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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

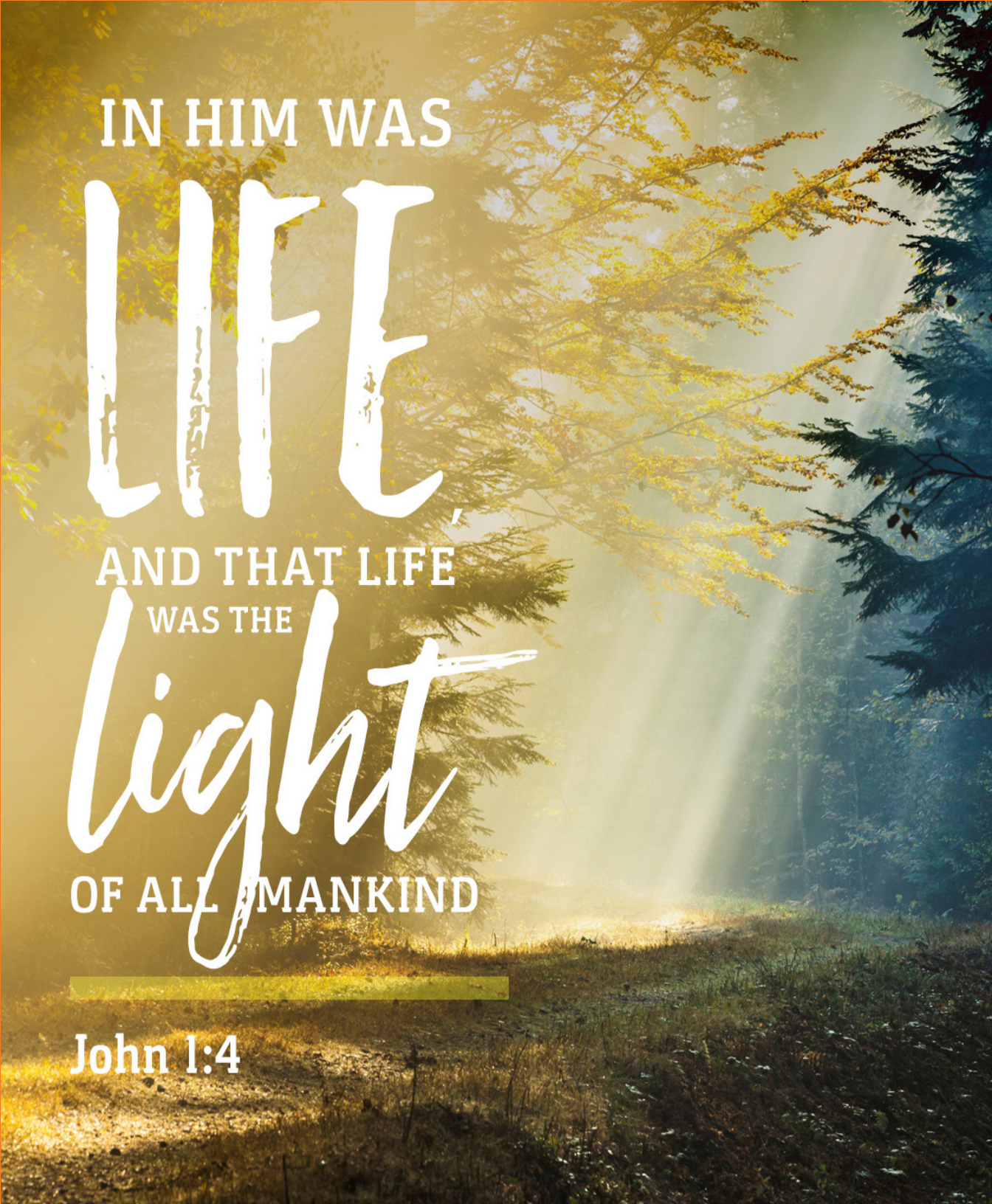
My challenge to our church family is to "GO BIG!" Really strive to dig into this material, listen to the videos, attend church each week, get personal with your Life Group, read and memorize Scripture, try some of the challenges...and lead your children to do the same! The adage is true for Core52: "you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



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John 1:4

MEMORY VERSES [NIV]

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In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

JOHN 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 4:24

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.

