

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10 May 2015

If you are reading this in worship, I want you to know something—you *are an answer to prayer*. Each Sunday before worship, I ask God to bring into our midst exactly who He desires would be there. Since you are with us today, I believe God has a blessing in store for you. I am prayerful as we worship together today, that blessing will be received and enjoyed.

To that end, this service of worship has been designed that we might know God and the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ. From the summons to worship at the beginning to the sending out into the world at the benediction, that you might know God, the truth and joy of salvation, and be equipped to answer the call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Following the service, feel free to approach one of our elders (the men who help serve the Lord's Supper) with any prayer needs or questions you may have. I believe you will find them to be warm, inviting, and eager to serve. Please know I would personally enjoy getting to meet you this morning following the service, so please stop by and see me at the front door of the chapel.

It is my sincere prayer that your experience today at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is one that blesses you spiritually and strengthens your faith in the Lord.

Grace & Peace,
Rev. Nate Shurden

Worship is a response to the love of God that brings us out of darkness into his light. The rhythm and flow of the service reflects this present reality as God calls his people and reveals himself, forgives their sins, teaches them from his Word, the Bible, feeds them, and then sends them out to live what they have learned.

This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

Introit—I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Vs I

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: "I know that my Re - deem - er lives: What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - last - ing head!" The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the text. The first system covers the first line of the text, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The score ends with a double bar line.

I know that my Re - deem - er lives: What joy this
blest as - sur - ance gives! He lives, He lives, who
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - last - ing head!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

Call to Worship—Psalm 72:1-7, 12-14

Pastor: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

All: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

Pastor: Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

All: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

Pastor: May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

All: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!

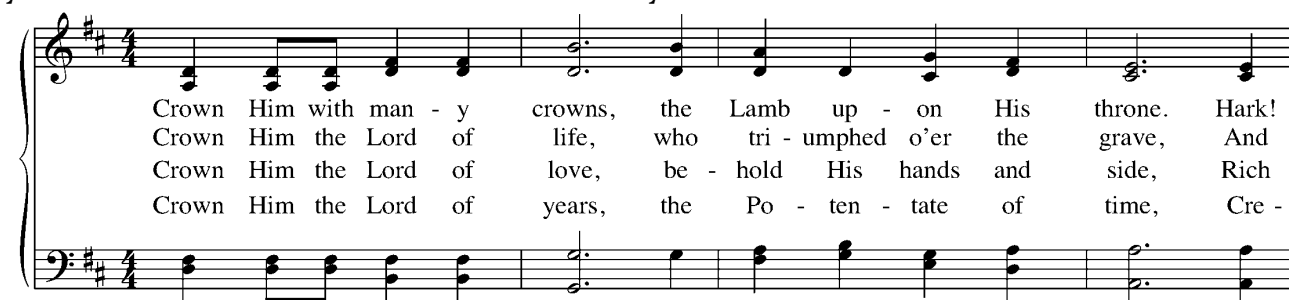
Pastor: In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

All: For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.

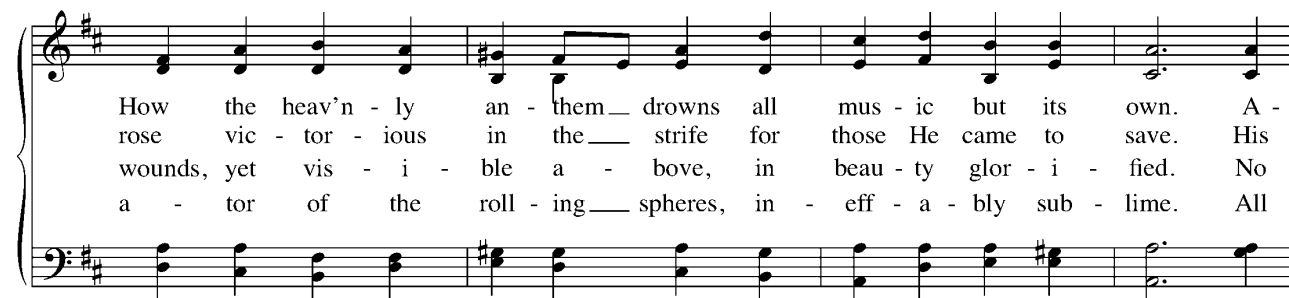
Pastor: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

All: From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.

