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the **light**

owning your faith

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PARENT DEVOTIONS

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INTRODUCTION

Parents,

You did it! After weeks of anticipation and preparation, your student is now off to camp for what we hope will be a life-changing time. God has already been at work preparing your child for what He wants to teach them—and you! Although you might have mixed feelings about being away from your child for a few days, God can use this time to draw you both closer to Him.

For some of you, this week of camp is a mainstay on your family calendar. You plan your entire summer around it. For others, this is the first camp experience for your student and your family. Wherever you and your family are on the spectrum, we are thankful that they are at camp and that you are reading this devotion.

While your student is bonding with their youth group, experiencing great worship, being disciplined by their leaders, and having fun, we wanted you to have a chance to see a glimpse into what they're learning this week. We hope this will help you draw closer to God and closer to your student as you discuss what you've learned at the end of the week.

We invite you to make this set of devotions a daily part of your reading. Grab an extra cup of coffee. Lean into these quiet times with Him. Listen. Rest. Learn. Allow the Lord to strengthen you this week. We are praying for all of you!

The FUGE Camps Team



THEME + BIBLE STUDY OVERVIEW

INTO THE LIGHT - Owing Your Faith

“We no longer believe because of what you said, since we have heard for ourselves and know that this really is the Savior of the world.” John 4:42

Ownership is a powerful thing. When something is yours, it becomes immediately more important to you than something that is not yours. At a point in your faith journey, you must step from a borrowed faith that may seem repetitive and flat into a full, vibrant faith that is your own. The source of our faith is Jesus, the true Light of the world. Once we have accepted salvation, we ignite our faith by living it out. We fuel our faith by growing in our relationship with Christ and living in relationship with a community of believers around us. Once we have experienced the Light, we must let it shine as we share it with others. Join us for FUGE Camps 2025 as you seek to move into the Light and own your faith!

Day 1 SOURCE

Every form of light has a source. In our faith journey, Jesus is the Light of the world. He is the Source. Salvation is foundational, and the starting point. When we respond to the gospel in faith, our journey with Christ begins. This session is a study on Paul’s conversion where he experienced a bright light that changed his life.

Focus Story: Paul’s Conversion: Acts 9:1-20
Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 5:9–10, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 5:24, John 8:12
Key Verse: Jesus spoke to them again: I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life. John 8:12
Life Question: Have you followed Christ in obedience by responding to the gospel?

Day 2 SPARK

To experience the effects of light, we must let it in. When a spark is kindled, it gives off light in the darkness. As we choose to believe and own the truths that we have been taught, we become light to others as we live it out. This session is a look at Nicodemus and his encounter with Jesus, which sparked his knowledge into a genuine faith.

Focus Story: Nicodemus: John 3:1-10, John 7:50-51, John 19:39
Scriptures: Hebrews 4:12, James 1:22, Philippians 2:12-18
Key Verse: So that you may be blameless and pure, children of God who are faultless in a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine like stars in the world. Philippians 2:15
Life Question: Have you made your faith your own? Are you living out the truths of Scripture?



Day 3 FUEL

Fuel keeps the light going. We strengthen and fuel our faith by pursuing a daily relationship with Christ and other believers for support and encouragement along the way. We are not to go it alone. This session is a look at Jesus and the disciples and the community they shared.

Focus Story: Jesus and the Disciples: Luke 6:12-16, John 21:1-14
Scriptures: Proverbs 27:17, Romans 12:4-5, Hebrews 10:24-25
Key Verse: Iron sharpens iron and one person sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17
Life Question: How would you describe your relationship with Christ? Are you invested in a community of faith?

Day 4 SHINE

A sure sign of having been in the light is that it shines through us. Maturing in our faith is being secure enough in it to talk about Jesus with others and live it out. When we do, we are shining the Light in a dark world and growing the Kingdom of God. This session focuses on Stephen and his passion to share the good news of Christ, even to the point of losing his life.

Focus Story: Stephen: Acts 6:8-7:60
Scriptures: Matthew 5:14-16, 1 Peter 3:15, 2 Timothy 1:7-8
Key Verse: In the same way, let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16
Life Question: Have you shared your story and the message of the gospel with those you know who do not have the hope of Christ? What's holding you back?