John 6:53

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

JOHN 10:28

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

ACTS 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

MAY 14 | WEEK 32 | INCARNATION [JOHN 1:14]

CONNECT QUESTIONS

1. If you could become an animal, what would it be and why? What would be fun or exciting about it? What challenges would you have to overcome?
2. Incarnation means that Jesus “took on flesh.” What would have been different or difficult about that?
3. How does our belief in the incarnation bring us together or unite us?

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

1. Read John 1:1-5. Now read it again, but this time substitute “Jesus” for “the Word.” What are some important beliefs about Jesus that are confirmed by this passage?
2. Read John 1:6-13. This passage talks about “John the Baptist” being the forerunner for Jesus, a witness and messenger that the Kingdom of God was near. Vs. 10-11 says that the world didn’t recognize Jesus or accept him. Why do you think they failed to do so?
3. Read John 1:12 again. How does our belief in Jesus and our receiving of Jesus change us? How does it Unite us?
4. Read John 1:14. How is this verse foundational to our faith? How was Jesus “full of grace and truth”?

5. Read John 1:15-18. What does John's statement, "He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me," mean?
6. How can we look at the life of Jesus in the gospels as a way of understanding more about who God is?
7. What would it mean for us to live "incarnationally"?
8. Read Philippians 2:1-11. How can we take on the same mindset or attitude of Jesus in our relationships with others?

CHANGE QUESTIONS

1. How can I be more like Jesus in my home? Where I work?
2. How does my faith in Jesus keep me united with my brothers and sisters in Christ?
3. How can I be a witness for Jesus to the world around me?

PRAY FOR ONE-ANOTHER

[Pray with and for your group. Try to keep the focus on personal praises/requests involving group members.]

MAY 21 | WEEK 33 | LOVE [JOHN 3:16]

CONNECT QUESTIONS

1. What songs or movies feature the word “love?” How does the world understand love positively? Negatively?
2. What are some things you love? Who are the people you love? How is that love different?
3. How does God love? How does that love unite us?

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

1. Read John 3:16-18. How could you make an argument for John 3:16 being one of the most pivotal verses in all of Scripture? How does God save the world through Jesus? How is faith in Jesus integral to salvation?
2. Read 1 John 4:7-12. What does “God is love” mean? What order is given when it comes to love?
3. How is being united an act of love? How does division work against love?
4. Read Matthew 22:34-40. We are commanded to love God with all of our heart, soul, and mind. What does that look like?

5. We are also commanded to love our neighbor as yourself. What does this mean?
6. How does loving God and loving your neighbor fulfill the Law and the Prophets?
7. Read Matthew 5:43-48. What is challenging about this passage? How do you become better at loving those who you struggle to love?
8. God loves us and we love Him AND He commands us to love others! As a group, come up with ways you can be more loving to others in the following areas: Home, Work or School, Your neighborhood, Your church, other places?

CHANGE QUESTIONS

1. Have I accepted God's love for me? Do I believe and hold on to it? How is that helping me love others?
2. I'm going to love my neighbor by _____.
3. How can I face the challenge to love certain people in my life that I struggle with?

PRAY FOR ONE-ANOTHER

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MAY 28 | WEEK 34 | WORSHIP [JOHN 4:24]

CONNECT QUESTIONS

1. Who is someone that if you met them, it would cause you to be so overwhelmed you couldn't think, speak, or talk?
2. What have been some of your favorite worship experiences? Songs?
3. Why do you think we worship God?

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

1. Read John 4:4-26. What are some things that Jesus does to connect with this woman?
2. Read John 4:19-24 again. The woman quickly changes the subject from her own immorality to the controversy between Jews and Samaritans over the proper place to worship God. How does Jesus respond in regards to worship?
3. What does it mean to worship in Spirit and in truth?
4. Read Psalm 100. How does this Psalm promote worshipping God in Spirit and in truth?

5. Read Romans 12:1-2. How can we offer our bodies as a living sacrifice?
6. How does worship unite us?
7. How does Satan try to derail worship in the church today?
8. What are some practical ways to enter into worship, ready to praise God?

CHANGE QUESTIONS

1. What do you need to do to better prepare yourself for praise and worship?
2. What other ways besides singing can you worship?
3. How can you humbly unite with others when it comes to worship?

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JUNE 4 | WEEK 35 | COMMUNION [JOHN 6:53]

CONNECT QUESTIONS

1. What are some things you do to help to remember something? (ie. write a note)
2. What team building activities have you participated in? What are they for? How do they help?
3. How have you participated in Communion, or the Lord's Supper, throughout your life?

