Here at Centralia Church, we want to instill three values into each and every one of our lives:

**Holiness:** leading a Christ-like life

**Community:** finding a place to be connected

**Service:** reaching out in love to serve others

We believe CORE GROUPS are a catalyst in helping us achieve this together.

We believe an essential part of being a disciple of Jesus is to share this experience with others who are trying to do the same thing. Groups are encouraged to gather, eat together, read and talk about the Bible, pray together and serve together.

**Our Core Group ministry will resume in September.**

You’ll have the opportunity to sign up for a group in August. If you would like to explore what it means to host or lead a group, please contact Pastor Trent in the church office or email him at trent@centraliachurch.com

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Psalm 91

Jeremiah 6:16 says “Stand at the crossroads and look, ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls…” Have you ever been at a crossroads in life, staring at multiple routes to proceed? A specific decision; a treatment plan; a career move; a relationship struggle. Which way should I go? Maybe it’s even deeper for you: should I follow the path of ‘the world’ or the way of Jesus? Jeremiah gives simple instructions, but following the answer is the hard part. Jesus says, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (Jn 14:6). Are you weary and distressed or confused? Is it time to repent, and boldly take steps in the way of Truth which is the path of Jesus?

Proverbs 4:10-19

Scripture uses the literal image of stumbling and falling to illustrate similar experiences in our walk of faith, and unless you are some super-human phenom you understand this picture; occasionally, we all stumble, fall and grow weary. So given that we have all spent some time in free fall, both physically and spiritually, the words of Solomon in this passage are particularly helpful. How have you found wisdom and instruction to be things that have helped you keep your balance in times of challenge? In what areas of your life might you need some further instruction to keep you upright and on the right path? Most importantly, turn your attention to God; look for the wisdom He gives to those who earnestly seek him, it will make your path straight.

Acts 12:1-17

Recently a friend of mine received a call notifying him he was the lucky winner of the Publisher’s Clearing House Sweepstakes. It was a total scam. For a fleeting moment, I imagine there was at least some sense of excitement. Think about an experience that seemed like it was too good to be true; one where you had to pinch yourself so you knew you were not dreaming or imagining it. Peter experienced one of these moments in this passage. We are even told that throughout the prison escape Peter was in a trance-like state thinking it was only a dream. After the angel had helped Peter escape, Peter immediately went to where his friends were gathered praying; they were so surprised they did not believe it either! Where are you ‘in prison’ right now needing urgent prayer and a miraculous intervention by God? Gather with your friends and family and seek the Lord today.

PRAYER CORNER:

Ten Essential Prayers for Missions-focused Communities

- Lord, may your kingdom come and your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven
- Lord, search and cleanse the thoughts and intentions of our hearts
- Lord, keep your church unified in spirit and free from division
- Lord, may the mission be about You, not about us
- Lord, give your church a bold spirit to proclaim the gospel
- Lord, strengthen those who are being persecuted for their witness
- Lord, call and send gifted workers into the mission field
- Lord, help us to trust you in all things
- Lord, open doors for ministry and give us wisdom and grace to speak your word clearly
- Lord, may minds, hearts, and eyes be opened to the light of Christ