

HOME DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

Week of March 15th - March 21st, 2025

SUNDAY, MARCH 15th, 2025

Daily Verse: John 11:17-27

Weekly Catechism

8. Q. How does God execute his decrees?

A. God executes his decrees in the works of creation (Rev. 4:11), and providence (Dan. 4:35).

Spurgeon, C. H. *A Catechism, With Proofs*. Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2009.

Sermon Notes

1) God's Timing

1. Jesus' timing isn't our _____.
2. God's timing is always for our _____ (Romans 8:28).
3. God's delays have a _____.

2) The Scene (John 11:17–22)

1. Lazarus has been in the tomb _____ days.
2. Martha: "If you had been here, my brother would not have _____."
3. Martha: "Even now... God will _____ you."

3) The Real Problem

1. Sin brought _____ (Romans 5:12).
2. The wages of sin is _____, but the gift of God is eternal _____ (Romans 6:23).

4) Jesus' Promise + Martha's Expectation (John 11:23–24)

1. Jesus: "Your brother will rise _____."
2. Martha: "In the resurrection on the last _____."

5) The Main Truth (John 11:25–27)

1. Jesus: "I am the _____ and the _____."
2. Whoever believes, though he _____, yet shall he live.
3. Everyone who lives and believes shall never _____.
4. Jesus asks: "Do you _____ this?"
5. Martha: "You are the _____, the Son of _____."

6) Victory (1 Cor 15:54–57)

1. Death is swallowed up in _____.

2. God gives us victory through _____.

Referenced Bible Verses

- Romans 8:28 — “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”
- Romans 5:12 — “Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—”
- 1 Corinthians 15:21–22 — “For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”
- Romans 6:23 — “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- John 6:39–40 — “And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”
- John 6:44 — “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.”
- John 6:54 — “Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”
- John 5:28–29 — “Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.”

Monday, March 16th, 2025

✓ Daily Verse: Romans 8:28

✓ Review Weekly Catechism

✓ DEVOTIONAL

God's timing rarely feels like our timing. In Bethany, Jesus arrived after Lazarus had been dead four days—long enough for grief to settle in and for hope to feel unrealistic. Yet the sermon reminds us that delays are not denials; they are often the stage God builds so His glory and His goodness can be seen clearly. The question isn't whether God is late—it's whether we will trust His providence when we can't see the purpose.

Today, consider where you're interpreting God's pace as indifference. Scripture calls believers to a stubborn confidence: God is weaving "all things" for good according to His purpose. That doesn't mean all things are good, but that none of them are wasted in the hands of a wise Father. God's timing is part of His mercy—sometimes to deepen your faith, sometimes to silence doubts, sometimes to show you He is enough even when the situation feels "gone, gone."

Questions for Reflection

1. Where do you feel like God has been "too late" or "too slow" in your life right now?
 2. What would trusting God's timing look like in one concrete action this week?
 3. How has God used a past delay to produce good you couldn't see at the time?
- Patience and trust while you wait for God's purposes to unfold.
 - A heart that interprets God's providence through faith, not frustration.

Tuesday, March 17th, 2025

✓ Daily Verse: John 11:21-22

✓ Review Weekly Catechism

✓ DEVOTIONAL

Martha models something many believers avoid: she brings her disappointment directly to Jesus. Her words hold tension—real sorrow, real confusion, and real faith. The sermon highlights how complicated this can feel when God seems to be both the source of your pain and the source of your hope. Yet Martha doesn't withdraw; she runs to Him. She doesn't pretend; she speaks honestly without dishonoring Christ.

If you're stuck spiritually, it may not only be an obedience problem—it may be a relational one. When trust erodes, sin becomes easier to entertain and apathy grows. The path forward is not performance; it's re-engagement. Take the raw thing—your grief, anger, disappointment, fear—and lay it before Jesus. The goal isn't to win an argument with God; it's to be near Him again, where faith can breathe.

Questions for Reflection

1. What honest sentence do you need to say to Jesus today (without polishing it)?
 2. Have you been withdrawing from God because of disappointment or confusion?
 3. What would it look like to "take it directly to Him" in prayer this week?
- Courage to be honest with Jesus and to draw near instead of pulling away.
 - Healing in your relationship with God where trust has been damaged.

Wednesday, March 18th, 2025

No Wednesday Night

Thursday, March 19th, 2025

✓ Daily Verse: Romans 6:23

✓ Review Weekly Catechism

✓ DEVOTIONAL

The sermon doesn't let us stop at surface-level problems. Behind the grief in John 11 is the deeper enemy: sin and the death it brought into God's world. That's why pain feels so wrong—because it is. Death is not “normal” in the sense of “as God intended”; it is the intruder that sin introduced. When we remember this, it changes how we interpret suffering: not as proof God is cruel, but as proof the world is broken and we need rescue.

And the rescue is not self-improvement; it is a gift. Eternal life is given “in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Your biggest need isn't simply a better week, a repaired relationship, or a solved crisis—your biggest need is deliverance from sin and death. That's why the gospel is such good news: Jesus doesn't merely comfort the grieving; He defeats the enemy underneath our grief.

Questions for Reflection

1. Where are you most tempted to treat a surface issue as your “biggest problem”?
2. How does remembering sin and death as the root problem reshape your perspective?
3. What does it mean for you personally that eternal life is a “free gift”?
 - Repentance where sin has been minimized, excused, or hidden.
 - Gratitude and assurance in the gift of eternal life in Christ.

Friday, March 20th, 2025

✓ Daily Verse: John 11:25-26

✓ Review Weekly Catechism

✓ DEVOTIONAL

Jesus doesn't say He merely performs resurrection; He says He is the resurrection and the life. The sermon presses this home: the resurrection isn't only an event to remember or a future hope to imagine—it is the living Christ Himself. When you belong to Jesus, you don't just believe in a doctrine; you receive a Savior who embodies life and triumph over death.

That truth is meant to land not only in your theology but in your Monday. If the Resurrection and the Life abides in you, then you are not stuck living as though everything is dead. This doesn't erase grief or human weakness, but it does confront resignation. Ask yourself: are you living like Christ is in you—producing worship, courage, obedience, and hope—or living like you're on your own, powered mainly by anxiety and self-protection?

Questions for Reflection

1. In what ways do you treat resurrection like an event rather than a Person?
2. Where are you living as if you're alone instead of indwelt by Christ?
3. What is one area (fear, impatience, apathy, disobedience) where "Do you believe this?" applies today?
 - A deeper, lived awareness that Jesus—the Resurrection and the Life—abides in you.
 - Fresh obedience and courage that flows from union with Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY MARCH 15TH

Morning Services

9:15am

9:30am - Men's Group

11:00am

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18TH

No Wednesday Night Service

WEDNESDAY MARCH 19TH

Mommy and Me - Zoo

9:00am-Noon

SUNDAY MARCH 22ND

Morning Services

9:15am

9:30am - Men's Group

11:00am

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25TH

Wednesday Night Services

7:00pm

SUNDAY MARCH 29TH

Morning Services

9:15am

9:30am - Men's Group

11:00am

12:30pm - Annual Business Meeting

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1ST

Wednesday Night Services

7:00pm