Day 1 Quiet Time – Source

By Mackenzie Harris

Today's Truth: Salvation is foundational, and the starting point of our faith. When we respond to the gospel in faith, our journey with Christ begins.

Life Question: Have you followed Christ in obedience by responding to the gospel?

Begin your quiet time with a prayer, asking God to help you be alert to what He wants to show you today. Pray that the Lord will work in your child's life in a big way today.

What will make the lamp on your bedside table provide light?

To give off light, the lamp must be connected to an energy source. Something has to be providing power to the light so that it can illuminate the space that it is in. In other words, every form of light must have a source in order to be useful.

In our journey as Christ followers, Jesus is our source of Light.

Unscramble today's Key Verse, John 8:12, below:

"Anyone darkness spoke to them walk world again: the of Jesus who the follows me will in never the light but will have I am the light of life"

Our faith journey starts by responding to the gospel in faith. **Turn in your Bible to John 3:16-18, the gospel in a nutshell. Fill in the blanks with the words below the verses.**

"For God so loved the _____ that he gave his one and only _____, that whoever believes in him shall not _____ but have _____. For God did not send his Son into the world to _____ the world, but to _____ the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not _____ stands condemned already because they have not believed in the _____ of _____ one and _____ son." NIV

world son only perish eternal believe God's life condemn
save name

How would you summarize these verses in 10 words or less? In 1 word?



We must take the first step and respond to the gospel message, committing our life to Him and saying yes to following Him. When we take this step, we experience the beginning of our salvation experience.

Salvation is the deliverance, by the grace of God, from ever-lasting punishment for sin that is freely given to those who believe in and accept Jesus as their Savior and repent of their sins in the name of Jesus. However, those who do not believe will not spend eternal life with the Father and stand condemned before the Lord.

Have you had a life-changing encounter with Jesus? YES NO

What does salvation mean to you?

Read John 14:6 below:

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Circle the three words that Jesus used to describe Himself.

Jesus is our only way to the Father. He is the way: we go to God by following Christ. He is the truth: we find out what true life is by looking to Jesus. He is the life: when we try to live outside of Him, we deny what true life is.

Jesus is the source of life. He is the only way to a full and joyful life. The sin that you hold onto is only holding you back from living in the light of your Savior and good Father.

Ask the Lord to reveal the darkness and sin in your life. What sin do you need to turn away from and give to the Lord? What is holding you back?

When we spend time daily in the Word, Jesus' light then shines through us because we are connected to the source.

What are some things in your life that you have been treating as a "source" instead of Jesus? Circle all that apply.

friend social media romantic interest talent interest/hobby
family entertainment academics/grades other _____

Sometimes these things that we treat as "sources" are often good but are really "resources" that the Lord has given us to glorify Him with.



How can the item(s) you circled above be “resources” that you can use to glorify the Lord?

Here is an example: I can use my talent of speaking in front of others to lead devotions at my school’s Fellowship of Christian Athletes club meeting.

Read Ephesians 2:8-9 below:

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

By and through what did the Lord save us?

We are saved by grace and through faith. We are not saved by our works. It can become really easy to use the “resources” that you shared earlier to attempt to earn your salvation, but that is not possible. Jesus’ blood on the cross covered all of our sins forever. Therefore, we repent and believe, and the Lord shines His light on us inwardly which leads to an outward change as we grow in our relationship with Him that is evident to the world. Good works flow from salvation, it does not provide salvation.

Staying connected to the Source (Jesus) is vital in your faith walk. What are steps you can take to do that?

How can you encourage your child in this and serve as accountability for them?

Say a quick prayer to end your personal time with the Lord. Feel free to use this as a guide:

“Thank you, God, for the gift of salvation and for forgiveness of sin. I am grateful for the promise of eternal life with You and hope of an abundant life on earth.” Pray for your child and their salvation and faith journey.



Day 2 Quiet Time - Spark

By Michael Bailey

Today's Truth: As we choose to believe and own the truths that we have been taught, a vibrant faith that is our own is sparked and we become light to others.