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

1. Who can give us a short explanation of what Communion is and how we practice Communion at Wentzville Christian Church?
2. Read Matthew 26:26-30. How would you describe what Jesus established with his disciples at this moment?
3. How would communion become a moment of unity for the disciples and the early church and help bring them together?
4. While Jesus established Communion to unite us in remembrance of him, eventually some churches struggled to uphold the value and importance of taking communion in the right manner. Read 1 Corinthians 11:20-33. What seems to be the problem?

5. **How can we take the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner?**
6. **What can happen as a result of taking communion in an unworthy manner?**
7. **While we recognize that churches and denominations practice communion in a variety of ways, how can we continue to promote unity through this meal?**
8. **LEADERS: It could be a great experience to take communion together as a Life Group. Feel free to gather elements and create this experience for your group.**

CHANGE QUESTIONS

1. **How can I improve the way I take communion?**
2. **Who could I speak with that practices it differently so that we could learn from one another?**
3. **Reread the passages from our lesson today, ask the Holy Spirit to help you in this practice established by Jesus himself.**

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JUNE 11 | WEEK 36 | ETERNAL SECURITY [JOHN 10:28]

CONNECT QUESTIONS

1. What are some things you do in your home to make you feel secure?
2. How does uncertainty in life affect you? How does it make you feel?
3. How can you maintain unity with others if you disagree about things?

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

1. Eternal Security has been a divisive issue in the Church throughout history. Different groups believe different things and there are wise and godly people on both sides of this issue. In the book Core 52, Moore asks that we “commit to wrestle with the text, not with one another.” Are we able to agree to that as we move forward today?
2. Read John 10:22-30. What does Jesus explain that brings you hope? What conditions does he give about his “sheep”?
3. Read John 6:37. Jesus says that everyone who comes to him will never be rejected. For some on the “once saved, always saved” side of things, this verse says a lot! How does this verse bring hope to you today?
4. Read Romans 8:38-39. Nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus! That’s amazing! What does this say about God’s love and faithfulness? How can we be united in this?

5. **Good so far? Here comes the tension - Read Hebrews 6:4-6. The author of Hebrews describes those who were believers, even having the Holy Spirit, who have now “fallen away.” What does that tell us?**

6. **Read John 15:5-6. We see the tension between “once saved, always saved” and the other extreme, “always trying, never sure.” The Bible indicates we must stand firm in our faith, we must follow and remain in Jesus, and as we do, we don’t have to live in fear that our salvation is in question. What does it mean to “remain” in Jesus? What does Jesus say about those who don’t remain in him?**

7. **We should absolutely be filled with hope and assurance because of our faith in Christ! We should also be challenged to live according to the word of God while remaining firm in our faith! That’s the tension. How does this promote unity?**

CHANGE QUESTIONS

1. **How can I trust God’s Word and the hope and assurance I have of salvation?**
2. **Who is someone I can encourage this week who is having a hard time?**
3. **What are some healthy ways for me to continue to remain in Jesus?**

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JUNE 28 | WEEK 37 | HOLY SPIRIT [ACTS 1:8]

CONNECT QUESTIONS

1. When have you helped someone accomplish something?
2. When was the last time you either gave comfort to someone or received comfort from someone?
3. Why does the Holy Spirit seem mysterious?

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

1. Read Acts 1:8. How would the Holy Spirit help the apostles and disciples share the gospel with the world?
2. Read John 14:15-17. In this teaching, Jesus explains the Holy Spirit to his disciples. What can we learn about the Holy Spirit from this passage?
3. How does having the Holy Spirit unite us as believers?
4. Look up the following passages and determine some ways the Holy Spirit can help us:
 - a. John 16:7-8
 - b. 1 Corinthians 3:16
 - c. 1 Corinthians 2:10-11
 - d. Ephesians 1:17-20
 - e. John 16:13-15
 - f. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

5. Obviously the Holy Spirit does so much more within us and within the church. One of the roles of the Holy Spirit is to produce godly character in our lives. Read Galatians 5:16-21. How can we “walk by the Spirit”? Read through the “acts of the flesh.” Paul says they are obvious. Do you agree with that statement?
6. Read Galatians 5:22-26. How is the Holy Spirit trying to develop your character? How does the fruit of the Spirit lead to unity?
7. What do you think it means to “keep in step with the Spirit”?
8. How does the Holy Spirit help us reach others with the gospel?

