



The fact that we cannot gather physically right now is challenging, but it does provide us with the opportunity to build new habits that will prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week and Easter! Consider some of the ways that you might engage in the following spiritual disciplines during this season of solitude:

### **Be a Lifelong Learner - Meditate on God's Word**

- Use our Bible reading plan to remain in God's word daily as we focus on our sermon series, "Giving it up: Our Journey to the Empty Tomb" during Lent. Find it in the Fun and Faith Resource Tab.
- Check out the YouVersion Bible app. It is available for both android and iOS smartphones and tablets, or on your laptop at bible.com. There are many wonderful devotional studies, including many for Lent. You can create groups to study and chat with your friends and share prayer requests with one another.

### **Be a Praying Follower**

- Spend more personal time in conversation with God and/or pray together with those at home with you. Praise God for who He is, confess your sins and ask forgiveness, practice gratitude by thanking God for what He has done and ask God your requests. You are invited to use the Prayer Guide found on the Fun and Faith Resource Tab.

### **Be a Passionate Worshipper and Generous Giver**

Whether you are home alone, or are home with your family, we can virtually gather on Sunday mornings to worship together. Light a candle to symbolize the presence of the Holy Spirit and connect to our worship recording posted on our church website. Sing, pray, hear the message proclaimed and respond through your weekly giving. Offerings can be mailed in to the church office. Alternatively, you can securely give online through our church website or our VANCO Financial "GivePlus" app. Please contact the church office for more details on electronic giving.

### **Be a Dedicated Missionary - Serve Wholeheartedly**

- Stop by and fill our Little Free Pantry – the food is going fast and your donations are needed. Go to our church website to information on what you can donate and contact Lori Hoffnagle if you have questions.
- Consider donating blood. Our Nation now faces a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations during this coronavirus outbreak. Donating blood is a safe process, and all healthy individuals are encouraged to go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to schedule your appointment today.

### **Be a Relationship Builder**

- Be intentional about deepening relationships and connection to one another by calling or mailing notes and cards to those who are older, in nursing homes, living with chronic health challenges, are disabled, grieving or are prone to deep sadness or depression. Help to lift their spirits or offer practical help as appropriate to support them. Contact Janice Bowen if you would like suggestions on who might benefit from this kind of connection.
- Send meals from local restaurants to doctors, nurses, nursing home workers, hospital staff, police and EMS workers.

Deepening our commitment to these practices will draw us closer to Christ and increase the fruit we bear, which will provide a powerful Christian witness to our community and glorify God!