

# Growing PRAISE

EVERY NIGHT...EVERY HOME...THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE

9—15 September 2018

VERSE of the week— *Matthew 13:47*

*“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven  
is like a fishing net that was thrown  
into the water & caught fish of every kind...”*

## TABLE GRACE

*We thank you Lord  
for daily food.  
From your hand  
comes every good.  
We ask you Lord  
your blessing give,  
that to your glory  
we may live. Amen.*

## 5 POINT CHECK UP

1. Share your highs (good times) and lows (bad times)
2. Read a verse from the Bible.
3. What do you find “best” in the text? What is most confusing or hard to understand? What does God want you to do ?
4. Pray for one another (**P**raise God, **T**hank Jesus, **A**sk the Holy Spirit).
5. Bless one another.

THOUGHT for the week:

*Serving others breaks you free  
from the shackles of self  
and self-absorption  
that choke out the joy of living.*

— James C. Hunter, *The Servant*



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## let's TALK

1. Gather in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Share your highs/lows. Read Matthew 13:47-52. What strikes you as you read these verses?
2. What is this parable about? How does it describe that? How do you balance the **clear witness of God's forgiving reconciling love with this parable's direct move toward separation & judgement?**
3. **This parable, as well as that of the "weeds" points to an ultimate separation at the end of time. Why do you think that is such a minor focus of this string of parables & Jesus' teaching in general?**
4. In what way are you being discipled into the Kingdom of God? What treasures of that kingdom can you bring out to share with others?
5. Read 2 Peter 2:4-9 & Luke 17:26-37. What further characteristic of the final coming of **Christ's Kingdom can you discern in these passages? Is that encouraging or disheartening for you? Why do think you respond the way you do?**
6. Which of the 7 parables Jesus shared here, & that we explored in worship do you find most meaningful? Why do think that is so? With whom can you share what you have discovered & learned in such a way that you invite them to know Christ too?

### let's READ

Sunday	John 5:24	Thursday	1 John 5:11-12
Monday	Matthew 11:28-30	Friday	Philippians 1:6
Tuesday	Romans 6:4-8	Saturday	John 10:27-30
Wednesday	John 11:25-26	<i>BONUS:</i>	Romans 8:1-3

## let's PRAY

*PRAISE GOD for drawing you to himself.*

*THANK JESUS for his love that claims you as God's child.*

*ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to bring the presence & power of Christ into every moment of your day.*

## let's BLESS

*Make the sign of the cross on each other & say:*

**(Name), † child of God,  
You are chosen by God  
as His beloved. Amen.**