Life Question: Have you made your faith your own? Are you living out the truths of Scripture?

Begin this time with the Lord with a short prayer, to focus on Him and this time with Him. Pray that your student is awake and alert, has met new friends, and is having the time of their life at camp.

Take a moment and think about what it means to stand strong in what you believe. **How firmly do you hold onto the truths you've learned about God?**

Rate yourself on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being "I feel uncertain or disconnected from my faith" and 5 being "I feel deeply connected and confident in what I believe."

Shade in the stars to reflect your rating above.



What are some reasons for your rating? (Write down a few thoughts.)

List 2-3 key truths you have been taught that you know are worth believing and standing on.

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What does owning these truths and making your faith your own look like?

When a spark is kindled, it gives off light in the darkness. As we choose to believe and own the truths that we have been taught, a vibrant faith that is our own is sparked and we become light to others.

Read Philippians 2:15 below:



So that you may be blameless and pure, children of God who are faultless in a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine like stars in the world.

Scripture reminds us that as believers, we are like stars in the world, shining in a dark world that often feels confusing or broken. Philippians 2:15 calls us to live in a way that stands out, as we reflect God's love and truth.

Stars in the night sky can be seen because they emit light, and this light travels across the vastness of space until it reaches us. Stars don't just shine for themselves—they light up the darkness. Similarly, when we live in a way that shows kindness, integrity, and faith, we become a light for others to see. In this way, our actions reflect God's love and truth.

List 2-3 actions below that could make you a light to others (e.g., being kind even when others aren't, standing up for what's right, sharing your faith, being honest).

- 1: _____
- 2: _____
- 3: _____

Arrange each of the phrases of the Key Verse (Philippians 2:15) in the proper order below.

- among whom you shine
- children of God
- in a crooked
- so that you may be blameless and pure
- like stars in the world
- who are faultless
- and perverse generation

When we think about our key verse from Philippians 2:15, we're reminded that we're called to live in a way that is "blameless and pure." This doesn't mean we'll be perfect, but it does mean we aim to live with integrity, kindness, and love. When we live like this, we're a light to others.

What's one area of your life where you want to shine more brightly for God? (For example, with friends, at school, at home, etc.)

What could you do this week to "shine like stars" in this area? Share a small step you could take.



Philippians 2:16 helps us to know that we can only shine like stars by holding firm to the Word of life. The Word of life is the Word of God, which produces life, and which contains all that we need to live godly in Christ Jesus. Holding firm means to give concentrated attention to.

How often are you spending time in the Word? Choose an answer.

Daily seldom only at church when I have a need never

How does your time in the Word impact the way you live your life?

Just like stars that shine because they are full of energy, our “shine” comes from being connected to God and drawing strength from Him. Let’s aim to shine brightly for God, reflecting His truth and love.

Take a moment to pray. You can use the words below or pray from your heart:

“Lord, teach me to know Your ways and walk in them. Help me to make my faith my own. Lead me to be a light to others by trusting in Your truth and standing firm in my faith. Give me the courage to live in a way that honors You, even when it’s hard. Guide me, strengthen me, and help me shine like stars in the world. Amen.”

As we go forward today, let’s choose to believe and live out the truths we’ve learned and to own our faith. Our faith can be a guiding light for others, pointing them to hope, truth, and love. Keep asking God for strength and remember that even small actions of kindness and integrity can make a big impact!

Reach out to your child and check in. Tell them you are rooting for them and praying for a great time at camp.



Day 3 - Fuel

By Morgan Crocker

Today's Truth: The people we surround ourselves with can either sharpen or dull our faith, influencing how we live out our commitment to Christ.

Life Question: Are the people closest to me helping me grow in my faith, or are they pulling me away from what I know is true?

Open this time with a prayer to quiet your spirit and open your heart and ears to what He has for you today. Pray that your child will have courage to make any decisions that they may need to today.

Have you ever watched someone sharpen a blade? The metal scrapes against the stone, sparking and grinding, until it's sharper, stronger, and more effective. This is exactly how the Bible describes our relationships with others.

