



WILD BRIGHT HOPE

THE BIG CHURCH READ
LENT BOOK 2025



St. Catherine's Church Lent Course 2025 READING PLAN



Week 1

Wednesday 5th
March 1.00pm
Read Chapters 1 & 2

Week 2

Wednesday 12th
March 12.00 Noon
Read Chapters 3 & 4

Week 3

Wednesday 19th
March 1.00 pm
Read Chapters 5 & 6

Week 4

Wednesday 26th
March 12.00 Noon
Read Chapters 7 & 8

Week 5

Wednesday 2nd April
1.00pm
Read Chapters 9 & 10

Week 6 Wednesday 9th


April 12.00 Noon
Read Chapters 11 & 12

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Week 1 questions for reflection or discussion



How can we better appreciate and respect the different expressions of Christianity in our community, especially during this season of Lent?

What misconceptions or stereotypes about faith or others might we hold, and how can we challenge and transform them through our Christian lens?

How can we practice cultural humility and celebrate the diversity of Christian practices as part of our walk with Christ?

In what ways can we actively listen to children and young people about their faith, ensuring they feel safe, valued, and heard?

Where do you see signs of hope and renewal in your church or faith community during this season of reflection, and how can we support that transformation?

How can we engage more intentionally with projects and activities in our neighborhood to live out our faith and make a tangible difference in others' lives?



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Week 2 questions for reflection or discussion



How do you respond to the idea that God is found abundantly in those outside our religious communities? Does this challenge or encourage you? Why?

What are your thoughts on scriptural reasoning and interfaith dialogue? What excites or holds you back from trying it?

How can you and your church embody being ambassadors for Christ with a commitment to peacemaking? What practical steps might this involve?

Reflect on a time when you experienced God's goodness during conflict or division. How can you share that goodness with others, even if it is not reciprocated?

Where do you see the greatest contrast between the promise of a renewed earth and your current relationships? How can prayer bring change in those areas?

How can the power of love, as described in 1 Corinthians 13:13, shape your prayers and actions toward enemies? Where do you most desire to see this at work?



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Week 3 questions for reflection or discussion



Lent is a season for reflection and renewal. Where are the crossroads in your faith journey or ministry that need God's guidance?

How can you cultivate hope in the face of uncertainty, and how might this practice deepen during Lent?

What steps can you take to be more present in your community as an expression of your faith this Lent?

How would you describe your emotions toward politicians or those in power? How can you pray for them as the Bible instructs, especially during Lent?

Jesus said believers would release rivers of living water through the Spirit. How can this truth shape your engagement with leadership and politics?

Inspired by Wild Bright Hope, imagine God's kingdom coming into your workplace, homes, and schools. How can this vision inspire your prayers and actions?



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Week 4 questions for reflection or discussion



Lent is a time to reflect on how God calls us. What is your understanding and experience of God's call? How does your relationship with Him influence your ability to hear Him today?

Whose stories have nourished your faith and revealed more about how God works in the world? How have they shaped your journey?

Paul encourages us to glorify God in all we do (1 Corinthians 10:31). What aspects of your life have you yet to see as opportunities to glorify Him?

Who are the people in your life who you have received rather than chosen, and how have they shaped you?

When has the choice to trust or be vulnerable been life giving?

What are the conditions that help you be fully present to God, and how often are you creating space for them during Lent?



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Week 5 questions for reflection or discussion



Have you ever found yourself in an unexpected place of prayer, somewhere where you have felt yourself either strongly in the presence of, or being held by God? What do you think sparked that connection in that place and time?

How do you find time to retreat and pray? How can you weave “holy interruptions’ into your day?

Where could become your ‘safe place, somewhere where you can spend time being fully present to God and allowing him to be present to you?

How can we, as individuals and as the Church, address a legacy of racism while ensuring that such horrors are never repeated?

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Week 6 questions for reflection or discussion



Do you find it challenging to embrace the idea that Christ has chosen you? How does this shape your understanding of faith during Lent?

How do you reconcile the taking of bread by Christ at the Last Supper with the history of taking by colonial rulers?

Reflecting on Wild Bright Hope, what role does the Church play in restoring hope and pointing toward a better future?

How do you respond to the brokenness in the world, the Church, and yourself? How does your faith guide these responses?

When looking back on seasons of grief or challenge, where can you see God's presence? How has this shaped your relationship with Him?

Proverbs 3:12 says, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick." Where has this felt true for you? How might prayer and reflection offer healing during Lent?

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