

**SMALL GROUP  
QUESTIONS**

March 13, 2022  
*Community Serve Day*

# MOSAIC

INTO HIS IMAGE

**CONNECT WITH GOD** (choose one of these practices that best suits your group or use a practice from a previous week)

**Breath Prayer:** This ancient form of prayer is a reminder of the nearness of God in everyday life and his provision- even in each breath we take. As we breathe in, we pray in our mind and heart, Lord Jesus Christ... and as we exhale, pray, have mercy on me. Do this in silence, together at your own pace, until everyone has prayed/breathed this ten times.

**Lord Open Unto Me:** Have everyone get comfortable in their seats and close their eyes. Slowly read (or have someone prepare and read) this prayer from Howard Thurman.

Open unto me — light for my darkness.  
Open unto me — courage for my fear.  
Open unto me — hope for my despair.  
Open unto me — peace for my turmoil.  
Open unto me — joy for my sorrow.  
Open unto me — strength for my weakness.  
Open unto me — wisdom for my confusion.  
Open unto me — forgiveness for my sins.  
Open unto me — love for my hates.  
Open unto me — thy Self for my self.

Lord, Lord, open unto me!

**Gratitude:** Read: "In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich."—Dietrich Bonhoeffer (*Letters and Papers from Prison*)

**Journal:** Make a list of the riches God has given you. Once you have filled a page, circle the one that stands out to you today and write a short sentence of gratitude to Jesus for giving you that gift.

## CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER

**Journaling:** Deësis Mosaic, c. 1261 and the Image of Christ. Spend three minutes of silence looking at the mosaic of Christ. Pay special attention not to what you think or understand of the image, but to how it makes you feel. Spend five minutes journaling your emotional response to looking at Jesus. Don't forget to allow the Holy Spirit to guide you during this time. Discuss your journaling together using one or more of these questions.



What part of this image drew your attention the most?

How does this image provoke a different response in you compared to last week's image of just the face of Christ?

How has gazing upon the image of Christ formed you to be more Christ-like?

Where have you seen the image of Christ on display recently?

**CONNECT WITH SCRIPTURE** (Read the passages and review the sermon outline. Then select the best questions or customize the questions for your group.)

- Read Colossians 3:12: *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*
- What does it mean to be God's chosen people?
- Is holiness something we put on ourselves or something given to us?
- How does being dearly loved by God impact your daily living?
- Which of the clothes (compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience) fit you best and which feel ill-fitting?

**CONNECT WITH GOD'S MISSION IN THE WORLD** (select one question for discussion) What identity (ambassador, collaborator, minister) would you like to strengthen in your life in order to better reach the world?

- Where did you serve on Sunday and what was your task?
- What experiences of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness or patience did you see in others during this year's CSD?
- Who came to your heart and mind most clearly when thinking about CSD?
- How has God shaped you through service to the community?

## PRAYER

End your time in prayer writing down any prayer requests in your journal. Take a moment to pray for the sites that we served on Sunday.

