SPIRITUAL GROWTH CHALLENGE

GOD Talk & Listen to God Daily

Group & Personal Prayer Requests for the Week

GROW Apply What You Learn

Bible Verse for the Week:

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need." Matthew 6:33 NLT

Suggested Bible Reading:

Note: You can download the YouVersion Bible App to access the Bible and Bible reading plans. We recommend starting with the New Living Translation of the Bible.

Monday - Matthew 6

Tuesday - Romans 5 - 6

Wednesday - 1 John 1:9, Joel 2:12 - 13

Thursday - Psalm 113

Friday - Hebrews 13:5, Matthew 28:20,

Romans 8:11

Worship Songs

House Of The Lord by Vertical Worship Battle Belongs by Phil Wickham Behold The Lamb by Passion Closer

GIVE

Time, Talents & Resources

Read through a copy of our Fasting Preparation Guide in preparation for our fast that starts on January 17.

GATHER With Christ Followers

- 1) Describe a time you wished you felt closer to God. Describe a time you wished God was closer to you.
- 2) What are some reasons why we feel like we aren't close to God? What are some reasons why we sometimes feel like God isn't close to us?
- 3) When you sin what's your typical reaction in your relationship with God?
- 4) Read Romans 5:12 20. Summarize vs 20 in one sentence.
- 5) Read Romans 6:1 4. Based on those verses how should we respond to God's grace?
- 6) Read Psalm 113. Describe a time you felt like David. How did David tie himself back to the truth that God was still working in his life? How can that apply to your life?

GO Tell others About Jesus with your Life & Words

In addition to fasting and praying for yourself – choose someone else to fast and pray for. Pray for that person every day from January 17 – 30.

MESSAGE OUTLINE

MESSAGE NOTES

• When we sin – we often feel we have to earn our way back into a relationship with God.

• Our sin causes God to step closer and pour out more of His grace on us.

• Never mistake God's silence for God's absence.

KEY TAKEAWAY

Never mistake God's silence for God's absence.

