



CELEBRATION Service! | Sunday, February 22, 2026

(5-10 min) Optional Ice Breaker: What's your favorite thing about winter changing to spring?

LEADERS: Please share these announcements with your home group!

Announcements

FAITH and WORK FORUM: The Faith & Work Forum (Friday, February 27 | 6:30pm) will help anyone in business, school, ministry, or raising a family to connect their everyday work and activity with God's mission and redemptive purposes. Register [HERE](#) or at the Citizens website.

SPRING SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

OIKOS, BIG BLUE, and MATTHEW PARTY: Click [HERE](#) for three simple but powerful ways to engage missionally with unbelievers as a group.

HELP SHORT TERM MISSION GOERS: Every short term mission goer needs support, and you can help. Choose a goer (or family) from [THIS LIST](#) and support them together, however your group can. Add your group's name to the list!

ALPHA COMETS: Alpha Comets helps UT Dallas international students experience community and explore life's big questions. Help them learn about Jesus and engage the gospel by praying and providing a meal. Learn more and sign up [HERE!](#)



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Read God's Word Aloud

Acts 10:38-48a

38 “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. **39** And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, **40** but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, **41** not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. **42** And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. **43** To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

44 While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. **45** And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. **46** For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, **47** “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” **48** And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Discuss God's Word and God's World

Important: *The goal is to use this Guide to spark sanctifying conversation and opportunities for intercessory prayer, not to “get through” every question like a checklist. Feel free to linger on the questions that best facilitate that for your group.*

Start here: *Take a few moments to share and reflect together on what stood out to you from this week's Celebration Service.*

- Take a moment to recall your baptism. Why were you baptized?
- What was that experience like?



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- Since then, what is one high point in your journey with Jesus? What is one low point?
- If an unbelieving friend asked you why you devote your life to Jesus, how would you respond?
- Of the new believers' testimonies on Sunday, which caught your attention? Why?
- At the end of our Sunday gatherings, we ask God to bring to mind one person we know who is not yet a follower of Jesus. When you ask him, who comes to your mind?

Sanctificational Prayer Guidance

Praise God together for the gift of salvation. Thank him and worship him for loving, forgiving, and saving people. Worship him for making a way where there was no way.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – as our minds are filled with images from Sunday's baptisms and memories of our own, we are humbled that you would create us, die for us, and live in us. Help us to remember – and live from – the joy of our salvation. You are so good to us!

Ask God to call and save those people whose names you think of. Recall a detail from your group's conversation or from a Celebration Service testimony, and let it prompt you to pray for them and others. Ask God to woo, convict, and save and to show you how you can participate in sharing his gospel.

Family Memory Verse of the Month for January

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:16 (ESV)