

Dear Families:

We continued observing the season of Lent today in Sunday School. So far, we have commemorated Ash Wednesday and discussed the spiritual disciplines of fasting and prayer. Hopefully you have made an effort to return to God over the past two weeks!

This week's spiritual discipline is Listening to God. A relationship is a two-way street. We not only need to talk to God through prayer but also listen to His guidance and direction. We read and studied a passage from Isaiah today that discusses listening to God. The people of Israel had been taken captive. Far from their homeland, and after many years, people began to lose hope. They started to forget God and His ways; they began to give up on following God. But God sent Isaiah to the people with a message. Isaiah told the people that God's kingdom is wonderful beyond our wildest dreams! If you make it there, you will never want for anything again. He told them to not give up, it isn't too late! If you repent of your mistakes and return to God, YOU will get to live with Him in this beautiful place! Isaiah reminds us that God's world is not of this world. Just because we can't see it, or the human world is yelling in our faces about what we should do, doesn't mean that we give up on God. Remain hopeful and faithful, and we will be rewarded with paradise.

We are using Lent to prepare us for Easter, which arrives this year on April 20. Please join us for that special Sunday! There will be no Sunday School that day, as everyone will be invited to celebrate the holiest day of the year up with the congregation. But If your children need a break from the service, the Sunday School room will be open with a few self-directed activities set up. Feel free to bring your child downstairs and do any of the activities or help yourself to a snack. Just please remain to supervise your child(ren).

Thank you for being with us today!

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