

## ***Caring for the Sick***

### **Reflection**

Spend some time with God reflecting on your wholeness journey. Journal, draw, color, discuss or just think about your response to the questions below. Open yourself up to God's spirit and God's still small voice this week.

*Focus Scripture: Ezekiel 33:1-6 (The Message)*

*God's Message came to me: "Son of man, speak to your people. Tell them, "If I bring war on this land and the people take one of their citizens and make him their watchman, and if the watchman sees war coming and blows the trumpet warning the people, then if anyone hears the sound of the trumpet and ignores it and war comes and takes him off, it's his own fault. He heard the alarm, he ignored it—it's his own fault. If he had listened, he would have saved his life.*

*But if the watchman sees war coming and doesn't blow the trumpet, warning the people, and war comes and takes anyone off, I'll hold the watchman responsible for the bloodshed of any unwarned sinner."*

- 1) As you read this week's focus scripture what words or phrases stand out for you?
  
- 2) As you reflect on this scripture reading and/or your worship experience today, what do you feel God is saying to you?
  
- 3) At the end of her sermon, Pastor Susan said, *"You and I, as followers of the Way...the way of love for God and for each other...are called to SEE...to WATCH...to LOOK OUT for one another...to CARE for one another...we are responsible to be our brothers' and sisters' keeper."* What does that mean to you?

### **Next Faith Step on Your Journey**

There are many opportunities to take that next step. Consider the following, pray and choose at least one that is yours to do:

- **Lend your voice** in advocating for those who need help by contacting legislators, marching, getting informed, being a part of a group or cause that is addressing the need.
- **Sponsor a child** through organizations like Tin Roof, Compassion International, World Vision, etc... (these organizations provide access to critical basics such as improved nutrition, health care, clean water, school fees and supplies, and vocational training.
- **Give care** through FCC's Caring Meals Ministry, Pie Day, Homebound and Hospital Visitation ministry (contact the church office for more information at 859-647-5000).

Check off the days this week that you attempt or complete your faith step:

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

**For Families** Spend time this week on at least one of the following or make plans to do one when it is warmer or nicer weather:



- As a family, consider **visiting a homebound member** of Florence Christian, or a family member or friend who needs encouragement. For a list of homebound members, contact the church office at [mstephens@florencechristian.org](mailto:mstephens@florencechristian.org).
- Make a **get-well card** for someone who is sick. Check out the prayer list. For more information, contact the church office at [mstephens@florencechristian.org](mailto:mstephens@florencechristian.org).
- Include the sick in your **daily prayers** with your children. Lift up at least one person each day who needs God's love and care through you.
- **REMEMBER:** *Parents are the best teachers of faith with their children! What are they learning from you about loving and others?*

**Want to Go Deeper? Here are some resources you might want to check out:**



1. Get involved in one of our Outreach ministries! For more information, check out our website link: <https://florencechristian.org/local/> or call the church office for more opportunities.



2. Read a Book, watch videos with a group: *Start Becoming a Good Samaritan* by Michael Seaton. <https://www.studygateway.com/watch/start-becoming-a-good-samaritan>



3. Join a Faith Group. Faith Groups are small groups of our church family and friends that meet to learn and grow in their faith together. We currently have 13 Faith Groups that are open to you...and we can start more! Check out the church newsletter to see when and where our small groups are meeting <https://florencechristian.org/publication/florence-christian-september-2017/>