

A MOBBERLY WOMEN BIBLE STUDY PROJECT

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WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER STUDY PROJECT!

Our team could not be more excited to journey through the Bible with you over the next six weeks.

Have you ever noticed clothing is frequently described in Scripture? Join us this summer as we examine the Scriptures to see how God's great plans for our redemption in Christ are woven into the fabric worn by those who have gone before us. We will see that God has always had us in mind, and in turn, a plan to help us shed the old rags as Christ clothes us in new garments.

We hope you will learn, grow, and invite friends and family to join you. If you have any questions, need prayer, or want to share how the Lord is working in your life, please reach out – I'd love to visit with you.

Grace and Peace,



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HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY

This six-week study will kick-off on Thursday, June 8, on our website (mobbberly.org/woven) and our Facebook page ([@mobbberlywomenlongview](https://www.facebook.com/mobbberlywomenlongview)). This will allow you to study with us from wherever you are this summer, with whomever you invite to join you.

WORKBOOK

The first video lesson will kick-off the study, but each week following has personal study time you will want to complete before listening to the video teaching. This time of study is not meant to be exhaustive or overly time-consuming.

Lesson Components:

- PERSONAL STUDY (Beginning week 2)
- VIDEO TEACHING (Facebook or Website)
- PERSONAL REFLECTION (after the video)
- GROUP DISCUSSION (after the video)

Digital PDF copies are also available at mobbberly.org/woven.

VIDEO LESSON AIR DATES

June 8 - Introduction	June 29 – Week 4
June 15 – Week 2	July 6 – Week 5
June 22 – Week 3	July 13 – Week 6

LATER VIEWING

All lessons will remain up at mobbberly.org/woven for later viewing. If you can't do Thursdays, that is ok! Watch at the time that works for you or your group.

WE ARE SO THANKFUL TO THE ENTIRE TEAM
THAT HELPED MAKE THIS STUDY POSSIBLE.

*"It is not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything as coming
from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God."*

2 CORINTHIANS 3:5

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HEAR. BELIEVE. HEAL. WALK. SERVE. REMEMBER.

KEY TERMS

CREATION

In the beginning, God created the universe. He made the world and everything in it. He created humans in His own image to be His representatives on the earth.

FALL

The first humans, Adam and Eve, disobeyed God by eating from the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Because of sin, the world was cursed. The punishment for sin is death, and because of Adam's original sin, all humans are sinful and condemned to death.

REDEMPTION

God sent His Son to become a human and redeem His people. Jesus Christ lived a sinless life but died on the cross to pay the penalty for sin. He resurrected from the dead and ascended into heaven. All who put their faith in Jesus are saved from death and freely receive the gift of eternal life.

RESTORATION

One day, Jesus Christ will return again and restore all that sin destroyed. He will usher in a new heaven and new earth where all who trust in Him will live eternally with glorified bodies in the presence of God.

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Better Together: A Guide to Discipleship by The Daily Grace Co.

Made New is Mobberly Women's annual gathering where we find hope and an anchor in the Truth of God's Word as we worship and grow together (1 Thessalonians 5:11, 2 Peter 1:3-9).

Our 2023 focus is to be "clothed in righteousness," deepening our identity in Christ and making Him the center of our lives. Join us as our guest speaker, Colleen Searcy, founder of Meet Me in the Bible, encourages us to put off the old self and walk in the new.

Tickets are on sale at mobberly.org/women.



made new
CLOTHED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

A Gathering for Women
Thursday, June 22
6:30 p.m. | ELEVATION
Details: mobberly.org/women

“Put on the new self.

You are being renewed in knowledge according to the image of your Creator.

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved,

put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another...

Above all, **put on** love, which is the perfect bond of unity.”

COLOSSIANS 3:10,12-14

Take off your former way of life, **the old self** that is corrupted by deceitful desires,

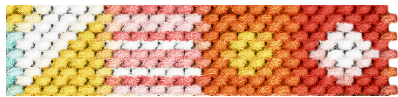
to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to **put on the new self,**

the one created according to God's likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth.

