

Subject: Notes from FCW gathering on Monday, March 11, 2024

Hello Everyone,

[We welcomed Whitney Phillipps to our gathering last evening!](#) For those of you who were not able to join us, we hope to see you around the church campus and gather with us in April!

We opened with a scripture devotion from Libby Goens from the book of Mark. Followed by the beautiful poem shared below and **written by Libby** for the Lenten season. Thank you Libby for sharing your beautiful heart felt words. All of us were touched by your poem.

Mark 1:14-15 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Come Taste and See

Come taste and see what God has done

He sent to us His only Son

To walk this earth in human form

Inviting us to be reborn

No greater human has ever been

For He walked this earth without sin.

Come taste and see God's great love

Salvation sent down from up above

For we had fallen into the grips of sin

Disobeying God over and over again

So, Jesus was sent to His grave

So our lives He could redeem and save.

Come taste and see what God provided

By His resurrected son we are guided

To turn from sin and restore our hope
To share our love and learn to cope
For salvation we can receive
If only we choose to believe.
Come taste and see what God can offer
If you open your heart, you will prosper
A fulfilling life when you follow His plan
Transformation and peace across this land
Love God first and then your neighbor
Receive His grace and His favor.
Come taste and see God's mercy
Available to the unfaithful and to the trusty
His forgiveness is without measure
To receive it is an honor and a pleasure
May His love and mercy fill our souls
Afterall, this is one of God's goals
This love divine we behold
As told to us from days of old.
Come taste and see His mighty power
Accessible to us each and every hour
He rescues us from various threats
There's never a need or cause to fret
For these and death he overcame

He offers to each of us the same.
Come taste and see God's invitation
Extended to every nation
Oh! The possibilities that could be
Christ prepared a way for you and me
Assuring redemption is in our reach
Of eternal life He did teach.

By: Libby Goens, February 1, 2024

Dear God, Thank you for extending your mercies and grace. May the messages you taught reach every person in every nation. Help us to be the instruments to spread your word; the disciples you called us to be.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen

[Libby, Thank you for your beautiful prayer following your poem reading.](#)

Video lesson #10 with Liz Curtis-Higgs focused on forgiveness of *all* of our sins. At the conclusion of the video, **Romans 5:8** was on the screen for all to reflect on: **"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this; While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."**

* Lesson #10 concluded the "Bad Girls of The Bible study series. With that in mind, discussion followed (from the document previously provided) with selections for viewing another 'Right Now Media' study.

* A decision was made to view **Psalm 90: Number our Days** (by Darlene Reyburn). This is a 4 session study with each session being 10 minutes in length. Viewing this series will begin at the April gathering (and the guide is included with the series).

Please note: Beginning with this new Psalm 90 series, we will rotate responsibility for watching a session prior to our gathering and lead the study guide questions/discussion at our gatherings

April: Pam Barlow will lead the study questions/discussion

May: we will discuss whether or not we will have a dinner in May at the conclusion of April session

June: Lisa Hightower will lead the study questions/discussion

July: Denise Gilman and Rose Adams will jointly lead the study questions/discussion

August: Libby Goens will lead the study questions/discussion

Thank you ladies for your willingness to help in this important portion of our gatherings! We will discuss how the logistics of rotation goes at the conclusion of the 4th session.

Financial Report:

Thank you everyone for using the envelope method to contribute to our FCW account! We have received over the past four weeks, \$540. in donations. Your donations has brought our current account total to **\$1,914.05**

FCW received a 'thank you' note from the church office for the \$100. donation we made to help with Eary Dayton's memorial luncheon held on February 24, 2024.

Enjoy your week. Blessings to all of you!

Lisa, Pam and Bev