



faithfulness

DWELLING IN THE WORD

A devotional resource for committees & teams

Jeremiah 31:31-33 (NRSV)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Luke 1:46-55 (NRSV)

And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Philippians 1:6 (NRSV)

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

1. Provide pencils/pens and a copy of this handout to each team member.

2. Read aloud a Scripture passage from the suggestions to the left. Invite listeners to **circle words or phrases** that they notice as the Scripture is read.

3. Allow a few moments of silence for quiet reflection. Then, **share** your observations with each other.

4. If time, invite those present to **respond** to one or more of these questions:

- * If I were reading these verses online, which words or phrases would I like to “link” to further information? Further historical information?
- * What literary insights (grammar, characters, theme, setting) would help me better understand this passage?
- * How do teachings of the Christian faith (perhaps, from a Lutheran perspective) help me better understand this passage?
- * What do I hear God saying to me in this passage? Does anything come to mind for the topic before us today?

5. Pause for prayer, giving thanks for God’s word shared here today.

What other theme would you like to consider?

*Which Scripture verses could you read?
What questions might you ask?*