EPHESIANS 4:22-24

INTRODUCTION:

The call to hear the Word of Truth



He **put on righteousness** as body armor,
and a helmet of salvation on his head;
he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,
and he wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.
ISAIAH 59:17

FROM FIG LEAVES OF SHAME TO ROBES OF RIGHTEOUS PROMISE

THE NARRATIVE UNFOLDS - GENESIS 1-3

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VIDEO NOTES

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PERSONAL REFLECTION

- If you were to ask those closest to you to describe you, what would their response be? Would their responses reflect your identity as an image-bearer, or reveal a misplaced affection for something/someone? Why?
- What would your response be today if God asked you, “Where are you?” Are you hiding behind your own form of “fig leaves” or holding fast to your new righteous robe? Journal your thoughts.
- What do you observe about God’s character in Genesis 3? About His watchcare over Adam & Eve? Do you believe that He cares for you in the same way? Why or why not?
- Spend time in prayer, thanking God for giving us His revealed Word. Ask Him to help you become sensitive to His voice and eager to respond with obedience.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Why is it so important to read His Word accurately, not subtracting or adding anything?
- How could placing too much emphasis on one or more of our roles become an idol (examples: single, married, mother, divorcee, widow, student, employee, retiree)?
- What role do you tend to over-emphasize, or what ways do you tend to diminish God and the purpose/identity He has given you?
- What do you learn about God’s character and love in the garden in Genesis 3:21-24? Discuss how you have seen this play out in your own life.
- What practical step(s) could you take this week to ensure you are prioritizing listening to His Word and voice?
- Wrap up your time together in prayer.

WEEK TWO:

The call to believe in Him



For the Lord your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords,
the great, mighty, and awe-inspiring God, **showing no partiality** and taking no bribe.
He executes **justice** for the fatherless...and **loves** the resident alien, **giving him food and clothing**.
DEUTERONOMY 10:17-18

JOSEPH'S COAT OF YOUTH AND A ROYAL CLOAK OF RESCUE

Genesis 37-50, Acts 7:6-17

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KEY PEOPLE

Describe what you observe about each person in these passages.

- God
- Israel [Jacob]
- Joseph
- Brothers
- Pharaoh

KEY IDEAS

Describe what you learn about each key idea as you read the passages.

- Famine
- Rescue and salvation
- Family reconciliation
- God's people multiply

ACTS 7:6-17

⁶ God spoke in this way: His descendants would be strangers in a foreign country, and they would enslave and oppress them for four hundred years. ⁷ I will judge the nation that they will serve as slaves, God said. After this, they will come out and worship me in this place. ⁸ And so he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. After this, he fathered Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day. Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.

⁹ “The patriarchs became jealous of Joseph and sold him into Egypt, but God was with him ¹⁰ and rescued him out of all his troubles. He gave him favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who appointed him ruler over Egypt and over his whole household. ¹¹ Now a famine and great suffering came over all of Egypt and Canaan, and our ancestors could find no food. ¹² When Jacob heard there was grain in Egypt, he sent our ancestors there the first time. ¹³ The second time, Joseph revealed himself to his brothers, and Joseph’s family became known to Pharaoh. ¹⁴ Joseph invited his father Jacob and all his relatives, seventy-five people in all, ¹⁵ and Jacob went down to Egypt. He and our ancestors died there, ¹⁶ were carried back to Shechem, and were placed in the tomb that Abraham had bought for a sum of silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

¹⁷ “As the time was approaching to fulfill the promise that God had made to Abraham, the people flourished and multiplied in Egypt

GENESIS 37: 3-4

³ Now Israel [Jacob] loved Joseph more than his other sons because Joseph was a son born to him in his old age, and he made a long-sleeved robe for him. ⁴ When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not bring themselves to speak peaceably to him.

GENESIS 37: 31-32

³¹ So they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a male goat, and dipped the robe in its blood. ³² They sent the long-sleeved robe to their father and said, "We found this. Examine it. Is it your son's robe or not?"

GENESIS 41: 41-42

⁴¹ Pharaoh also said to Joseph, "See, I am placing you over all the land of Egypt." ⁴² Pharaoh removed his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, clothed him with fine linen garments, and placed a gold chain around his neck.

