

**Imagine! DO justice, LOVE mercy, WALK humbly with our God**

**Inspirit Bible Discussion Materials**

**For Sunday, May 11, 2025**

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**LAST SUNDAY**

**Next Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Easter. We will read John 20:19-31. Pastor Paul will be preaching. We all have experienced trauma – spiritually, physically, and/or emotionally. What can we learn from our scars? What can falling into the sewer ditch teach us?**

Pastor Paul included in his Welcome comments an event that had happened at our nation's capital rotunda the previous week. Rev. Barber, co-founder of the Poor People's Campaign, had been praying silently, dressed as a minister presiding over prayer, when he was arrested for trespassing. Pastor Paul's outrage is ours too! If you missed it, please review on our website.

Pastor Paul shared a traumatic event and its subsequent repercussions. He delivered his point about how we carry our traumatic events either to healing and growth or to continued trauma that never seems to heal. It seems to fester and get worse.

Thomas faced his wounds in Jesus. His doubts may have been his response to trauma. We don't know all that much about Thomas but he gets hit with a label of Doubter.

Pastor Paul challenged us with the Star Wars comment from Darth Vader, "I find your lack of faith, disturbing."

**What did Pastor say that impacted you?**

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**The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. Pastor Paul will be back in the pulpit. Bring your appetite. He's talking about breakfast! Mmmmm. We will study John 21:1-19**

Jesus is on the shore. Fire going. Followers were fishing. They bring some of their catch. In Minnesota, we call this a Shore Lunch. It's a meal. It's more than a meal.

**Other Christian churches will be reading the following Scriptures:**

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 25; Revelations 7:9-17; and John 10:22-30