



Preaching Guide

Focus Scripture Texts Suggested by Foundational Essays

Each session of a practice focuses on an aspect or dimension of that faith practice. The suggested Bible texts below include key texts discussed in the foundational essays found in each unit or practice. Each age level may use these texts or other texts appropriate to their age. In a few units of the curriculum, the sessions for some age levels vary slightly from the foundational essay for that practice. Note indicated by asterisks at the end explain those variations.

Practice	Aspect or Dimension	Suggested Bible Texts
Lament	Name Wounds	Lamentations 3:43–48; Psalm 137:1–6
	Weep and Wail	Luke 23:26–31
	Remember the Crucified One	1 Corinthians 11:23–25
	Dance between Lament and Hope	Lamentations 5:19–22
Celebrate Communion	Give Thanks	Matthew 14:1–21
	Share Meals	1 Corinthians 11:20–26
	Be Fed	John 6:34–35
	Feed Others	Matthew 25:34–45
Cross Borders	Leave Your Comfort Zone	Acts 11:1–18
	Embrace Relationships	Ruth 1:1–17
	Challenge Exclusion	Mark 14:3–9
	Speak God’s Language of Love	Acts 2:1–4, 17–18
Do Not Fear	Tune In to God’s Presence	Luke 1:1–20, 26–38
	Trust God’s Promises	Isaiah 43:1–3a, 4a; Revelation 1:17b–18a
	Take One Step at a Time	Judges 6
	Persevere	Hebrews 12:1–2
Worship God	Gather	Luke 24:13–35
	Participate	Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–12
	Be Changed	Luke 9:28–36
	Bless God	Psalm 104
Comfort Those Who Mourn	Show Up	Job 2:13
	Name Loss and Receive God’s Comfort	Psalm 46:1; Isaiah 43:1b–2; John 14:27
	Comfort Others	Isaiah 40:1–2, 31; Psalm 23
	Share God’s Promises	Philippians 4:4–7; Romans 8:38–39
Make Disciples	Live like a Disciple	Matthew 28:18–20; 2 Timothy 3:16–17
	Go	Acts 1:6–8
	Be a Witness	1 John 1:1–3
	Baptize	Romans 6:3–4; Colossians 3:12–17
	Teach and Learn about Jesus	2 Timothy 3:16–17; Colossians 1:15–20
	Trust in Jesus’ Presence Always	John 15:1–17
Care for Creation	Appreciate God’s Abundance	Genesis 2:4b–16; Matthew 6:28–29
	Till	Genesis 2:15; Matthew 24:45–46
	Share the Planet	Genesis 1:29; Matthew 25:14–30; Luke 6:38
	Restore Creation	Revelations 21:1–6
Walk Humbly	Remember That You Are Dust	Genesis 2:7, 3:19b; Micah 6:8; Luke 12:16–21
	Favor the Lowly	Luke 1:46–55; 4:18–19
	Avoid Judging Others	Luke 18:9–14; 1 Corinthians 12:14–25
	Speak Less, Listen More	Ecclesiastes 5:1–3