Additional clothing passages:

- *Genesis 39:12 (Potiphar's wife)*
- *Genesis 41:14 (Prison garb to meeting with Pharaoh)*
- *Genesis 45:1-3 (Joseph reveals himself to brothers)*

Suggested songs for the lows (the pit or prison cell)

- *Mighty Wave by Sarah Reeves*
- *Please by Katy Nicole*

Suggested songs for the highs (royal robes and signet rings)

- *God, You're so Good by Passion*
- *Great is Thy Faithfulness (a cappella) by Anthem Lights*
- *Egypt by Cain*

THE NARRATIVE UNFOLDS

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PERSONAL REFLECTION

- Do you sometimes deliver truth in a way that is not received well? Why might that happen?
- Is there something God is asking you to leave behind to walk in the new thing He wants to do in your life? Journal about it below and what obedience looks like in this situation.
- Is there a relationship that needs reconciliation in your life? What might God want to do in this situation, and are you open to Him doing that work? Journal about it below.
- Spend some time in prayer and thanksgiving for the royal clothes God has given you or ask God to replace your torn clothes if you have not made Him King of your life.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read Genesis 37:5-11 and discuss the interaction that occurs. In what ways do you see the fall affecting the relationships in this family?
- What was good about Jacob and Joseph's relationship, and what was not good? Compare that to the way God relates to His children.
- Joseph left behind articles of clothing at several periods of transition in his life. Share about a time God has asked you to leave the old behind to move into the new things He is doing.
- God gives His children a signet ring and specific territory to steward on His behalf for others (Genesis 41:41-44). What gifts/resources do you possess that can help create opportunities for others to be clothed in Christ's righteousness?
- Wrap up your time by praying for one another, asking for wisdom, skills, and the faith necessary to walk according to His plans.

WEEK THREE:

The call to be healed



All of us have become like something **unclean**,
and all our righteous acts are like a **polluted garment**;
all of us wither like a leaf,
and our iniquities carry us away like the wind.
ISAIAH 64:6

THE OUTCASTS DIRTY RAGS AND THE TEACHER'S CLEANSING POWER

Luke 8:26-39, 43-48

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KEY PEOPLE

Describe what you observe about each person in this passage.

- Demon-possessed man
- Woman suffering from an ailment
- Jesus
- Eyewitnesses

KEY IDEAS

Describe what you learn about each key idea as you read the passages.

- Outcasts, separation, shame
- Recognition and belief
- God's power
- God's compassion
- The response to God's work

LUKE 8:26-39

²⁶ Then they sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ When he got out on land, a demon-possessed man from the town met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes and did not stay in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before him, and said in a loud voice, "What do you have to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torment me!" ²⁹ For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was guarded, bound by chains and shackles, he would snap the restraints and be driven by the demon into deserted places.

³⁰ "What is your name?" Jesus asked him. "Legion," he said, because many demons had entered him. ³¹ And they begged him not to banish them to the abyss. ³² A large herd of pigs was there, feeding on the hillside. The demons begged him to permit them to enter the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ The demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

³⁴ When the men who tended them saw what had happened, they ran off and reported it in the town and in the countryside. ³⁵ Then people went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man the demons had departed from, sitting at Jesus's feet, dressed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Meanwhile, the eyewitnesses reported to them how the demon-possessed man was delivered. ³⁷ Then all the people of the Gerasene region asked him to leave them, because they were gripped by great fear. So getting into the boat, he returned.

³⁸ The man from whom the demons had departed begged him earnestly to be with him. But he sent him away and said, ³⁹ “Go back to your home, and tell all that God has done for you.” And off he went, proclaiming throughout the town how much Jesus had done for him.

LUKE 8:43-48

⁴³ A woman suffering from bleeding for twelve years, who had spent all she had on doctors and yet could not be healed by any, ⁴⁴ approached from behind and touched the end of his robe. Instantly her bleeding stopped. ⁴⁵ “Who touched me?” Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds are hemming you in and pressing against you.” ⁴⁶ “Someone did touch me,” said Jesus. “I know that power has gone out from me.” ⁴⁷ When the woman saw that she was discovered, she came trembling and fell down before him. In the presence of all the people, she declared the reason she had touched him and how she was instantly healed. ⁴⁸ “Daughter,” he said to her, “your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

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PERSONAL REFLECTION

- Go back to this week's passages and notice what Jesus' response is to both outcasts. How has He responded to you in your own time of need?

- How have you allowed your brokenness to define you?

- What work is God doing in you now? Are you letting God fully into those places that need healing and compassionate power? Journal your thoughts.

- Pray, asking for God to help you surrender those areas of need over to Him.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- How has brokenness in your life caused separation from people and God?

- What ways have you tried to fix your brokenness in your own strength? How did that turn out?

- What brokenness in your life is Jesus calling you to give to Him for healing?

