Water for the Way March 24-30, 2025/ Days 17-22 St. John's UMC / Texas City

Monday, March 24

Living Water

Read John 4:1-42

From <u>Water for the Way</u>: Day 17 (pp. 62-65) Jesus is meeting the needs of the Samaritan woman. We all need basic food, water, and rest. We need to know what is real, and we need to have authentic relationships. Jesus offers real relationship. When we hunger and thirst after anything else, we lose. A right relationship with God meets our needs as nothing else can. What is your greatest need now? What can you do to actively seek and be given what you need from Jesus?

Tuesday, March 25

I Will show You What You Shall Do

Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13

From <u>Water for the Way</u>: Day 18 (pp. 66-69) The Lord and Samuel are having a conversation over how Samuel can anoint Israel's next king without getting killed by Saul. God advises and offers counsel to Samuel, and Samuel meets with Jesse and his sons. While God has plans, God still requires a person who is listening and willing to act on God's behalf. What can we do to better tune in to God's communication frequency?

Wednesday, March 26

This Is the One

Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13

From <u>Water for the Way</u>: Day 19 (pp. 70-73) God sent Samuel to anoint the next king from among Jesse's sons. But the one God was looking for isn't the one Samuel expected. Isn't that the way with us sometimes? We often judge people by the way they look, but God is looking at the substance within. How do you measure your worth in this world?

Thursday, March 27

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Read Psalm 23

From <u>Water for the Way</u>: Day 20 (pp. 74-76) There is a relationship between the shepherd and the flock. When I allow the shepherd God to lead, there is rest, refreshment, and trust. My place is to follow and learn. What does it mean to be a sheep in the presence of the shepherd? How can obedience be a form of worship?

Friday, March 28

Children of the Light Ephesians 5:8-14

From <u>Water for the Way</u>: Day 21 (pp. 77-79) What would we do if we didn't have light to illuminate our days and nights? We need it to see where to go. Jesus is light for us as we learn how to live as children of the light in this world. As we learn and grow, we can reflect the light of Jesus for others. How are you reflecting the light of Christ?

Saturday, March 29

Light of the World

Read John 9:1-41

From <u>Water for the Way</u>: Day 22 (pp. 80-82) Jesus used his own spit to make mud to use on the blind man's eyes. After he washed away the mud, the blind man could see. In all his miracles, Jesus demonstrated his power and his love. How have you experienced God's power motivated by his love?

Sunday, March 30

And They Were Divided Read John 9:1-41

From Water for the Way: Fourth Sunday in Lent (pp. 83-85)

During Lent, Sundays are not counted as one of the 40 days. Sundays are days for worship and celebrating God's presence in our lives. The religious leaders in this text added confusion to the situation. What should have been a huge celebration of the restoration of this man's sight becomes a story of spiritual blindness for the religious leaders. What is the role of social media in drawing others to Christ? How should social media be used?

Material for these short devotions comes from *Water for the Way: A Lenten Devotional*, by Rev. Dr. Gabriel J. Benjiman.