

# Sovereign Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

## Evening Devotion Outline

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*The whole Lord's Day is to be a day of worship and praise to God. This evening devotion is a great way to close out the Lord's Day by reflecting on God's word and works through Christ. Begin with reading the opening Scriptures. Pray the Lord's Prayer together and sing a Psalm or hymn. Have someone read the passage of Scripture (taken from the "first reading" of the morning service). Once you listen to the devotion, reflect with a few (or all) of the questions for reflection and close with singing and prayer.*

*The audio for the devotion can be accessed at [sgrpc.org/sermons](http://sgrpc.org/sermons).*

*Suggested Scripture readings for the week ahead are included as well.*

*All Scripture is quoted from the English Standard Version.*

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### Opening Scriptures

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (*John 6:35*)

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (*John 8:12*)

"I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." (*John 10:9*)

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (*John 10:11*)

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." (*John 11:25-26*)

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (*John 14:6*)

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." (*John 15:5*)

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
    in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
    For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
    and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Suggested Psalms and Hymns (from the *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*)

33 – *With Joy Let Us Sing to the LORD*

243 – *How Firm a Foundation*

**Scripture Reading** ..... John 1:1-18

**Devotion** ..... Pastor Jeffrey Carter  
    "*Behold the Word of God*"

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**Outline:** In the opening verses to John's Gospel, we see:

1. A Word – Jesus is the divine Word
2. A Witness – John the Baptist bore a faithful witness
3. A Will – God's perfect will leads to our adoption
4. The Incarnation – The Word became flesh and *tabernacled* among us
5. Our Salvation – Jesus Christ brings grace upon grace
6. A Revelation – Jesus makes the invisible Father known

### Questions for Reflection:

1. What Old Testament book is John alluding too as he begins his Gospel? Why do you think he begins this way?
2. How does John prove the divinity of Jesus Christ in the opening verses of John?
3. John the Baptist was an extremely important public figure in Jesus's day. What was his central aim in ministry? In what ways ought we to be like him?

4. How do we become children of God?
5. How does John describe the incarnation of the Word of God (i.e. what's the Old Testament imagery behind verse 14)?
6. What is "grace"? Why do we need it? How often do we need it?
7. How can we learn what the Father is like? Why would we want to?
8. What are some parallels you notice between these verses in John's Gospel and what we've seen thus far in 1 John?

**Closing Hymn** ..... TPH #446

*Be Thou My Vision*

**Closing Scripture and Prayer** ..... Hebrews 13:20–21

<sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **Scripture Readings for the Week**

*To build on our understanding of John 1:1–18, read the following passages and reflect on what they tell you about Jesus himself, the Father, and your life and salvation.*

**Monday:** The bread of life – John 6:35–40

**Tuesday:** The light of the world – John 8:12

**Wednesday:** The door and the good shepherd – John 10:1–18

**Thursday:** The resurrection and the life – John 11:17–27, 38–44

**Friday:** The way, truth, and life – John 14:1–11

**Saturday:** The true vine – Joh 15:1–11