- Have you ever come to Jesus for spiritual healing? If not, what is holding you back?

- If you have seen God heal you, restore you, and change you, who could you tell about it?

- Wrap up your time together praying for opportunities to encourage others toward the healing Christ provides to those who ask Him.

WEEK FOUR:

The call walk in honor



Let your clothes be **white all the time**, and never let oil be lacking on your head.
ECCLESIASTES 9:8

BLIND BARTIMAEUS, SON OF TIMAEUS: FROM SACKCLOTH TO HONOR

Mark 10:46-52

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KEY PEOPLE

Describe what you observe about each person in this passage.

- Jesus
- Bartimaeus
- The disciples

KEY IDEAS

Describe what you learn about each key idea as you read the passage.

- Blinded and poor in spirit
- Recognition and belief
- Jesus' questions call out the motivation of the heart
- What is in a name's meaning?
- Healing restores dignity

MARK 10:46-52

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting by the road. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸Many warned him to keep quiet, but he was crying out all the more, “Have mercy on me, Son of David!”

⁴⁹Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called the blind man and said to him, “Have courage! Get up; he’s calling for you.” ⁵⁰He threw off his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

⁵¹Then Jesus answered him, “What do you want me to do for you?” “*Rabboni,*” the blind man said to him, “I want to see.”

⁵²Jesus said to him, “Go, your faith has saved you.” Immediately he could see and began to follow Jesus on the road.

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PERSONAL REFLECTION

- What would your honest response be if Jesus walked by you today and asked, “What do you want me to do for you?”

- What do you need to leave behind to follow and submit to God more fully? What does this look like practically and continually?

- In what ways have you acted like the religious crowd: making someone else’s needs feel small or bypassing them to avoid your own discomfort? How would you respond differently, considering Jesus’ compassion for Bartimaeus?

- Spend some time in prayer expressing your deepest need to God.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- What things keep you from calling out to Jesus? We aren't waiting for Him to pass on the side of the road. He has revealed Himself to us through His Word and His Spirit.

- What is your "cloak" or the thing you're holding onto and trusting in? What would it look like practically to throw this off or set it aside to follow Him?

- Who in your life can you value and honor by listening to their need?

- How would you answer Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?" What do you think is your greatest need?

- Wrap up your time together in prayer for one another’s greatest needs.

WEEK FIVE:

The call to serve



May your priests be **clothed with righteousness**,
and may your faithful people shout for joy.

PSALM 132:9

LYDIA'S VIOLET SOWN PATH PREPARED FOR THE GOOD NEWS

Acts 16:11-15, 40

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KEY PEOPLE

Describe what you observe about each person in this passage.

- Paul
- Lydia
- Her household
- Her patrons

KEY IDEAS

Describe what you learn about each key idea as you read the passage.

- Women in the kingdom of God vs. women in the Roman world
- Responding to Truth
- Using spiritual gifts to serve and share

ACTS 16:11-15, 40

¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, the next day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, a Roman colony and a leading city of the district of Macedonia. We stayed in that city for several days. ¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the city gate by the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and spoke to the women gathered there. ¹⁴ A God-fearing woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, was listening. The Lord opened her heart to respond to what Paul was saying. ¹⁵ After she and her household were baptized, she urged us, "If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

⁴⁰ After leaving the jail, they came to Lydia's house, where they saw and encouraged the brothers and sisters, and departed.

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PERSONAL REFLECTION

- Lydia was listening, and the Lord opened her heart. Are your ears underutilized and your tongue overworked? Why?

- Ask God to help you reflect on your use of ears and tongue. Write a sentence or two describing this challenge, and pray for guidance.

- In what ways are you currently obeying and serving God?

- As we observe the immediacy of Lydia's obedience and service, we learn that it doesn't take years of training to start. What are the things you've feared doing because you feel inadequate?

GROUP DISCUSSION

- How did Sabbath Day disciplines play into the rhythm of Lydia's life? How do you prioritize keeping the Sabbath holy?

- Name three character traits that Lydia exhibited and how God might choose to use those traits for Kingdom work? Share about a time God used one of your character traits for Kingdom work to influence or serve others.

