



**REVIEW**

**WATCH NO VIDEO THIS WEEK**

**READ** Matthew 27:48-54; Hebrews 10:19-20; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Isaiah 25:6-9; 1 Corinthians 15:54-57;

**ASK:**

- **Reflect on how Jesus has given you access to God (Heb. 10:19-20; Ez. 37:1-14). What do you find most amazing about this? How are you currently experiencing this access to God?**
- **Spend some time as a group simply praying through these passages. Thank God for how Christ has given you access to his presence by conquering death. Thank him for being the true King of Creation and your life. Ask him to help you grow in your love of and relationship with him in the coming year.**

**PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE VULNERABLE**

*"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." –Micah 6:8*

As a church, we want to be intentional about acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God. As a first step, The Protect Team will provide monthly prayer guides based on Psalm 147.

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| 7 He upholds the cause of the oppressed ( <b>Nov</b> )<br>and gives food to the hungry. ( <b>Dec</b> )<br>The Lord sets prisoners free, ( <b>Jan</b> ) | the Lord loves the righteous. ( <b>Apr</b> )  |
| 8 the Lord gives sight to the blind, ( <b>Feb</b> )<br>the Lord lifts up<br>those who are bowed down, ( <b>Mar</b> )                                   | 9 The Lord watches over the foreigner ( <b>May</b> )<br>and sustains the fatherless<br>and the widow, ( <b>June</b> )<br>but he frustrates<br>the ways of the wicked. ( <b>July</b> ) |

**"... The Lord watches over the Foreigner..." Psalm 147:9 (April)**

**THINK**

*"Do not oppress a foreigner; you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt." –Exodus 23:9*

**Discuss:** *From the two passages above what is God's heart toward the foreigner? How does he want the Israelites to respond?*

*"...I was a stranger and you invited me in (Jesus)." Matthew 25:35.*

*"Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." –Hebrews 13:1-2*

**Discuss:** *How am I currently showing hospitality to strangers? If you're not currently, what might it look like for you to begin doing so?*

*"... live out your time as foreigners here with reverent fear." –1 Peter 1:17*

**Discuss:** *This passage shows all believers are strangers on earth. What does it look like to live as a stranger in the world?*

**DO**

*On a global scale, refugees are individuals who have left their country to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster; watch a Refugee story or read their stories.*

*At your local level, is there a way you can show radically ordinary hospitality to someone this summer?  
Check out the book: Gospel Comes with a House Key, or watch this short video.  
Purchase refugee made items from Treetops Collective or Preemptive love.*

**PRAY**

*Adore: God we praise you for being the ultimate one who "watches over the Foreigner."*

*Confess: We confess our lack of empathy or time in welcoming strangers and foreigners into our lives.*

*Ask: Remind us we are foreigners in this world and give us a heart of hospitality toward the stranger and may you surprise us with the angels we entertain because we followed you.*

*References: What does the bible say about refugees? <https://www.worldvision.org/refugees-news-stories/what-does-bible-say-about-refugees>*