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# HOME BASE

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## WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Mary Magdalene went, telling the news to the disciples: "I saw the Master!"  
And she told them everything he said to her. - John 20:18



### THIS WEEK'S READING: John 19-21

[Watch this video](#) of The Porter's Gate - Wood and Nails (feat. Audrey Assad & Josh Garrels).



### SERMON RECAP [Listen to Sermon Online](#)

Pastor Greg looked at Jesus' prayer for all believers at the end of John 17. Investigating how Jesus prayed is a helpful exercise to give us guidance on how we might also pray.

### REFLECTIONS: SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

### SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION CHALLENGE

[Some strategies to help you out.](#)

Scripture memorization is a practice that helps us to let God's Word seep into our minds and hearts. Each week we suggest a memory verse for you to practice learning. Brandi and Andrew Kejr put together this list of helpful ideas for memorizing scripture as part of our Challenge 2021, which kicks off on January 18th. Take a look at this list and decide which methods will help you grow in this important practice.

**Choose a verse** to memorize that speaks to something in your life right now. If another verse speaks to you more than the verse we have chosen feel free to choose one of your own from the readings this week.

**Start small.** If a selection is too long try working on one phrase or sentence at a time. Then put it all together.

**Write it down.** Writing may help you slow down and absorb the words and process what the words are. Write it down several times.

**Say it out loud.** Say the verse together with a friend or your family members while at the dinner table, in the car or anywhere!

**Incorporate the verse** into your prayers. Pray the verse into your own life or select a person to pray the verse over each day.

**Put it everywhere.** Encourage people to snap a photo of where their verse is posted in their house, car or office. Share on social media. Create cell phone wallpapers of each verse that can be downloaded.

**Use music to help.** Try setting the verse to a tune you may already know or write your own!

**Make it a game.** Compete with someone else. Who can memorize it first? Who can say it fastest?!

**Text with a partner.** Take turns sending one word at a time until the verse is complete.

**Repeat, repeat, repeat!** And repeat it again!

# SUNDAY'S SERMON

## **Pastor Mary Peterson: SERMON TEXT - John 21:1-25**

*What do you think Pilate was thinking and feeling during this interaction with Jesus and the crowds? How do you think he felt after?*

*Jesus says that he is thirsty while on the cross. What other times in scripture does Jesus talk about his physical needs?*

*John tells us that Nicodemus helped Joseph of Arimathea to care for the body of Jesus. Look back to John 3 to read when Nicodemus first met Jesus. Reflect on how your faith has changed over the years.*

*Read through John 20 and imagine yourself there in the garden or in the locked room. What would you have felt, heard, smelled, experienced?*

*What stands out to you in John 21? What do you think Jesus is asking of Simon Peter?*

## **BUILDING UPDATE**



Decking on the roof and second floor is being installed.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

*Please let us know of your prayer concerns below.*

## **THE DUGOUT: A Place For Kids & Their Families**

Read chapter 20 in All of Us. Have someone read the God's Story prompt on page 114. Have one volunteer read the bold text for Jesus. Everyone can read the words of the Pharisees together. Read the Illustrated version found on pages 116–117. Have everyone sit in different parts of the room. Invite one volunteer to play the role of Jesus, gathering up followers as you read the story. When Jesus arrives at Levi's house, everyone can sit down together. If you're a small group, stuffed toys or dolls may fill the role of some of the disciples.

Wonder and talk together about the Bible story and how it connects to your experiences as a family. Refer to the illustrations in All of Us to help children recall what happens in the story.

- I wonder why Jesus called fishermen and tax collectors to join him.
- I wonder how Levi felt when Jesus wanted to have dinner with him.
- (Page 116, top illustrations) Imagine Jesus asking you to follow him. Where would he find you?
- Invite one person to read the My Story prompt on page 115 in All of Us. Allow time for everyone to respond.