Fuel keeps the light going. Most of us need fuel to keep our relationship with Christ focused. Time with Christian friends can be just the fuel we need.

When we spend time with people who follow Jesus, we help each other grow in our faith, becoming sharper and more prepared for the challenges ahead. These relationships strengthen and fuel our faith by offering support, encouragement, accountability, and understanding in our faith walk. God created us to be in community, and one of the most important ways we grow our faith is through relationships. We are not to go it alone.

Read Proverbs 27:17 below:

Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another.

Jesus gave us the perfect example of how important relationships are. He surrounded Himself with 12 disciples—a group of friends who walked with Him through every situation. The disciples weren't perfect, but they learned from each other, just like we do when we're part of a faith community.

Our Key Verse reminds us that when we surround ourselves with others who are focused on Christ, we become sharper—better equipped to live out our faith. But this only happens when we are open and honest with each other. Being part of a faith community doesn't mean everyone is perfect. In fact, it's our imperfections that help us learn and grow together.

Think of a few people who have helped you grow in your relationship with Christ. Write their names in the spaces below. Next to each name, write down one way that person has sharpened you. It could be by encouraging you to pray, helping you understand Scripture, or simply being a good example in their Christian walk.



_____ helped me by _____.

_____ helped me by _____.

_____ helped me by _____.

Now think about how you can sharpen someone else. Write down two ways you can help a person in your life grow in their faith.

- 1.
- 2.

Read Luke 6:12-16 below:

¹² During those days he went out to the mountain to pray and spent all night in prayer to God. ¹³ When daylight came, he summoned his disciples, and he chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: ¹⁴ Simon, whom he also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; ¹⁵ Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; ¹⁶ Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

In this passage from Luke, we read about Jesus choosing His disciples. These weren't just random people—each disciple had a specific role to play in the group. Jesus spent time teaching them, living life with them, and helping them understand what it meant to follow God. Just like the disciples, we are called to live in community, learning from each other and growing in our faith together.

Jesus even called the disciples His friends (John 15:15), showing us that our faith journey is meant to be shared with those who care about us and encourage us to grow.

So, how can we sharpen each other in our everyday lives? Here are three tips you can use to strengthen your community of believers:

1. **Pray Together:** Prayer is powerful. When we pray for each other, we invite God to work in our lives and in the lives of our friends.
2. **Be Honest and Open:** No one has it all together, and that's okay! Being honest about our struggles helps us connect with others in a deeper way and allows them to encourage us in our faith.
3. **Encourage Each Other:** Whether it's sending a text, sharing a Bible verse, or just listening, we can all find small ways to encourage our friends to stay close to Jesus.

Take a moment to reflect on your relationships. Read Romans 12:16 below:

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

What are some ways you can implement the steps above into your life?



Decode the Key Verse for today below. Here are your clues: a=1, j=10, z=26

9 18 15 14 19 8 1 18 16 5 14 19 iron, and one 16 5 18 19 15 14 sharpens
1 14 15 20 8 5 18.

Challenge yourself to invest more in your friendships and family, becoming a positive influence on others and growing together in faith. Let's commit to building each other up and encouraging one another as we follow Christ.

End your quiet time with prayer. If you don't know where to start, use this as a guide to get you started: **"God, thank You for the people You've placed in my life to help me grow. Help me to be a good friend and to encourage others in their walk with You. Show me how I can build stronger relationships that honor You. I pray this for my child, as well. Help them to make wise decisions with who they call a friend and then help them to be a friend to others. Thanks for being a personal, relational God. Amen."**



Day 4 Quiet Time - Shine

By Baylor Dillon

Today's Truth: Maturing in our faith is being secure enough in it to talk about Jesus with others. When we do, we are shining the Light in a dark world and growing the Kingdom of God.

Life Questions: Have you shared your story and the message of the gospel with those you know who do not have the hope of Christ? What's holding you back?

Begin your quiet time with a brief prayer, asking God to reveal Himself and His Word to you today. Pray that your child is taking the necessary steps to own their faith.

A sure sign of having been truly born again is a person who lives unashamed of the gospel of Jesus. To act unashamedly means without restraint, open, shameless, unabashed.

