

This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing

Scripture! Each week's '*Fighter Verse*' is meant to help you "fight the good fight" of faith. This year's fighter verses are drawn from our weekly catechism (See "The New City Catechism")

Ephesians 1:20–21

He raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

This week's Catechism # 49

Where is Christ now?

Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.

Next week's Catechism # 50

What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

"Seeking the One Who Satisfies"

(John 6:22-35)

- I. Many are seeking Jesus, _____ vv22-27
- "Truly, Truly" ...Time for a 'Truth Drop'!
 - Why does Jesus say the crowds are seeking him? vv26-27
... to fill their _____ with more bread
 - Even though they saw the signs, they don't see what they mean!
2 Cor 4:4
Where do you get the "food that endures to eternal life"?
... The Son of Man _____ it.
- II. Until you see Him for who He is, you won't put your _____ in Him vv28-33
- What one "work" is needed? v29
... To _____ the one God sent
 - How do they want Him to prove who He is? vv30-31
This "bread" is a _____ God gives _____
 - 1) It's God's gift to those ready to receive it v32
 - 2) It's not a thing, but a _____ v33
 - 3) It is _____ who gives His life for the world Jn 3:16
- III True Salvation and satisfaction of the soul come by _____ vv34-35
- They are still looking for physical bread v34 But Jesus says
- (1) It's ____! I AM the bread of Life (Ego eime)
- First of seven "I AM" sayings of Jesus in John (6:35 ; 8:12 ; 10:7 ; 10:11 ; 11:25 ; 14:6 ; 15:1f)
 - Based on God's declaration in Ex 3:14 "I AM"
- (2) How does the I AM becomes "Bread" for us? v35
- Whoever _____ Me
 - Whoever _____ in Me
- They "will not ever" hunger or thirst again!

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - December 6

Worship 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM
(Please enter/leave wearing a mask at both services)

WEDNESDAY- December 9 D-Group meetings

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$4,284.00
November Weekly Average.....	\$4,784.56

Announcements

- **D-group Study of 2 Peter Schedule** for those meeting
Wednesdays - 12/9; 12/16
- **The nursery** rooms are currently available for parents for diaper changing or for use as a cry room or nursing room. There is a speaker in the room that will allow you to listen in on the service. In the near future we hope to have the nursery staffed again. If you are interested in serving, please contact Mayci Loving smilinbabyblue65@aol.com
- During the 10:45 service there is an overflow area in the fellowship hall that displays a video feed of the worship service. This is also available for those with squirmy little ones who may need room to move around, or for anyone else who may need to go there.

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday December 6, 2020

“God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us that Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations.”

Psalm 67: 1-2

Psalm 67 is one of my favorite Psalms because, unlike so many who cry for blessings today, the Psalmist does not ask to be blessed so he can spend it on himself. Instead, his cry is that God would bless *him* so that *through him, the nations might hear and come to know and worship God!* That has always been the motive behind the saint's desire for blessing. We do not ask God to bless us so we can hoard his blessings. We ask Him to bless that He might use us to bring the blessing of Christ to others through the preaching of the Gospel.

Isn't that what He said to Abraham when he called him to follow by faith? *“I will bless you and you will be a blessing and all nations on earth will be blessed through you!”* (Gen 12:3) Think of it! God blesses us so that other nations and people we've never met might be blessed *through us* by hearing and responding to the Gospel of Christ that we send to them around the world!

That's why I'm always ready to remind you of our **Annual Christmas Mission's Offering**. My prayer is that, as God has blessed you, so you will gratefully set aside a generous gift to help *“spread the fame of Christ's Name”* to the nations. You can designate your gift to any of the following, knowing that 100% of everything you give will go to that organization. This year we are supporting **HeartCry Missionary Society** (Paul Washer, the Tomeci & Palada families, Trevor Johnson etc); **Psalm 67 Missions** (our missions group led by Aaron Sutton and others doing mission in Texas and Mexico); and **The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** (Supporting the 5000+ missionaries of the IMB who are taking the Gospel to the whole world). This morning's focus will be on the work of HeartCry as we begin our worship together

Proclaiming His Name for the Joy of the Nations!

Pastor Scott Lee

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent (Faith)

■ **Welcome / Mission Moment / Call to Worship**

■ **“Come, Ye Sinners”**

Words by Joseph Hart and music by Matthew S. Smith ©2000, detuned radio music (ASCAP) CCLI #801260

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, Weak and wounded,
sick and sore; Jesus, ready, stands to save you, Full of pity, joined
with power. He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty
glorify; True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you
nigh. Without money, without money Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, You will never come at all.