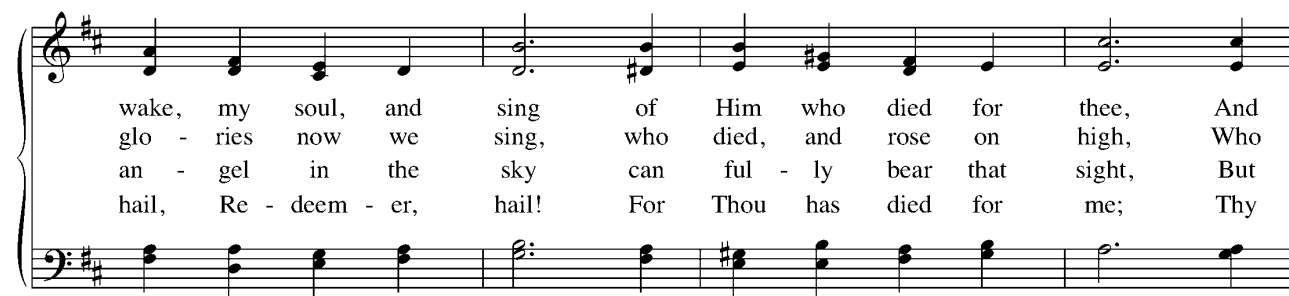
Hymn of Praise—Crown Him With Many Crowns



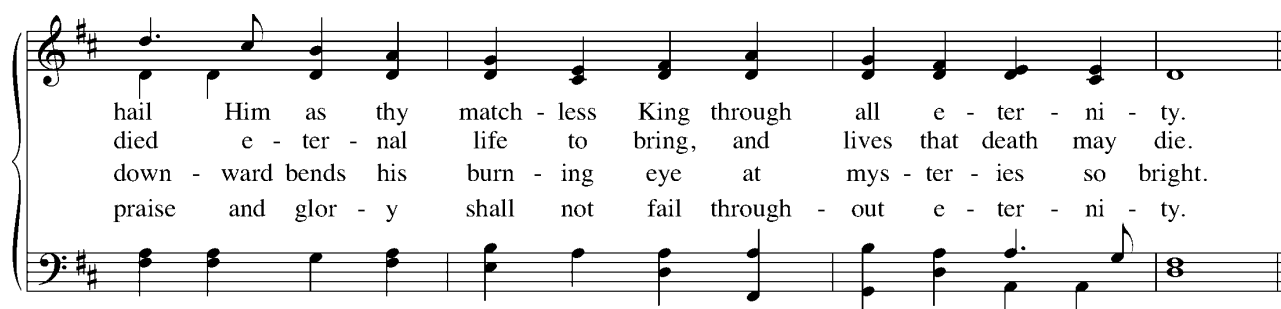
Crown Him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on His throne. Hark!
Crown Him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, And
Crown Him the Lord of love, be - hold His hands and side, Rich
Crown Him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time, Cre -



How the heav'n - ly an - them - drowns all mus - ic but its own. A -
rose vic - tor - ious in the - strife for those He came to save. His
wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glor - i - fied. No
a - tor of the roll - ing - spheres, in - eff - a - bly sub - lime. All



wake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, And
glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high, Who
an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, But
hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou has died for me; Thy



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1852; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

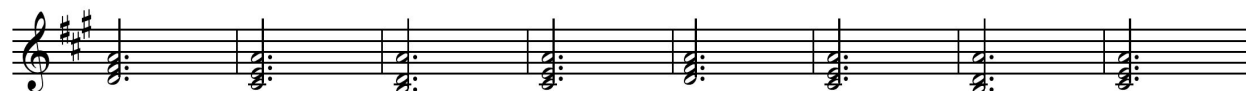
Hymn of Praise—Come Ye that Love the Savior's Name



