

STM Team Meeting Agenda

Month of December

1. Open/Brief Prayer 2 minutes

2. Communication/Reminders 2-3 minutes

- **STM 2018 Monthly Fast**, 3rd Wednesday of the month
 - **Meet & Greet with Pastors Joel & Victoria**, January 2019
 - **Team Night, Friday**, January 25, 2019
 - **Leadership Lab, Saturday**, January 26, 2019 (Leaders only)
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3. Weekly Discussion 7-12 minutes

Monthly Topic: **God's Protection (Psalm 91)**

WEEK ONE: Psalm 91:1-2 NIV, *Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

Weekly Reflection Thought: Think about how abiding and trusting in God results in rest and protection.

For Further Discussion: When we declare and believe that God is our refuge and fortress, then God becomes our dwelling place. When we declare that He is "my God," it is a sign of trust and personal conviction. The author of this psalm experienced God's protection and can proclaim with confidence that He is a God that we can trust. Discuss how you've experienced God's protection and how that has made you call Him "my God." Discuss how important it is to constantly remember the promises that have been fulfilled in your life.

WEEK TWO: Psalm 91:4 NIV, *He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.*

Weekly Reflection Thought: Like a baby bird, we have wings to run under for protection. Proverbs 18:10 (NLT), says "The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe."

For Further Discussion: God alone will protect and shield us. A "rampart" is derived from the concept of a circle. In other words, God's faithfulness encircles us with a shield. We are covered on all sides and completely hidden from harm. Take time to pray God's shield of protection around our church, our families, our children and their schools.

NEXT WEEK'S FASTING FOCUS

Monthly Prayer/Fasting Focus:

Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.
Psalm 91:14-16 NIV,

Pray for the STM volunteers, congregants, leaders, and staff of Lakewood Church:

- To grow in the knowledge of God's desire and ability to protect them
- To rest in the shadow of the Almighty
- To be free from worry and fear
- To believe for a long, full, and satisfied life

WEEK THREE: Psalm 91:5-7 MSG, *Fear nothing—not wild wolves in the night, not flying arrows in the day, not disease that prowls through the darkness, not disaster that erupts at high noon. Even though others succumb all around, drop like flies right and left, no harm will even graze you. You’ll stand untouched, watch it all from a distance, watch the wicked turn into corpses.*

Weekly Reflection Thought: No matter where you are - at home, or out and about – God is there to protect you. The one who walks with God never walks alone.

For Further Discussion: This verse says fear nothing and then lists things that in the natural may appear frightening. All of these are things might take us by surprise and seemingly come out of nowhere, but we have no reason to fear the unknown. Even if these things happen, God promises that no harm will come near us. What a testimony to be a believer, to be at peace during an attack, knowing that we will come out better than before. Even though it may look like things are coming against you, no harm will overtake you. It will not have victory over you. Have you been thinking about and fearing the unknown? Discuss how this verse shows us that we have nothing to fear or worry about.

WEEK FOUR: Psalm 91:14-16 NIV, *Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”*

Weekly Reflection Thought: Usually it is the master who calls and the servant who answers. Think of the amazing God we serve who is happy to answer and help when we call on Him.

For Further Discussion: In this passage of scripture, we hear God talk about us. Have you ever overheard a parent or teacher, or someone in authority say something nice about you? It doesn’t compare to God saying “because he loves me, I will protect him.” Those who truly call Him “my God,” can expect God’s faithful response. Discuss how God isn’t just “present” with us in trouble – but is willing to help us and deliver us. Do you have a situation that you need God to help with? Call on Him and He will answer!

4. Closing Prayer/Encouragement **2-3 minutes**
Reminder: Pray for Pastor/Speaker, Worship, Harvest

TOTAL TIME: **15-20 minutes**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Team Night 2019

Pastors Joel and Victoria and the Osteen family invite you to join them and the Lakewood staff for a special church-wide volunteer Team Night, followed by an after party. All active volunteers will be issued one (1) complimentary ticket. Your ministry area will communicate instructions for ticket distribution in the coming weeks ahead.

Make plans to attend! You don’t want to miss this special night in honor of you!