Not the righteous, not the righteous; Sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! The Son of God descended Left His throne to save his
own Cloud and fire guided Isr'el Bethlehem shined bright their hope
Magnify Him! Magnify Him! Prince of Glory, God with Us!

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; Pleads the merit of His
blood. Venture on Him; venture wholly, Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus Can do helpless sinners good.

I'll arise and go to Jesus, He'll embrace me in His arms; In
the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms. He is
Worthy, He is Worthy; He is all I need and more.

■ **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**.....Hymn 145

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O
come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold Him, born the King of
angels!

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye bright
hosts of heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to
Thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

■ **Catechism**

■ **“Behold Our God”**

by Jonathan, Meghan, and Ryan Baird & Stephen Altrogge ©2011 Sovereign Grace Worship; CCLI #801260

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered
every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at His voice All
creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on His throne Come, let us adore Him

Behold our King nothing can compare Come, let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of
His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things?

Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands? Bearing all the guilt of
sinful man God eternal, humbled to the grave

Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth)

What child is this resting in the hay Wise men,
shepherds, gather where He lay 'Tis our Savior! Peace with
God complete! Sin and Satan, 'ever in defeat!

Behold our God Came down from His throne Come let
us adore Him Behold the Child Born to save the world
Come let us adore Him

■ **Confession / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“Prepare Him Room”**

Words and Music by Rebecca Elliott and Dave Fournier © 2014 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

O behold, the mystery now unfolds See the star shine on the
virgin foretold Angels sing and light up the sky Hope rings out in a
newborn's cry Swing wide, you ancient gates
For Christ is born today!

Prepare Him room Prepare Him room

Let the King of glory enter in

God with us, the promise has come to be This, the one the
prophets were longing to see In the darkness a blazing light
To the hungry the words of life His kingdom now is near
For those with ears to hear

Oh, our hearts, as busy as Bethlehem Hear Him knock, don't
say there's no room in the inn Through the cradle, cross, and grave
See the love of God displayed Now He's risen and He reigns Praise
the Name above all names!

■ **“Jesus, Thank You”** by Pat Sczebel © 2003 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

**Your blood has washed away my sin Jesus, thank You The
Father's wrath completely satisfied Jesus, thank You Once
Your enemy, now seated at Your table Jesus, thank You**

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend Pouring out the riches of Your
glorious grace Your mercy and Your kindness know no end
Lover of my soul I want to live for You

■ **Message** - “Hope in the Night” John 6:16-21 - Scott

■ **Closing Song**

■ **Benediction**

HeartCry Missionary Society

Who We Are

HeartCry Missionary Society is a theologically-driven indigenous mission society.

■ **'Theologically-driven'** – Missions is primarily about the glory of God in His saving work. Therefore our motives and methods in missions must match the character and ways of God revealed in Scripture.

■ **'Missions'** – missions is simply a mature, biblical church sending biblically qualified personnel to preach the gospel and establish another biblical church.

■ **'Indigenous'** – HeartCry is not a 'sending' agency. We are a supporting partner with indigenous churches who are identifying and training qualified men, sending them to their own people group, and then supporting and holding them accountable.

What We Do

First, we **Equip** indigenous pastors with biblical truth . . .

- Through formal theological and ministerial training.
- Through regular and systematic Bible conferences.
- Through good biblical literature, translated in their own language whenever possible.

Second, we **Mobilize** indigenous pastors to start new churches . . .

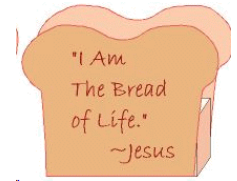
- By establishing trusted relationships with mature indigenous churches able to identify, train, send, and hold accountable qualified men.
- By encouraging prayer support through our website, magazine, and calendar.
- By providing financial support appropriate to their context.
- By providing the necessary tools for them to minister effectively.

HeartCry is currently serving 145 indigenous missionaries in 45 countries around the world. If you would like more information, please visit our website at www.heartcrymissionary.com.

Kids' Listening Sheet (12/6/20)

Message Title: "Seeking the One Who _____"

Bible Passages: John 6: _____



Key Words: Circle each word every time you hear it.

Boats	Crowd	Truth	Bread
Belly	Son	Man	Food
Gift	Trust	Person	Life
World	Believe	Faith	Trust

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.