

Weekly Devotional | March 27-April 2, 2022

# Prepare: Position for More



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## Introduction

We will never really serve others unless we see that the needs of our neighbors are as real and important as our own. This may seem obvious. But the truth of the matter is many of us look right through others and never see them, let alone care about what they need. When we are preoccupied with our own concerns, much of the world is simply invisible to us. Service is rooted in seeing—in seeing others as God does. God cares about everybody. And if we neglect any of God’s people, we are hindering the Spirit of Jesus. The Spirit of Jesus is a compassionate, serving Spirit that always works for the good of others. Jesus maintains that radical love for others demonstrates whether we know God or not.

Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” It is enough to make a truly great difference in someone’s life.”

(Adele Ahlberg Calhoun, *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices that Transform Us*)

The rhythms in which we are unpacking become intertwined in our relationship with God. We hope you have become accustomed to a rhythm of stopping, resting, delighting, and reflecting in the presence of God. His presence is enough and may He speak to you through His Word.

This series is designed for you to explore how you best rest in the presence of God. Visit [stonecrestchurch.com/prepare](https://stonecrestchurch.com/prepare) for more resources in addition to each weekly devotional guide.

## Weekly Structure

This week, we will continue in our daily rhythms of time with God, S.O.A.P. journaling, and Sabbath. Let the Lord also lead you in acts of kindness. Take a step of faith and let Him lead you into kindness for those you do not know.

### **S: Scripture:**

- Read the passages
- Make note of a verse or phrase that jumps out at you.
- Copy that verse at the top of your journal

### **O: Observation:**

- Observe what the verse is saying and why it might be jumping out at you.
- Write down what you're seeing and noticing in the passage.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you.

### **A: Application:**

- How does this apply to you and what do you think God might be saying to you?
- Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write how this scripture can apply to you today.

### **P: Prayer:**

- This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this scripture, or even a prayer for a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, Prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out.

This week:

- ❖ Day 1 — Sunday discovery guide of the worship service, designed to process with your spiritual community/transformational relationships/group
- ❖ Day 2-6 — Daily devotionals for yourself
- ❖ Day 7 — Sabbath reflection

# DAY 1: MARCH 27

## Discovery Guide - Giving and Service

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- How was God speaking to you while you were singing/listening?
- How is your daily rhythm with God? Did you use S.O.A.P. as you read scripture?
- Were you able to take Sabbath in the last week?
- What are the barriers that come between you giving/service?
- What are the breakthroughs that Jesus is leading you into?
- Where can God lead you in blessing others?

**Scripture:** Read John 7

**Observe:**

**Application:**

**Pray:**

## DAY 2: MARCH 28

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**Stop:** Begin your time with God in 2 minutes of silence.

**Scripture:** Read John 8

**Observe:**

**Application:**

**Pray:**

## DAY 3: MARCH 29

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**Stop:** Begin your time with God in 2 minutes of silence.

**Scripture:** Read John 9

**Observe:**

**Application:**

**Pray:**

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## DAY 4: MARCH 30

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**Stop:** Begin your time with God in 2 minutes of silence.

**Scripture:** Read John 10

**Observe:**

**Application:**

**Pray:**

## DAY 5: MARCH 31

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**Stop:** Begin your time with God in 2 minutes of silence.

**Scripture:** Read John 11

**Observe:**

**Application:**

**Pray:**

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## DAY 6: APRIL 1

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**Stop:** Begin your time with God in 2 minutes of silence.

**Scripture:** Read John 12

**Observe:**

**Application:**

**Pray:**

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## DAY 7: APRIL 2

**Your Sabbath - Reflect on your 24 hours of rest**

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**What did you do on your Sabbath? Why?**

**What was life giving on your Sabbath? What was not life-giving?**

**What could you shift for your next Sabbath?**

**What did you sense from the Lord during your day of rest?**



