#### **Thursday**

Read Matthew 10:7, 25:35–40; Luke 9:2, 10:8–9. It can be easy to focus on only spiritual health or only physical health. How do these verses demonstrate God's concern for physical and spiritual health?

Who in your life is in need of spiritual health? Who is in need of physical health? How can you reach out to them in the next week?

Pray for those you know who are sick (if you need help check out the names on this bulletin insert or the TLC prayer list available at the information desk.)

### **Friday**

Read Deuteronomy 4:9 & 6:4–9. What is the purpose of educating the next generation? How does education contribute to peace? How can you apply these verses to your life?

Thank God today for those who have been a part of your education, past and present. Pray for the people in your life you're educating. Pray that God will give you wisdom, the right words and the time to be part of educating the next generation.

## Saturday

Please finish up devotions you missed and memorize this week's Bible verse. Think of those final two statements: Every one of the challenges has a solution, and every one of us can make a difference. What changes can you make to be a part of God's solutions?

Pray that you will be an agent of God's peace each day.





# **Set the Captives Free**

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"...the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners." *Luke 4:18* 

Five global giants that enslave people:	
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esus: "Therefore go and make disciples <b>of all nations</b> " <i>Matthew</i> 28:19
"On this rock <b>I will build my church</b> , and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." <i>Matthew 16:18</i>
resus called his disciples together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <b>Not so with you.</b> Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant." <i>Mark</i> 10:42–43
From time to time, they sold their property and other possessions and distributed the money Acts 2:45
times the Bible tells us to assist the poor.
Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters were arrogan overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. <i>Ezekiel 16:4</i>
" I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me whatever you did for one of the least of these You did for me." <i>Matthew 25:35-40</i>
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# **Daily Meditations**

#### Monday

Read Matthew 16:16–18 & 28:18–19. This weekend we talked about the fact that healthy churches are ones where believers transformed by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ, in turn carry God's peace plan to others. How do these verses confirm that statement?

In what way do you see God using you to contribute to TLC's overall health?

I like the phrase, "Blessed to be a blessing." Finish this sentence: "God has been good to me, and with His continued blessings, I hope to..."

As you spend time in prayer today ask God to show you how you can grow in spiritual health and be an encouragement to the church. Pray that God will continue to use TLC to reach our community and the world!

# Tuesday

Read Mark 10:42–45. A servant-leader is such a counter-cultural idea! In what area of your life has God placed you in a position of leadership?

What stands out to you in these verses?

How does your leadership line up with this passage?

In what way could you demonstrate servant/leadership today?

Thank God today for the example of servant leadership that we have in Jesus. Talk to Him about the ways you struggle with being a servant leader. Ask God to soften your heart and give you the opportunities to live out a servant leadership today.

## Wednesday

Read Proverbs 29:7, Ezekiel 16:49 & 1 John 3:16–20. In general, what is your attitude towards the poor? How does this impact your actions?

What do these verses tell you about the importance God places on caring for the poor?

Memory Verse

Think of three things you can do to assist the poor (perhaps something locally and some things you learned at the WOW weekend at church):

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Thank God today for the many things He has given you. Talk to Him about your attitude towards the poor. Ask God to give you His heart and eyes to reach out and assist the poor this week. "...the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners." Luke 4:18