

Day 1: Understanding the Church's Mission

Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20

Reflection: Reflect on the professor's question from the sermon: "What is the church?" Consider how the church is not just a place to receive religious services but a body of believers sent on a mission. How does this understanding change your view of your role in the church?

Prayer: Ask God to help you see your church as a family on a mission and to show you how you can contribute to that mission.

Day 2: Defining Moments

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Reflection: Consider Joseph's defining moment when he chose to follow God's plan despite the uncertainty. Reflect on a time when God called you to step out in faith. How did you respond?

Prayer: Pray for the courage to embrace the defining moments God places in your life, trusting that He is leading you into a greater story.

Day 3: The Heart of Adoption

Scripture: Ephesians 1:4-5

Reflection: Reflect on the concept of spiritual adoption. Just as Joseph adopted Jesus, God has adopted us into His family. How does this truth impact your understanding of your identity in Christ?

Prayer: Thank God for adopting you as His child and ask Him to help you reflect His love to others, especially those who are vulnerable and in need.

Day 4: Seeing the Invisible

Scripture: James 1:27

Reflection: The sermon highlighted the invisibility of orphans in our daily lives. Consider how you can become more aware of those in need around you. What steps can you take to "see" and serve them?

Prayer: Ask God to open your eyes to the needs of orphans and the vulnerable in your community and to give you the compassion and wisdom to act.

Day 5: Taking Action

Scripture: Matthew 7:12

Reflection: Reflect on the Golden Rule and how it applies to orphan care. What would you want someone to do for you if you were in their position? How can you take action today?

Prayer: Pray for guidance on how you can be involved in orphan care, whether through adoption, fostering, mentoring, or sponsoring. Ask God to show you your next step and to give you the strength to follow through.