Dwelling in the Word/Word Share Prayer - Nov. 5 & 6, 2021 Yellowstone Presbytery

Instructions

- 1. Group chooses a leader and a scribe
- 2. Someone reads the passage and group reflects silently for 5 minutes.
- 3. Passage is read again by someone else followed by silent 5 minute reflection on passage
- 4. Group discusses questions with leader making sure that each person gets to participate.
- 5. In the last 15 minutes, each person is asked to share a personal need with scribe writing out each person's need for further prayer by group in the coming weeks.
- 6. Each person in the group prays for another person in the group until all have been prayed for.

Friday, November 5 Hebrews 12:1-3 NLT

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. ^[a]Because of the joy^[b] awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. ³ Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; ^[c] then you won't become weary and give up.

Questions for Reflection:

- 1. What was the Holy Spirit lifting up to you in this passage?
- 2. What are some of the weights that make enduring this race hard right now? (Some of us may need a few pages to answer this question.)
 - a. For you personally
 - b. For your congregation
- 3. How do we endure &_keep our eyes on Jesus? How can we better remember what Jesus has done?
 - a. For you personally
 - b. As a church?

Saturday, November 6 Hebrews 10:19-25 NLT

¹⁹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, ^[f] we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. ²⁰ By his death, ^[g] Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. ²¹ And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, ²² let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. ²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

- 1. What was the Holy spirit lifting up to you in this passage?
- 2. How do we focus on the hope in Christ, of God being trusted to do God's promises?
 - a. For you personally
 - b. For your congregation
- 3. How may the Spirit be inviting us to live out verses 24 and 25?

 As Jesus said, in Matt. 5:13-16:13 "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. 14 "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.)
 - a. How might you/we gather with other believers, love and do good works in our families? Churches? Communities? Wherever Jesus sends us to join his mission?