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LETTER FROM KEITH

Hey church family!

Thank you for joining us on our journey through Core52. Every week is a chance for us to spend about 15 minutes a day growing in our understanding of God’s Word and raising our Biblical IQ...not just for the sake of knowing facts, but for life transformation. I hope you will find ways to dig into God’s Word with your church family and with your family at home.

Core52 is sort of a “choose your own adventure” type of experience. The more you engage, the more you are going to get out of it. Here are some ways you can get involved:

Attend worship services at WCC and hear sermons related to Core52 each week

Read 1 chapter from the Core52 book each week [paperback available at WCC, digital available on Kindle]

- Engage with the daily activities and memory verses at the end of each chapter
- Read and discuss this workbook with your Life Group each week
- Read the Student Core52 book with your teenage or elementary children

My challenge to our church family is to “GO BIG!” Really strive to dig into this material, listen to the videos, attend church each week, get personal with your Life Group, read and memorize Scripture, try some of the challenges...and lead your children to do the same! The adage is true for Core52: “you only get out of it what you put into it.” SO GO BIG!

Since you are reading this letter as part of our Life Group Discussion Guide, let me encourage you: If you are in a Life Group, do your best to be an example to your group by encouraging and spurring one another on to GO BIG. Remember to practice grace and love as you do this!

If you aren’t in a Life Group, reach out to Kurt Charlton to get in one. It’s never too late and being in a small group is a chance for you to be cared for, challenged, and loved! I’m excited and am praying for God to do some amazing things through this Core 52 adventure! I’m so glad we get to do this together!

KEITH COMP

Lead Minister

A group of people are sitting on a dark, silhouetted beach in the foreground, looking out at a calm body of water. The water reflects the warm, orange and yellow light of a sunset or sunrise. In the background, dark mountains are visible against the bright sky. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL
YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR
MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR
STRENGTH:
MARK 12:30

MEMORY VERSES [NIV]

MARK 1:1

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.

MARK 1:15

"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

MARK 2:27-28

²⁷Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

MARK 10:45

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.

MARK 12:29-31

²⁹"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

APR 9 | WEEK 27 | GOSPEL [MARK 1:1]

CONNECT QUESTIONS

1. What was the best news you have ever received? How did you respond?
2. What was the best news you ever gave to someone else? How did they respond?
3. Why do you think bad news travels faster than good news? What are some examples?

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

1. Read the first two paragraphs of chapter 27 on pg. 181. Summarize or reword what Mark Moore defined as the gospel.
2. When did you hear the good news about Jesus for the first time? Why did you accept it?
3. Read Mark 1:1. If the gospel of Mark contains most of Jesus' ministry, why would he say it is the "beginning of the gospel"? [See also Acts 1:1]

4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-2. Why does Paul want the Corinthians to remember the gospel? Why is this so important for Christians?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-8. How does Paul define the gospel message in vs. 3-4? Why would he include all of the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus in vs. 5-8?
6. According to Mark 1:1 and 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, what **MUST** be included in the gospel message?
7. According to Galatians 1:6-9, what happens if someone preaches a false gospel? What are some examples of false gospels that may be taught today?

CHANGE QUESTIONS

1. Is the good news still good news to you? How can you be reminded of it each day?
2. Memorize Romans 3:23 and 6:23 this week. What else do you need to memorize in order to explain the gospel of Jesus to someone?
3. Who in your life needs to hear the good news? How do you plan to tell them?

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APR 16 | WEEK 28 | FAITH [MARK 1:15]

CONNECT QUESTIONS

1. When have you believed something to be true and later found out it was not?
2. What are some examples of things or people you place your trust in regularly?
3. When have you placed your trust in something and it failed you?

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

1. Discuss how obedience is different if it is motivated by guilt, fear, and joy. What are some examples of people using each type of motivation?
 - a. Guilt
 - b. Fear
 - c. Joy
2. Read James 2:17-19. What do you think is the difference between the words “belief” and “faith”? Why is it important for us to know the difference when we read Scripture?
3. Read James 2:20-24. James uses the word “dead” [3x] and “useless” [1x] in this chapter to describe a non-saving faith [belief only]. Why would he use such harsh words to describe a good thing like faith?

4. If you were explaining to someone that faith means “allegiance” what kind of examples would you use to illustrate this?

5. Discuss the following words which give deeper understanding to the true biblical “faith” [not just belief] which God requires of us. Which of these do you like best?
 - a. Allegiance
 - b. Obedience
 - c. Trust
 - d. Loyalty
 - e. Devotion

6. Using some of the words above, how would you describe biblical “faith” to a friend who asked you about Christianity?

CHANGE QUESTIONS

1. In what areas of your life do you need to shift your allegiance to align with God’s priorities?
2. How can you increase your belief in Jesus and knowledge of him this week?
3. How can you increase your obedience and devotion to Jesus this week?

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APR 23 | WEEK 29 | REST [MARK 2:27-28]

CONNECT QUESTIONS

1. How much sleep do you average per night? Is it enough? Do you feel rested?
2. Which is better for you; a substance to provide energy [caffeine-drink] or a nap?
3. What are the pros and cons of an afternoon nap?