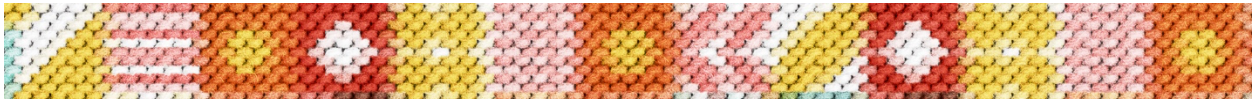
- When Lydia received salvation, how did she immediately obey? How did she serve?

- We learned a lot about Lydia from this passage, but what does this passage say about:
 - God, the Father
 - Jesus, the Son
 - Holy Spirit

- Wrap up your time together by praying for open ears and open hearts.

WEEK SIX:

The call to remember with hope



I rejoice greatly in the Lord,
I exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of **salvation**
and wrapped me in a robe of **righteousness**,
as a **groom** wears a turban
and as a **bride** adorns herself with her jewels.
ISAIAH 61:10

RING OF THORNS TO CROWN OF GLORY

Matthew 27:28-31, 37; Revelation 19:6-16

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KEY PEOPLE

Describe what you observe about each person in these passages.

- Jesus
- Roman Guard, the nations
- John
- God Almighty
- Heavens armies

KEY IDEAS

Describe what you learn about each key idea as you read the passages.

- The cost and payment for our iniquity
- Prophecy and promises fulfilled
- The purpose of remembering in God's Kingdom
- The reason for hope in waiting
- The responsibility of the Bride of Christ

MATTHEW 27:28-31, 37

²⁸ They stripped him and dressed him in a scarlet robe. ²⁹ They twisted together a crown of thorns, put it on his head, and placed a staff in his right hand. And they knelt down before him and mocked him: "Hail, king of the Jews!" ³⁰ Then they spat on him, took the staff, and kept hitting him on the head. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.

³⁷ Above his head they put up the charge against him in writing: This Is Jesus, the KING OF THE JEWS.

REVELATION 19:6-16

⁶ Then I heard something like the voice of a vast multitude, like the sound of cascading waters, and like the rumbling of loud thunder, saying,

Hallelujah, because our Lord God, the Almighty,
reigns!

⁷ Let us be glad, rejoice, and give him glory,
because the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has prepared herself.

⁸ She was given fine linen to wear, bright and pure.

For the fine linen represents the righteous acts of the saints.

⁹Then he said to me, "Write: Blessed are those invited to the marriage feast of the Lamb!" He also said to me, "These words of God are true." ¹⁰Then I fell at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters who hold firmly to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God, because the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

¹¹Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse. Its rider is called Faithful and True, and with justice he judges and makes war. ¹²His eyes were like a fiery flame, and many crowns were on his head. He had a name written that no one knows except himself. ¹³He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called the Word of God. ¹⁴The armies that were in heaven followed him on white horses, wearing pure white linen. ¹⁵A sharp sword came from his mouth, so that he might strike the nations with it. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will also trample the winepress of the fierce anger of God, the Almighty. ¹⁶And he has a name written on his robe and on his thigh: KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS.

THE NARRATIVE UNFOLDS

Fill in the chart with your own words and observations. How do you see the Grand Narrative of Scripture at play in this passage?

(The teaching video will help you fill in any gaps)

<p>CREATION God created all things.</p>	
<p>FALL Humans sinned and caused separation from God.</p>	
<p>REDEMPTION Jesus brought redemption through His sacrifice on the cross.</p>	
<p>RESTORATION One day He will bring complete restoration when He returns.</p>	

VIDEO NOTES

- What is happening in the text?
- How does clothing tell the story of the grand narrative?
- What is the big idea and what can we learn?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

- Where have you seen victory come from death in your life?
- What does it mean to you that “Christ bore your curse?” How can you look back and celebrate the burial of your sin in Christ?
- How does remembering with hope give you the strength and resilience to keep going?
- Spend time in prayer, reflecting on the ways Christ’s crown of glory gives you the ability to face challenges with faithfulness.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- In what ways does the imagery of thorns capture the idea of God’s curse for sin?
- How does Jesus’ willingness to wear the crown of thorns demonstrate the measure of God’s love for you?
- How does Christ’s crown of glory provide hope for our darkest days?
- In what ways does the removal of the curse of sin bring freedom and liberation to your life?
- What are some practical, tangible ways you can encourage those who may be struggling today by sharing the hope we have in the resurrection and return of Christ?
- Wrap up your time by praying with thanksgiving for the work He has done, and hope in the work He will do when He returns.