Come, ye that love the Sav - ior's Name, And joy to make it known,
 Be - hold your Lord, your Mas - ter, crowned With glo - ries all di - vine;
 When, in His earth - ly courts, we view The glo - ries of our King,
 And shall we long and wish in vain? Lord, teach our songs to rise:



The Sov'-reign of your hearts pro - claim, And bow be - fore His throne.
 And tell the won-d'ring na - tions round How bright those glo - ries shine.
 We long to love as an - gels do, And wish like them to sing.
 Thy love can an - i - mate the strain, And bid it reach the skies.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - - - - ia!

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(Please be seated)

New Testament Reading—I John I:I-4

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Sung Response—Come, O Redeemer, Come



Fa - ther en-throned on high, Ho - ly, Ho - ly: An - cient e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer.
Look now up - on our need, Lord be, with us; heal us and make us free, from our sin.



Come, O Redeem-er, come, grant us mer-cy. Come, O Redeem-er, come, grant us peace.

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Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 81:6-9, 11-14, 16

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Like the people of Israel,
You relieved our shoulders of our burden. You freed our hands.

All: In distress we called, and You delivered us. You answered our prayers.

Pastor: You call us to hear You as You admonish us, but we are slow to listen.

All: There are strange gods among us. We bow to the idols in our hearts.

Pastor: Would that we would listen to Your voice; that we would submit to You.

All: You give us over to our stubborn hearts to follow our own counsels.

Pastor: Oh that we would listen to You and walk in Your ways.

All: Subdue our enemies; subdue our hearts and thoughts to conform to Your desires.

Pastor: Feed us with the finest wheat and satisfy us with honey from the rock.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—I John 1:7-9

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm of Praise—Psalm 9: O Lord Most High



O Lord most high, with all my heart Thy won-drous works I will pro - claim; I
Je - ho - vah will a re - fuge prove, A re - fuge strong for all op - pressed, A



will be glad and give Thee thanks And sing the prais - es of Thy name. And sing the
safe re - treat, where wear - y souls In troub - lous times may sure - ly rest. In troub - lous



prais - es of Thy name. The Lord, the ev - er - last - ing King, Is
times may sure - ly rest. All they, O Lord, that know Thy name Their
Sing prais - es to the Lord most high; To



seat - ed on His throne; The right - eous Judge of all the world Will
con - fi - dence will place, For Thou hast ne'er for - sak - en them Who
Him who in Zi - on dwells; De - clare His migh - ty deeds ab - road, His



make His per - fect jus - tice known. Will make His per - fect jus - tice known.
earn - est - ly have sought Thy face. Who earn - est - ly have sought Thy face.
deeds a - mong the na - tions tell. His deeds a - mong the na - tions tell.

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Missions Report—Bill Iverson, Sri Lanka and India

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Luke 24:36-44

36 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” 37 But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. 38 And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate before them.

44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

Elder: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—The Gospel of Luke, Part 101

Doubt No More

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

Sung Response—Sanctus

WOMEN

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might,

MEN

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might, -

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho

high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.

san - nah in the high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est. A - men.

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Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven

and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

Hymn of Communion—Come, Ye Sinners



Come, ye sin - ners, — poor and need - y, Weak and wound-ed, — sick and sore;
Come, ye thirst - y, — come, and wel - come, God's free bount - y — glor - i - fy;
Come, ye wear - y, — heav - y lad - en, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;
Let not con - science make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pit - y, — love and power.
True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. —
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will nev - er — come at all. —
All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth Is to feel your need of Him. —



I will a - rise and — go to Je - sus, He will embrace me — in His — arms;



In the arms — of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.

Text: Joseph Hart, 1712-1768; Music: Southern Harmony, 1835.

