

Discover five spiritual practices to help you
WALK CLOSER
with GOD

Grab Gather Grow

GRAB this study, GATHER a group of any size,
and GROW your faith.

The Walk for week of March 22nd, 2020

THEME: "Give Where Your Treasure Is"
Spiritual Task: Practice 5 Acts of Extraordinary
Generosity a Month

Open your Gathering with the following prayer:

Holy and generous God, we thank you for your abundant blessings and your amazing generosity toward us. We stand in awe of your gifts of overflowing grace, mercy, and love. Open our hearts that we may respond to your love with generosity toward others. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Read together our Scriptures for the week:

Matthew 6:19-21

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

Acts 20:35

It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Questions for Reflection/Discussion

(pick one or two or the following questions and discuss with your Gathering)

How has community worship and praying five times a day strengthened your walk with God?
How has study, reading at least 5 verses of scripture per day, strengthened your walk with God?
How has service, extending 5 acts of kindness a week, strengthened your walk with God?
How is social distancing and staying home strengthened your walk with God?

If reading the book, **The Walk**, what are some of your thoughts or reflections from chapter 4?

Do you ever feel like your wallet and the Bible are in conflict?

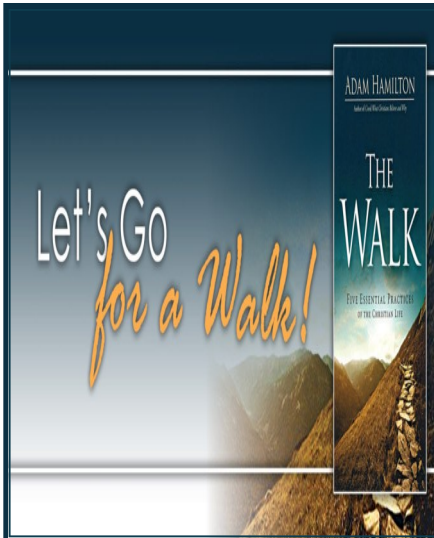
What does **Extraordinary Generosity** mean to you? How does such generosity shape our outlook on life and our walk with Christ?

Read again Matthew 6:19-21. Where is your treasure? Where is your heart?

In Luke 12:15 Jesus talks of greed and one's life purpose. Read over Luke 12:15 and discuss what role greed plays in your life, and what you feel is your life's purpose.

What role does gratitude play in your life?

Read over *The Walk* challenge below and pray about committing to the challenge.



Our Challenge for The Walk

“This is how I run—not without a clear goal in sight” - Paul (1 Corinthians 9:26)

- *Pray 5 times a day and worship online weekly.
- *Read 5 verses of the Bible daily & study the Bible in a small group or Grab Gather Grow.
- *Practice 5 acts of intentional kindness a week and serve with others at least once.
- *Extend 5 acts of generosity toward others each month, and give generously to God through the church.
- *Let others know you are a Christian and invite 5 people to worship or a service event this year.

If Children are part of your gathering discuss the following:

Discuss tithing. Do some math with them and help them figure out what 10% (amt x .1 = tithe). Then talk about why we give to the church, why we tithe. If you have more time with your kids talk about budgets as a great tool in helping you give.

How are you going to extend 5 acts of extravagant generosity this month?

Give to Brooklyn UMC's General Fund to help us keep our ministry and mission going during these weeks of social distancing. Your gift to BUMC is vital for us at this time.

Our **Change4Change** is now our **Good Samaritan Fund** at BUMC to help our members, friends and neighbors get through these difficult times. We have those needing food, help with bills or rent, are now unemployed, have kids at home ... the needs are growing so our Good Samaritan Fund needs your support.

Can you volunteer to one of BUMC's service teams... running errands, making care calls, delivering groceries, volunteering with CEAP or Loaves & Fishes or our West African Food Pantry, joining a team to make 200 sandwiches for Dignity Center ... to worship and join you in one of our service events.



FAITH
share read talk pray bless



Sunday: Galatians 5:22-25
Monday: Matthew 6:25-43
Tuesday: Matthew 6:19-21
Wednesday: Psalm 103:1-5
Thursday: 2 Samuel 22:47-51
Friday: Psalm 112:5-9
Saturday: Proverbs 11:24-31

Share your high and low of the day; read a piece of scripture; talk about it, and pray, including your highs and lows. At the end of the night, have someone bless everyone with the following blessing: “May God breakdown and breakthrough on your journey to wholeness in Christ”