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

1. Why do you think resting, relaxing, and rejuvenation are often seen as signs of weakness or laziness? How and why should we break these stigmas?
2. Read Mark 2:23-28. Why does Jesus often do things that defy cultural expectations for the Sabbath? What do vs. 27-28 mean?
3. A few weeks ago we talked about money and tithing. How is that discussion related to this discussion on rest and sabbath?
4. Read Matthew 8:23-27. Why do you think Jesus was asleep? [skim through 8:1-22]

5. The storm was so intense that waves came into the boat, yet Jesus stayed asleep until his disciples woke him in a panic. In this moment, what was important to Jesus? To the disciples?
6. How do you think Christians should keep a good balance between working hard and resting hard? Why?
7. Read Matthew 11:28-30. How does Jesus provide rest? What does Jesus mean when he says for us to take his yoke, that his yoke is easy and light?

CHANGE QUESTIONS

1. What kind of rest and relaxation recharges you? What keeps you from doing this?
2. How do you need to “come to Jesus” and find rest? [Matthew 11:28]
3. How can you create rhythms to find physical rest this week? Emotional rest? Spiritual rest?

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APR 30 | WEEK 30 | LEADERSHIP [MARK 10:45]

CONNECT QUESTIONS

1. Who are some popular TV show bosses? How do they reflect people you've encountered?
2. What was the first leadership position you ever held [coach, manager, team captain, etc.]? What are some lessons you learned from that role?
3. When have you seen poor leadership? What happened?

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

1. What are some leadership lessons you have learned from being a leader? Being a follower?
2. Read John 12:1-8. How did Mary become a leader even though she was there to serve the leaders?
3. John 13:1-17. How does Jesus show what it means to be a leader and a follower in this story? What lesson can we learn from this?

4. **Read 1 Samuel 16:7. What are some qualities or attributes our culture considers when placing people in positions of influence or power? How can this be dangerous?**

5. **Read Hebrews 13:17. How is the church congregation expected to act toward the spiritual leaders of the church? What is the benefit?**

6. **Read Hebrews 13:17 again. What responsibilities are given to the spiritual leaders of the church? How can you help them?**

CHANGE QUESTIONS

1. **What are some ways you need to step up and be a leader?**
2. **What are some ways you need to step back and be a follower?**
3. **What leadership characteristics of Jesus can you emulate this week?**

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MAY 7 | WEEK 31 | GREATEST COMMAND [MARK 12:29-31]

CONNECT QUESTIONS

1. What kind of commands are you given each week in various areas of your life?
2. What kind of commands do you give to others?
3. What are some commands you have followed which did not make sense to you? Why did you follow them?

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

1. In what settings or places do you tend to be a rule follower? When do you tend to be a rule breaker? What is your motivation to follow or break rules?
2. Read Mark 12:28-31. What does it mean to love God with ALL of your heart? Soul? Mind? Strength?
3. Read Mark 12:32-34. What do you think it means that loving God and loving others is more important than “burnt offerings and sacrifices [12:33]?” What are some examples of how people may get side-tracked by religious activities today?

4. Read Romans 12:9-21. What are some ways we are called to put love into action? Which is the greatest challenge for you? Which are you most passionate about?

5. Skim through Matthew 25:31-46. What is the danger of only loving God/Jesus and neglecting others?

6. What is the danger of only loving others and neglecting your relationship with God/Jesus?

CHANGE QUESTIONS

1. What religious activities have given you a false sense of spiritual accomplishment?
2. In what ways do you need to work on showing more love to others? How can you show love to others this week?
3. In what ways do you need to work on your relationship with God? How can you show your love for him this week?

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CORE 52 SERIES SCHEDULE 2022-2023

SERIES | TITLE | DATE | YEAR
VERSES WE ARE MEMORIZING

~~Series 1 | Identity | September 11 – November 12 | 2022~~

Genesis 1:1, 1:26, 3:6, 15:6; Lev 11:45; Deut 18:18; 1 Sam 16:7; 2 Sam 7:12

~~Series 2 | Anthem | November 13 – December 17 | 2022~~

Psalms 1:1-3, 2:7, 23:1-3, 110:1, 118:22

~~Series 3 | Distinct | January 8 – March 11 | 2023~~

Proverbs 1:7; Isaiah 53:5; Jer 31:33-34; Dan 7:13; Matt 5:11-12, 5:20, 6:9-13, 6:19-21, 7:12

~~Series 4 | All In | March 12 – April 8 | 2023~~

Matthew 16:24-25, 22:14, 25:41, 28:18-20,

Series 5 | Greater Than | April 9 - May 13 | 2023

Mark 1:1, 1:15, 2:27-28, 10:25, 12:29-31

Series 6 | United | May 14 - July 29 | 2023

John 1:14, 3:16, 4:24, 5:63, 10:38, Acts 1:8, 1:9, 2:38, 17:26; Romans 12:2

Series 7 | Built to Last | September 10 - November 18 | 2023

1 Cor 2:16, 15:14; Eph 2:8, 4:4-7, Phil 2:5-7, 4:6; 2 Tim 2:2, 3:16-17; Heb 12:1-2, Rev 21:1-3

Core 52 Celebration | November 19 | 2023



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