



Prayers from the Wilderness: *God's Provision and Providence*

Matthew 4:1-11

Discussion Questions

1. What was the longest time you've ever gone being alone?
2. How have your discipleship practices gone during this season? (Pray, Worship, Read, Serve, Relate, Give)
3. Read Matthew 4:1. Why do you think Jesus allowed himself to be tempted by the devil?
4. When is it hardest for you to trust God? Is there an area of your life it's hard to trust?
5. Does it surprise you that the devil can quote scripture? What are some indications scripture is being twisted (like the devil is in the story)?
6. What are ways you can create less noise in your life to hear God more clearly?

September 6, 2020

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Outside Worship – Sun. Sept. 13, 9:30am

The worship celebration will be held at the **Jamie Hurd Amphitheater on the West Des Moines City Campus** (4200 Mills Civic Parkway).

Come and join us for worship led by our contemporary and traditional musicians. Bring your own chair or a blanket to spread out. Masks are encouraged and social distancing is essential to make this a safe and fun event. After worship there will be other socially distanced games offered. They include:

- Bingo - We will play up to 5 rounds and you can jump in at any time.
- SCANvenger Trivia - This is a QR code scavenger hunt with St. Mark Trivia.
- Frisbee Golf - We will have frisbees and several goals around the amphitheater.



Online Worship will continue to be offered at 8:30am and 10:30am at stmarkwdm.online.church. The previously recorded service will be selected from one of our past worship Sundays.

Derecho Storm Disaster Response

The Southeastern Iowa Synod is collecting money to provide aid for those affected by the storm.

Designate Derecho on your check and place in the offering plate or send to office, or donate online by going to www.stmarkwdm.org/give.

Praying the Psalms

Tuesdays starting Sept. 8 at 6:00pm in the St. Mark Worship Center

For centuries, when Christians were in distress, they would look to the psalms for comfort, courage and hope. In this age of COVID 19, it is appropriate that we seek strength from these poems of worship. Join Pastor Mike on Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the Worship Center. Each lesson will include a commentary on a psalm. Following the lesson will be an experience of praying that particular psalm, which is Psalm 111 on September 8.

Church Office Closed

The office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day.

Flowers

Today's flower arrangement is given by Elaine & Larry Lockridge and Janet & Dennis Frank in memory of Olga Sorenson.