Hymn of Praise—O Lord, Teach Me to Follow You

O _____ LORD, teach me to fol - low You; in -
 Give _____ me not to my foes' de - sire; false _____
 Oh! _____ What if I had not be - lieved! I _____
 With _____ pa - tience wait up - on the LORD, O _____

struct me in _____ Your way, and _____ lead me on a
 wit - ness - es _____ a - rise a - gainst me, breath - ing
 am, by faith, _____ as - sured that _____ in the land of
 let your strength be great; and _____ so let cour - age

le - vel path be - cause of foes, _____ I pray!
 vi - o - lence and _____ seek - ing my _____ de - mise
 life I'll see the _____ good - ness of _____ the LORD.
 fill Your heart as _____ on the LORD_ you wait.

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Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise—Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

Je - sus draw me ev - er near - er As I la - bor through the
Je - sus guide me through the tem - pest; Keep my spir - it staid and
Let the trea - sures of the tri - al Form with - in me as I

storm. You have called me to this pass - age, and I'll fol - low, though I'm
sure. When the mid - night meets the morn - ing, Let me love You ev - en
go - And at the end of this long pass - age, Let me leave them at Your

worn. May this jour - ney bring a bless - ing, May I rise on wings of faith; And at the
more.
throne.

end of my heart's test - ing, With Your like - ness let me wake.

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GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Jude 24-25

24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Sung Response—O Praise the Father

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are: "O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en." The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The melody continues. The lyrics are: "And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en." The music ends with a double bar line.

O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en.

And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en.

Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND EPIPHANY

God built within His people an innate desire to celebrate, to mark seasons and events, to set up “stones of remembrance” so that we do not forget His goodness and promises. One method that the Church has used over time is dividing each year according to the events in the life of Christ—a reminder of redemptive history. Although the Church Calendar is not prescribed by Scripture, it can be a useful framework or tool to help walk our hearts through the Gospel every year.

The major divisions of the liturgical year are:

- **Advent**—The four Sundays leading to Christmas; preparation for the coming of Christ and the need for a Savior
- **Christmas** and the Twelve Days—Celebration of the Incarnation and the Gift of Christ, our Redeemer
- **Epiphany**—January 6; Coming of the Magi for Christ is the Light of the World; Hope for the Gentiles; Kingship of Christ
- **Lent**—from Ash Wednesday to Easter; repentance and reflection; recognition that our sinfulness leads to the cross; intentional time to exercise the disciplines of grace
- **Holy Week**—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday; Jesus as King, Priest, Prophet; The remembrance that the shedding of blood was necessary for the forgiveness of sins
- **Easter**—Resurrection of the Living Lord; the conquering of death and sin
- **Ascension**—Christ in Power at the right hand of the Father; Christ interceding as the Mediator
- **Pentecost**—Coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church; God sends out His people as the Church
- **Ordinary Time**—The weeks between Pentecost and Advent; Living in light of the Gospel as the Church

This morning we come to the final post-resurrection appearance of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Luke. The questions below are designed to assist you in better understanding and applying the passage. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family or home fellowship group.

- How does this passage prove the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ? Why is bodily resurrection essential to the Christian's hope?
- What interesting things do we learn about the resurrected body from this passage?
- In the three post resurrection episodes of Luke 24, there is a predictable pattern: confusion/rebuke, instruction, and witness. Can you identify this pattern in each of the post resurrection stories? What significance do you see in this pattern?
- Jesus says that gospel proclamation includes a call to repentance and forgiveness. What is repentance? What is forgiveness? How does the gospel lead us to repentance and forgiveness (v.47)?
- What is Jesus alluding to when he says you will be "...clothed with power on high" (v.49)?
- How does a true embrace of the gospel motivate us to share the gospel with others? Are you sharing the gospel with others? Do you need help in learning how to share the gospel? Please seek out an elder or pastor at Cornerstone if you would like to be equipped in learning how to share the gospel.

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