

Bible Reading Plan

Join us in reading the Bible together. The Bible Reading Plan is a way to incorporate reading the Bible into your week. Each day read a passage and take a few moments to reflect. These verses are chosen by our staff and designed to complement the Sunday message.

Reflection questions:

What does it say?

What does it mean?

How can I live this out today?

- Psalm 23
- Joshua 7:16-26
- 1 Samuel 17:1-6
- 1 Samuel 17:17-19
- 1 Samuel 17:45-50

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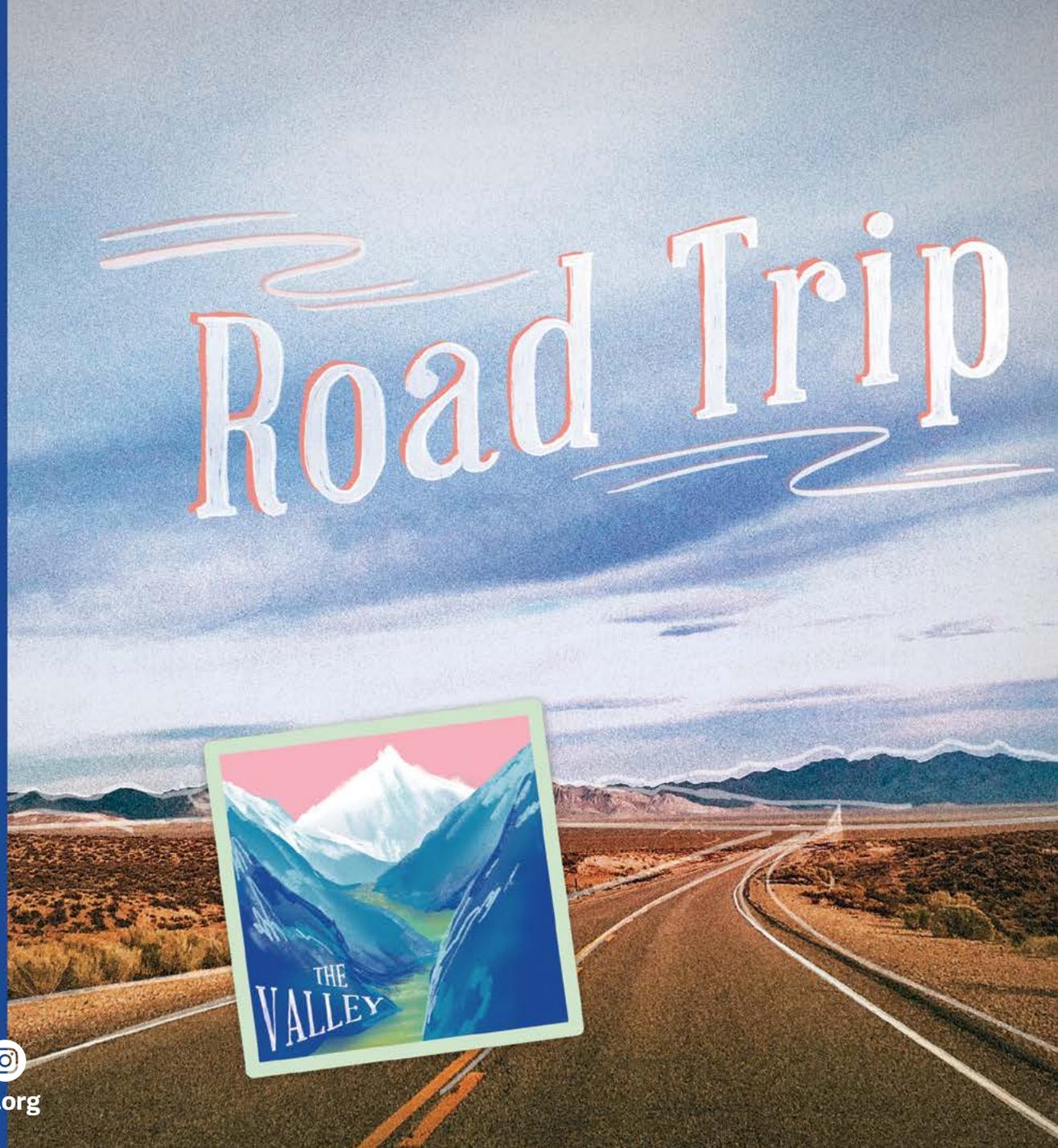
Giving Kiosks: Small giving kiosks are located on the Chanhassen campus at the Info Spots.



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We're so glad you're here today!

Is this your first time here? Welcome! Stop by the Info Spot before or after the service. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions you have, and give you a special welcome gift. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. The Westwood Kids team is happy to help you get them connected. For more info on the great things happening here, check out westwoodcc.org.

Life Transformed

Life Transformed is an interactive 4-week gathering taught by Westwood Pastors that will equip you and encourage you to grow in your faith. If you have not yet taken a step of involvement beyond worshiping on Sunday, or if you're looking for a new start, Life Transformed is for you. Sundays, August 4-25, 10:30am-12:00pm. Register online.

Being quiet and still can be hard for kids

If you have young children with you and they get antsy during the service, don't worry. We have a parent room where you can continue to watch the service live with your child. Our ushers will help you. Even better, we have amazing kids' programs for birth on up. Our caring leaders would love to welcome your child! There is also a nursing mother's room our ushers can direct you to.

Road Trip ...to the Valley

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23

About the Valley...

About the Shepherd...

What do you need to pack for a trip to the Valley?

Road Trip

#5.....to the Valley

July 28, 2019

1. This sermon series has been all about the Road Trip. How do you pack when you go on a trip? Do you pack minimally? Or do you bring everything you could need for every scenario you could possibly face? Share as a group.
2. What image comes first to your mind when you hear the word, *valley*? Do you think of Death Valley or do you think of the Red River Valley? Google them if you are not sure. Why do you think you have held on to that particular image?
3. Valleys can be lush fertile grounds for growth for plants and animals but also spiritual growth for us. It is often in our most difficult valley circumstances that we experience the greatest growth in our faith. Discuss as a group why you think that happens.
4. Valleys occur often in the bible. One Google search brought up 214 references! They are the places where there was the battle of war and the peace of God. When we are in the valley low points in our lives, we can focus on the battle or on God. Where do you focus first? Be honest. How can you shift your focus? How can your group help?
5. Read **Psalm 23** together as a group. This is a popular Psalm and is most frequently used at funerals and as a verse given to comfort. As you read this verse, what phrases comfort you the most?
6. Look up the word Shepherd in the dictionary. What words parallel to God as our shepherd? Read **Isaiah 40:11**, **John 10:11** and **Hebrews 13:20-21** How do these verses help you in understanding of God as the shepherd? How does focusing on the Lord as a Shepherd help you when in the valley?
7. God is the shepherd. We are the sheep. Sheep, as animals are resistant to lying down because they are afraid, there is friction with other sheep, there are troubles or there is scarcity. Where are you struggling like the sheep? Do you have fear, conflict, trouble, or scarcity in your life? Or is it something else? Share with the group. Turn your sharing into prayer requests for the group.
8. God is the shepherd. He provides for us and guides us and walks with us as we walk through the battles and valleys of life. All you need to pack for the journey through the valley is **trust** and **patience**. Which one of these do you always pack, which one is harder for you to remember to pack for the journey? How can you as a group be accountable to one another when facing the valleys?