

Next Steps

“Next Steps” are ideas and opportunities to help you go deeper in your faith. They are different each week, and linked to Sunday's message.

Below you'll find scriptures to read, questions for reflection, practices to try and opportunities to take action, all to help you become more like Jesus in your relationships with God, the Church and the world.

January 10, 2021: “Stand: Stand Up”

From social media to the streets, we see many examples of how NOT to stand up for what is right. Let us pray for the “soul” of our nation, so that we all might learn how to stand up in ways that honor God and one another.

- Read Daniel chapter 4.
 - What was Daniel being called to stand up and do?
 - What was the king calling him to do?
 - What was God calling him to do?
 - How is the fruit of God's spirit seen in Daniel's words and actions?
- Four principles we learn from Daniel about *how* to stand up.
 - 1. CALLED.
 - When have you experienced God's call to stand up for what is right?
 - Is there a situation right now that you are feeling called to address? Ask God to show you your purpose and lead you in the process of standing up.
 - 2. CONTEXT
 - Where do you need to reach out and build healthier relationships so that you can stand up more effectively?
 - Whose shoes do you need to walk in so you get a better understanding of different viewpoints?
 - 3. COMPASSION
 - When have you not stood up with compassion? What were the consequences?
 - When has someone stood up to you with compassion? How did that make you feel? Did it change the situation?
 - Where do you need to have more compassion and show more compassion to others?
 - 4. CONNECTION
 - Ask God to guard your heart from pride so you don't seek to *correct* people but *connect* people to God.
 - Who do you know that needs to be connected to God? How can you pray for them and reach out to them with compassion this week?