What do you think living unashamed as a believer looks like? Describe it below.

Christians can at times live ashamed of the very gospel that has saved them. This may not be by speaking the words, "I'm ashamed of Jesus," but rather through our actions, such as avoiding opportunities to share the gospel, compromising our beliefs to fit in, choosing comfort over conviction, and neglecting to spend time with Jesus daily.

Let's read what the Apostle Paul says about this in Romans 1:16 below:

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek.

Read the verse again, but this time, underline why Paul says he is not ashamed.

Paul enthusiastically proclaims that he is not ashamed of the gospel and is amazed that by the power of God, he has been given new life! And this same power is for everyone.

Paul had been mightily shown God's grace and love, and he wanted others to also know His goodness and salvation. Think back to Paul's conversation experience that we studied on our first day of camp.

If we as believers have been redeemed from our old way of life, and have the blessed hope of eternal life, we have been given this command in **Mark 16:15**:

Then he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

So, why does telling people about Him seem so hard sometimes?



What is your biggest fear when it comes to talking to others about Jesus? Why do you think you have this fear?

To offer some encouragement, other believers have felt that same fear you have felt at times. You are not alone.

Be encouraged that it is not your job to save anyone. If you have been brought from death to life because of Jesus, you are called to tell others of the same God that has saved you. And what a relief and privilege that is!

If you're scared that you don't know enough about Jesus to tell others about Him, ask the Holy Spirit to lead you and speak through you. He will. You're never too young or inexperienced to start telling others about Jesus.

Take a few seconds and imagine you were talking to a friend or family member about Jesus.

Brainstorm what you would say to them and write in the space. *Hint: thinking of your testimony would be a great place to start.* (If you don't know the gospel well enough to tell others you could ask your Bible Study Leader or Group Leader for help.)

We all know people in our lives who don't know the Lord. Oftentimes, these can be the people closest to us. Have you ever considered that God might be calling you to share Himself with those around you?

Write a short prayer asking the Lord to help you and your child to be bold and unashamed of the gospel.

If Christ has saved you, His light should shine through you. Everything about us should be affected because of Jesus, including living our lives with a motivation for others to know the same God who has saved you. God is calling all believers everywhere to, with urgency, let the light of Jesus shine through us.

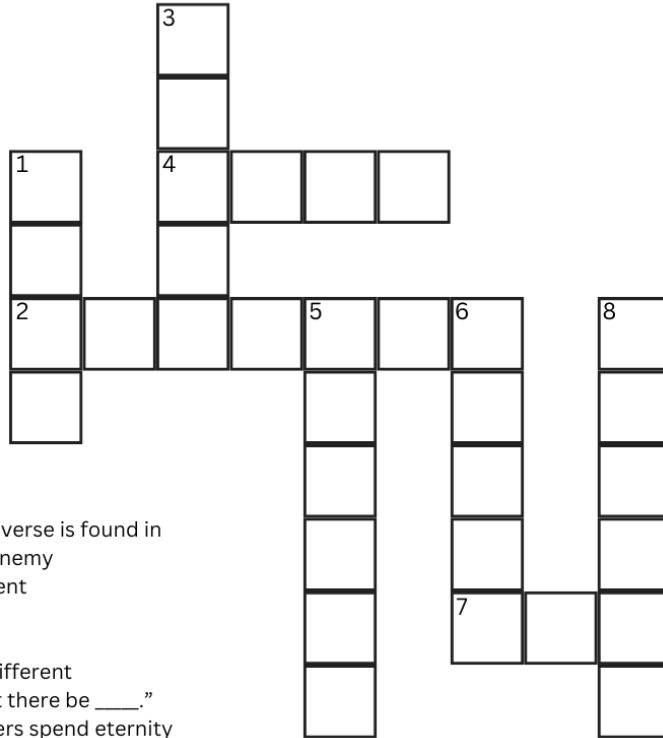
Pray to end your quiet time. Here is a prayer you may choose to pray: **“God, help me to be unashamed to share the good news of Jesus with a world who desperately needs Him. Also, help me to live unashamed of the gospel that has saved me.”**



Complete the crossword puzzle to find the missing words in today's key verse.

