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WELCOME: Fixing Our Focus

Suggested Icebreaker:

Let each GG member share their answers to this question: What is one warning someone gave you that you wish you had listened to? Alternatively, they may answer this question instead: What is one warning you are grateful to have listened to? Allow each GG member to share the stories behind their answers as well.

WORSHIP: Adoring Our God

Suggested song:

- [Lord, I Need You](#)
- [Lord Have Mercy](#)
- [Just As I Am](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will examine their hearts and reflect upon whether they have been Christ-centered or self-centered lately.
2. GG members will be encouraged to follow a Christ-centered path, rejecting what is of the flesh and embracing healthy spirituality.

INTRODUCTION

Last time, we read about how Jesus Christ healed and taught a multitude of people on a level place. Specifically, He taught about the blessings that would come to those who followed Him and were Christ-centered. In today's passage, He contrasted those blessings with warnings for those who were self-centered.

Jesus pronounced several woes to the self-centered (vv. 24–26)

From a pronouncement of blessings, Jesus Christ shifted His teachings to a pronouncement of woes. These woes are for those people who may be summarized as those who have given into a self-centered life.

1. The text begins with the conjunction “but,” signaling a certain kind of transition from the previous text. In light of this, what can we observe from the way Christ outlined His pronouncement of woes? How many blessings were in verses 20-22? How many woes were in verses 24-26? How does each blessing compare to each woe?
2. What are each of the actions described in each of the woes Jesus pronounces? Within each verse, what are the reasons for each woe?
3. Do a word study on the word “woe” and unpack its meaning. What can we learn about the word from the original language? How is it defined in the dictionary? How would you translate it into our native language?
4. Recall the type of audience Jesus was speaking to. How might they have taken Christ's pronouncements of blessings and woes?
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Application

We can confidently trust in the Lord Jesus Christ because He set the example for us to live a blessed life instead of a woeful one. His death and resurrection, which we celebrate every first Sunday of the month, remind us that He has given us a new life where we can experience joy instead of misery. Take a moment to thank Him for what He has done. You may also share with the group what particular areas of self-centeredness Christ has helped you surrender now that you are following Him.

It is perhaps not that bold of an assumption to say that everyone has at one point been guilty of the woes Jesus Christ taught in the passage. At the current time, which of the four woes do you find yourself needing to repent of? Share your answer with the group and allow them to minister to you.

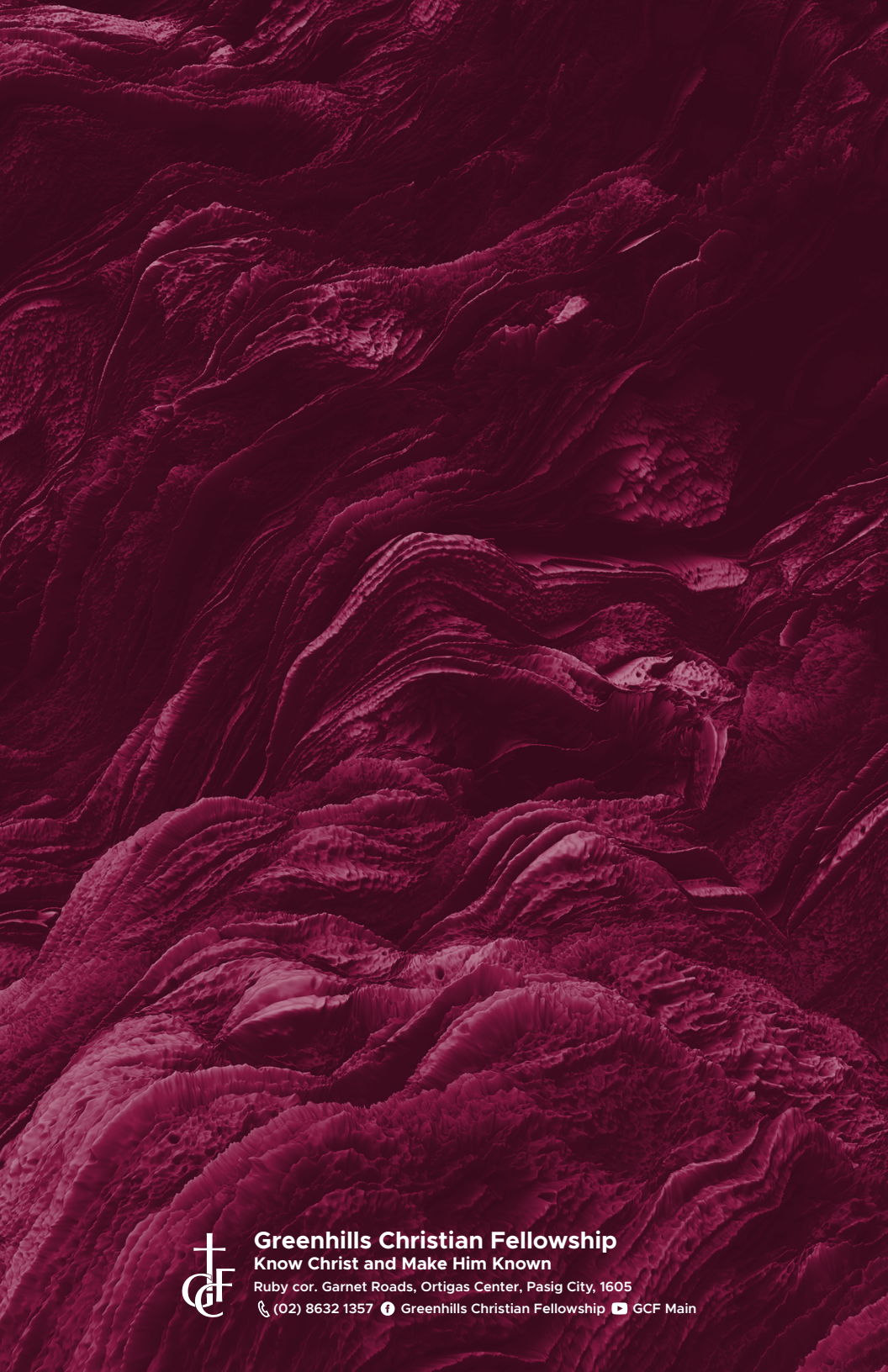
PRAYER ITEM

Dear God, You alone are worthy to be followed. For my sake, You became poor. You are the Bread of Life who satisfies me. You know my suffering and endured the scorn of man. When I remember who You are and what You have done for me, life becomes full of joy. Grant me the discipline I need in following You, that by turning from our self-centeredness, I may become more like Christ. I ask that this would, in turn, allow others to discover You and want to follow You. This I pray in Jesus' name. Amen. ■



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