CHANGE QUESTIONS

1. What is something that you could use the Holy Spirit’s guidance on today? How will you seek God’s wisdom for you?
2. What actions can you take to be more in step with the Spirit?
3. Think about some current conflict or tension (even minor things with our kids). How could the fruit of the Spirit be exhibited in your response?

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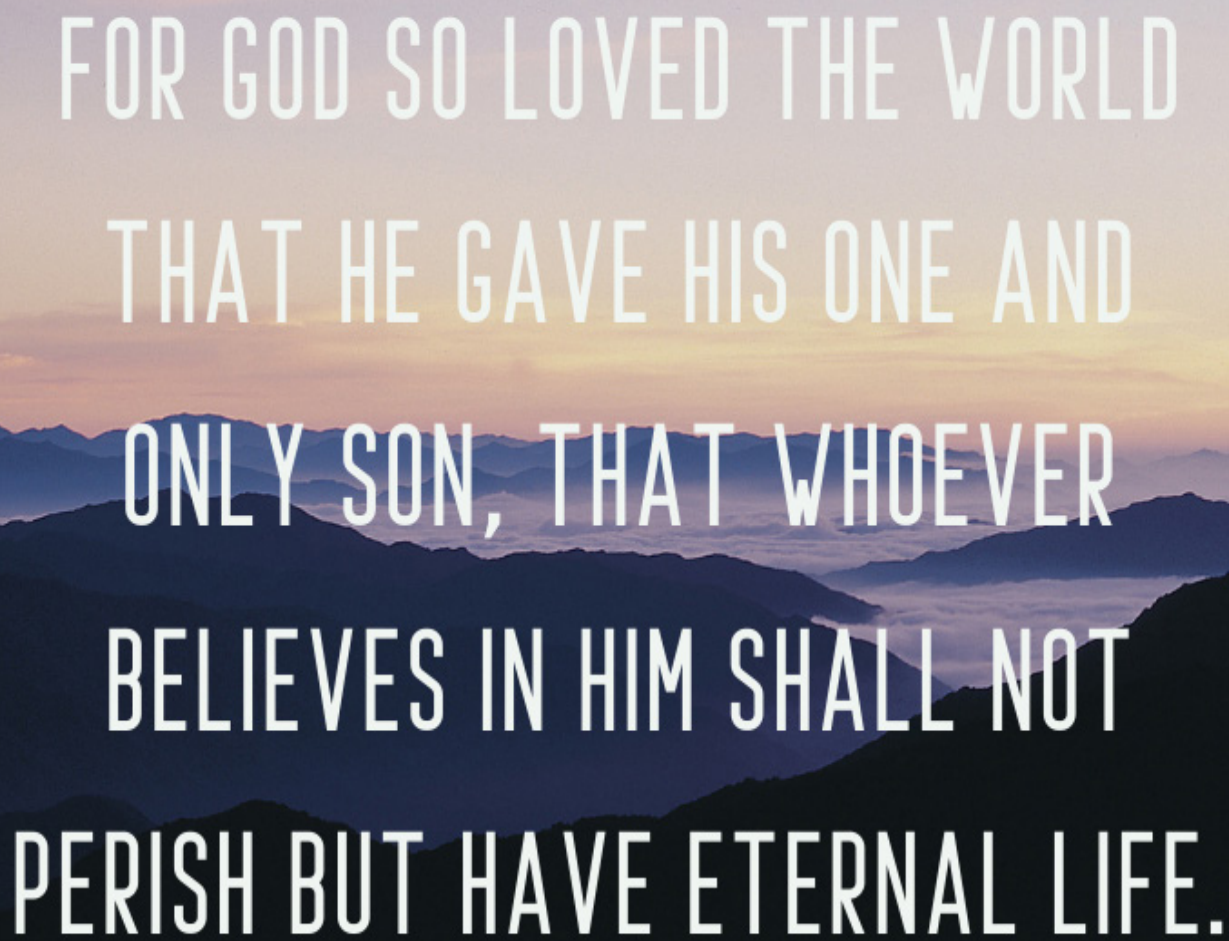
be my witnesses

in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea
and Samaria,
and to

the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8





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John 3:16

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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