In the ___ way, let your ___ shine before others so that they may ___ your ___
 ___ and give glory to your ___ in ___.

Verse: _____ 5:16



ACROSS

- 2. The book this verse is found in
- 4. Evil's worst enemy
- 7. "C" but different

DOWN

- 1. Opposite of different
- 3. God said, "Let there be ____."
- 5. Where believers spend eternity
- 6. Your job, plural
- 8. God's name

- Key:
- 1. Same
 - 2. Matthew
 - 3. Light
 - 4. Good
 - 5. Heaven
 - 6. Works
 - 7. See
 - 8. Father



Day 5 - Reflect

By Emilee Spann

Today's Truth: Jesus came to serve and not be served. As we adopt this life of service, we are putting others first and showing the love of Christ to them.

Life Question: How are you using your gifts and talents to serve others?

Open your time in prayer in order to put away any distractions and focus on the Lord and His Word for the next few minutes. Pray that your child will keep the campfire going once they get back home.

Through your week at camp, you've spent time learning about the light that you have in Christ. You've discussed how to take ownership of your faith by letting that light in and shining your light for others. **Take some time to reflect on what you have learned this week and write those takeaways below.** Then, spend some time in prayer, thanking Jesus for the ways that he worked in you and your child.

Your child might be wrapping up their time at camp right about now. Maybe they're headed home or they're already there. Hopefully, they have had a great week of fun and fellowship, formed new friendships, served on ministry sites or gone absolutely crazy on the rec field, and most importantly, learned more about the light they've been given through Christ. **But now what? What is the purpose of all of this?**

Let's think more about purpose. **Draw a line to match each of these items with their purpose.**

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|------------|-------------------------|
| Pencil | To measure |
| Fork | To paint |
| Toothbrush | To keep our teeth clean |
| Paintbrush | To eat food |
| Ruler | To write or draw |

Each of these items may have some similarities. For example, they may all be around the same size and shape. But, they all have a specific and unique purpose. Imagine if you tried to brush your



teeth with a pencil or to paint with a ruler. You probably wouldn't be very successful. **Knowing your purpose is important.**

Let's read Mark 10:45 to see what Jesus says about His purpose on earth:

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Jesus tells us that his purpose on earth was to serve. Jesus' ultimate act of service and sacrifice was to die on the cross for our salvation. **Can you think of any other examples of how Jesus served the people around Him during his ministry?**

Maybe you thought about Jesus feeding the 5,000 or washing the disciples' feet or some of the times when Jesus healed people. There are lots of examples of Jesus serving people around Him. It was a crucial part of his ministry. As believers, we are called to imitate Jesus. **We can reflect the light of Jesus by serving the people around us.**

Read 1 John 3:18 below:

Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth.

Look at the statements below and check each one that is an example of “loving in action and in truth”

- Bringing a meal to a friend who is sick
- Visiting and sitting with an elderly neighbor
- Serving with your church to provide meals to members of your community
- Cleaning up around the house to help your parents
- Sitting with a classmate at lunch who normally sits alone
- Inviting your teammate to church with you

If you checked all of them, you are right! Serving and shining the light of Jesus can look like many different things. We can all serve in many different ways.

Read 1 Peter 4:10-11 below:

Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God. 11 If anyone speaks, let it be as one who speaks God's words; if anyone serves, let it be from the strength God provides, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen

These verses talk about being good stewards of the “varied grace of God.” Each of us sees and experiences God's grace in different ways. Each of us has different giftings and passions that God



can use. As you think about ways to serve in your daily life, think about the specific giftings that God has given you.

How is God calling you specifically to serve? How can you use your unique gifts and passions to serve others and shine God’s light?

Today’s Key Verse is Romans 12:10. Refer to the Key Verse poster, if needed.

Fill in the blanks to complete the Key Verse:

Be devoted to one another in _____ . Honor _____ above _____ .

**As you wrap up your quiet time, spend some time in prayer. Here is a prayer you may pray:
“God, thank you for the gift you have given in Jesus’ service and sacrifice for me. Help me to recognize ways that I can serve others and shine Your light. Amen.”**