond Sunday

A Worship Guide for Energy, Engagement and Enduring Change

Worship Series: Think Again

Use this guide as a tool each week to reflect more deeply upon our worship in the days beyond Sunday. The Gospel of Mark enriches this worship series as we discover its offerings today. Believed by scholars to be the earliest of the Gospel books, Mark tends to get right to the point in telling the stories he shares. Mark also shrouds these stories in the mystery of what has been coined by scholars the Messianic Secret. Jesus repeatedly tells followers on the inside not to tell others (until after he is risen) about him or the miracles he performs. In worship and beyond we are seeking to enhance our understanding and exploration of the lectionary text.

Our hope is that this study will deepen your wondering and aid you in your walk with Christ.

The weekly lenses we will utilize for extra layers of engagement in this worship series is the Wesleyan Quadrilateral.

Light your Christ Candle and say the opening prayer each day, then focus on the text for the current week. May this guide bless your journey and lead you to engage more fully with the mission of Christ.



Light your Christ Candle

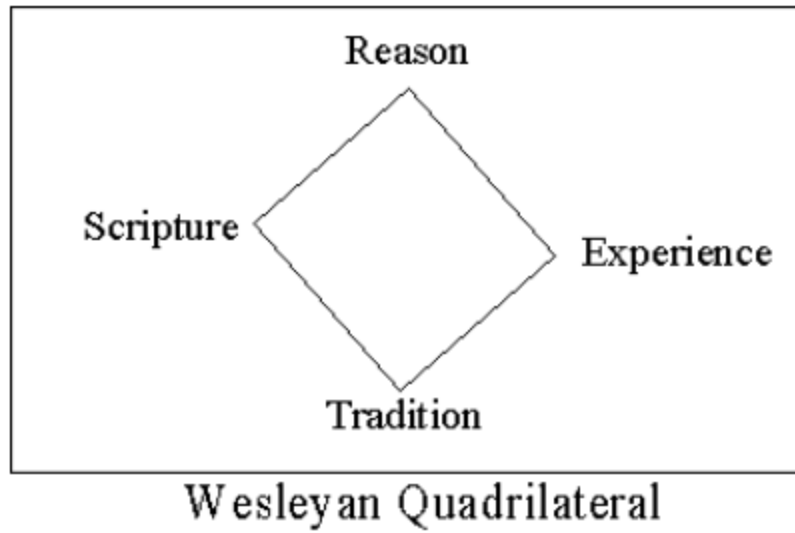
Be reminded Christ is with us; Christ is in our midst.

Pray

Dear God, we come seeking you and desiring to deepen our faith in formation as we walk through life and our study of scripture. As we move into and through this worship series, guide us to experience more of you, more of your peace, more of your presence, more of your desire for us. Help us to hear your voice as we read your word. Open us to what you would have us discover along the way. Make us new, renewing us day-by-day. Hear our prayers as we lift those who are both near and far, those who you have laid upon our hearts and brought to our minds. We place our faith in you, and may you help us to spread our hope in you to others. We are grateful that Christ is with us, Christ is in our midst. Amen.

Reflection Beyond Sunday:

Each week examine the lectionary text from the Gospel of Mark using the lens of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. This is a tool for reflecting on scripture by considering the message of the text and how it deepens and can be informed by, (or further inform), your understanding of text. Each week, look at the passage through your sense of reason, what do you understand the text to be offering to you today? Think about your life experiences and how they reflect in the text. Consider how traditions both in the (big “C”) Church, as well as at Northway, and your family’s traditions might be connected with these passages. John Wesley called this multi-faceted approach to understanding scripture the quadrilateral, as we are encountering the text from these different perspectives. Once you have worked through these elements, (ideally with a partner or small group) look at the full picture together and reflect to one another what new understandings about the text are beginning to emerge. It is helpful when using this tool to consider the context of the passage in scripture and fortunately the lectionary for this worship series is all from the same chapter, may your understanding will build each week.



Week of October 3, 2021

Scripture: Mark 10:2-16

Week of October 10, 2021

Scripture: Mark 10:17-31

Week of October 17, 2021

Scripture: Mark 10:35-45

Week of October 24, 2021

Scripture: Mark 10:46-52