



Week 3
8 - 14 May 2022

**SMALL GROUP WEEKLY
DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL**

EASTER to TRINITY SUNDAY

CONTENT:

Weekly Sunday Sermon Bible readings, worship song, reflection, small group questions and family time

Daily Bible readings, a memory verse and a prayer for individual contemplation

Week 3	Sunday 8 May	Further conflict over Jesus's claims
Week 4	1 Sunday 15 May	Jesus predicts Peter's denial
Week 5	Sunday 22 May	Jesus promises the Holy Spirit
		26 May Ascension Day
Week 6	Sunday 29 May	Jesus prays for all believers
Week 7	Sunday 5 June	Jesus the way to the Father

Week 3: 8 MAY

Easter Year C	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8, 2022	*Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30



Praise and Worship: <https://youtu.be/87QoP2liM6A>

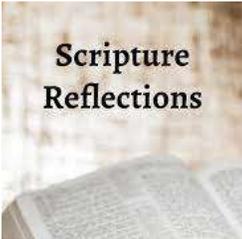
Speak Lord I'm Listening - John B. Miller

John 10:22-30



Further conflict over Jesus' claims

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered round him, saying, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.'



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Once you have through faith accepted Jesus as your Lord and saviour “no one can snatch you out of the Father’s hand”. Our Father whom we worship is greater than all! What a wonderful assurance this statement is for us. Isaiah 40:26 says of the Father: *“Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing”*.

In a similar fashion, we like sheep know the voice of our good shepherd Jesus, we answer his call by believing in him and thus inherit eternal life. Like the stars in the sky God has called us by name to be believers and given us to Jesus. In John 6:39 Jesus notes: *“And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me but raise them up at the last day”*. You and I belong to Jesus, no one and nothing is greater than the Father, he is the sovereign ruler over the heavens and the earth: we are his and he has given us to Jesus.



Remember the story about Samuel in the temple with Eli. Samuel was just a child; he was sleeping one night, and he heard a loud voice calling his name. Samuel thought that it was Eli and ran to him to see what he wanted. This happened three times and then Eli realized that it must be God calling Samuel, so he told the boy: *“Go and lie down, and if he calls you say ‘Speak, Lord for your servant is listening’”*. The narrator of the story notes that *“in those days the word of the Lord was rare”*. Samuel did not know God’s voice. In this gospel story Jesus says: *“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me”*. What a contrast there is between the Old Testament and the New Testament. How unbelievably blessed are we as believers to be able to know Jesus’s voice, to be able to listen to and follow him: we are his and he is ours.

Revelation 3:20 notes: *“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me”*. The invitation is to listen. To listen for Jesus’s voice, to recognize him and invite him in, to feast on his presence and follow him.

Small Group Questions:

1. Do you relate to belonging to Jesus and knowing his voice or to Samuel who did not know God’s voice?
2. When last did you hear Jesus, listen to and follow him?
3. Is there any reason why you cannot open the door to let Jesus in?

Daily Bible Reading, Memory Verse and Prayer:



MONDAY, May 9, 2022: [Psalm 100](#); [Ezekiel 37:15-28](#); [Revelation 15:1-4](#)

Memory verse: *“Know that the Lord is God.”* Psalm 100: 3

Prayer: Father, thank you that you are God, sovereign ruler over all creation, I worship you.

TUESDAY, May 10, 2022: [Psalm 100](#); [Ezekiel 45:1-9](#); [Acts 9:32-35](#)

Memory verse: *“It is he who made us, and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture”*. Psalm 100:3b

Prayer: Father thank you for creating us, for taking a special interest in us and for adopting us as your children.

WEDNESDAY, May 11, 2022: [Psalm 100](#); [Jeremiah 50:17-20](#); [John 10:31-42](#)

Memory verse: *“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and worship his name”*. Psalm 100:4

Prayer: Father, I bow down and worship you.

THURSDAY, May 12, 2022: [Psalm 148](#); [Ezekiel 2:8-3:11](#); [Revelation 10:1-11](#)

Memory verse: *“Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars”*. Psalm 148:3

Prayer: Father, I acknowledge that all of creation is yours, the sun, the moon and stars witness to your unfathomable greatness.

FRIDAY, May 13, 2022: [Psalm 148](#); [Daniel 7:13-14](#); [Revelation 11:15](#)

Memory verse: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his messiah, and he will reign forever and ever”. Rev 11:15

Prayer: Jesus thank you for saving this lost world, for reclaiming us and ruling over eternity.

SATURDAY, May 14, 2022: [Psalm 148](#); [Daniel 7:27](#); [Revelation 11:16-19](#)

Memory verse: “We give thanks to you, Lord God almighty, the one who is and who was...” Rev 11:16

Prayer: We worship you Father knowing that you have and always will be the one, the only one, our Lord God almighty.



It is important for parents to take time to lead the conversations of family time and to be honest with their children in these conversations.

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Sunday 8 May

Pray daily: Set up family time for prayer and devotions and stick to this arrangement. All devotions should always begin by with a prayer. Ask a family member to pray or one of the children.

Scripture Reading: [Acts9:36-43](#)

Activity/Family Moment:

In the town of Joppa, there was a follower of Jesus called Tabitha. Her name translated to Greek was Dorcas. Dorcas was always doing good and helping the poor.

- How do you think she helped the poor? *She made clothes for those people who did not have.*
- I wonder why Tabitha helped people in need. *(Allow the children to offer suggestions to this statement)*

If we are Jesus' followers, we should also try to do good and help others – we need to be Jesus' hands in the world.

- Teach the Family the following rhyme, using actions: **God gave me two hands to use today to be kind and help others in a special way.**
- Who can think of something we can do to help others?