**2018 Lent Scripture Reading**

March 21- March 27

**Wednesday: John 12:40, Mark 10:51**

*He has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn—and I would heal them.*

*“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”*

Ask Jesus to help you see your heart. What blinds you? Fear? Worry? Doubt? Loss? Denial? Then, let Jesus replace your blindness with his sight.

**Thursday: Philippians 2:1-2**

*If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.*

With new eyes, look for God’s encouragement, comfort, fellowship, tenderness, and compassion today. Gratitude for these gifts will help you see people in your world with more compassion.

**Friday: Jeremiah 33:3**

*Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.*

What does God want to tell you if you listened more? What could you see about yourself and your world? Let today be a listening day.

**Saturday: Psalm 119:18**

*Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.*

What could you see if you gave God permission to open your eyes? What detail about His law have you have not understood as important? Let God open your eyes all the way to your heart.

**Palm Sunday: John 12: 13; Psalm 118:19-20**

*They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!”*

*Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.*

As you worship today, think about the gate of righteousness God has opened for you. Enter with your praise and thanksgiving. Find your voice for the week.

**Monday: Psalm 36:7a, 9**

*How priceless is your unfailing love! . . . For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light*

As you prepare for this week leading to Easter, reflect on God’s unfailing love to you. How do you understand it as “the fountain of life?” How does God’s revelation through Jesus help you see differently?

**Tuesday, Psalm 71:1a, 2**

*In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge . . . Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness; turn your ear to me and save me.*

Are you using God’s refuge to protect you from what you don’t need to live with? How complete is your deliverance? These are important questions as you journey to Easter.