

Schedule	Section	# Question	Short Answer	Scripture Reference	Scripture Text	Prayer
August 19 - 27	Christ, Redemption, Grace	21	What sort of Redeemer is needed to bring us back to God?  One who is truly human and also truly God.	Isaiah 9:6	For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.	Son of God and Son of Man, for generations you were prophesied. Only One who is both divine and human could live in perfect obedience and be a fitting sacrifice on our behalf. There is no other way to God but by you. Amen.
August 31 - September 10		22	Why must the Redeemer be truly human?  That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin.	Hebrews 2:17	Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.	Faithful High Priest, you were tempted in every way as we are, yet you remained perfect in your obedience. Thank you that you know our weakness. Keep us from excusing or denying our sinfulness. We joyfully accept your exchange. Amen.
September 13 - 24		23	Why must the Redeemer be truly God?  That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective.	Acts 2:24	God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.	God the Son, because of our sin, we could never bear the wrath of God or overcome death. Only you, the Holy One, could suffer the just punishment for sin and defeat death. Thank you for making a way for us to God, to enjoy him eternally. Amen.
September 27 - October 8		24	Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?  Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God.	Colossians 1:21-22	And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.	Atoning Savior, thank you that you didn't turn back, but endured all the way to death on the cross, and beyond. Because of your death, we can live eternally. With this knowledge, help us face our own deaths with courage, faith, and hope. Amen.
October 12 - 22		25	Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?  Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God will remember our sins no more.	2 Corinthians 5:21	For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.	Forgiving Father, when we are covered in the righteousness of Christ, you remember our sins no more. You have put them as far as the east is from the west. Help us not to doubt your forgiveness, your mercy, or your love, but come to you boldly as your beloved children. Amen.
October 25 - November 5		26	What else does Christ's death redeem?  Every part of fallen creation.	Colossians 1:19-20	For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.	Creation's Redeemer, the world will not always be as it is now, fallen and groaning for the fullness of your kingdom. Thank you that, ultimately, you will make all things new. We rejoice that your redemption extends to the world you have made. Amen.
November 8 - 17		28	What happens after death to those not united to Christ by faith?  They will be cast out from the presence of God, into hell, to be justly punished, forever.	John 3:16-18, 36	For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. . . . Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.	Judge of All the Earth, we tremble to think of the judgment that awaits all outside your covenant. Before it is too late, may those we love be reconciled to you so that they do not suffer the punishment that is theirs, and would have been ours, apart from you. Amen.
November 29 - December 10		29	How can we be saved?  Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross.	Ephesians 2:8-9	For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.	Merciful One, we renounce our pride and all pretensions of self-righteousness, and we come to you in repentance and faith. We trust your death to give us life. We praise you for the gift of salvation. Amen.

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December 13 - January 7		30	What is faith in Jesus Christ?	Receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.	Galatians 2:20	I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.	Author of Our Faith, we believe that you are who you say you are. Your Word is truth, and it reveals you as our only hope of salvation. We believe your promises, walking by faith, not by sight. Amen.
January 10 - 21		31	What do we believe by true faith?	We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.	Jude 3	I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.	Maker of Heaven and Earth, make the startling claims of our faith come alive to us. Let us not divorce theological truth from the history of your salvation, which occurred in time and space. Let us not waver in unbelief, but rest our lives upon the truth that you raise the dead. Amen.
Januar 24 - February 4		32	What do justification and sanctification mean?	Justification means our declared righteousness before God. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness.	1 Peter 1:1-2	To those who are elect exiles . . . according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.	Our Savior and Lord, you have completed the work of our justification. You have begun the work of our sanctification, and we trust that you will carry us through to its completion. Transform us day by day into your likeness, conforming us to your ways. Amen.
February 7 - 18		33	Should those who have faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works, or anywhere else?	No, everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ.	Galatians 2:16	Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.	One and Only God, keep us from trusting in good works or living in such a way that we imply they are the grounds of our salvation. Let us glorify your grace by leaning our whole weight upon it, staking our lives on the promise that you are the beginning and the end of our salvation. Amen.
February 22 - 25		35	Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?	From the Holy Spirit.	Titus 3:4-6	But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.	Holy Spirit, you sought us when we could not seek you because we were dead in our trespasses and sins. You are the giver of our faith; none of us would believe apart from your regenerating grace, by which you make hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. Let us put aside all boasting in light of your undeserved mercy. Amen.
February 28 - March 11		36	What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?	That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son.	John 14:16-17	And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.	God Our Help, we thank you for sending your Spirit to live in us. Thank you that he chastens and disciplines, strengthens and comforts us. Let us live the life of faith in his power, not our own. Let us walk the path of obedience, filled with his joy. Amen.

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March 14 - 25	Spirit, Restoration, Growing in Grace	37	How does the Holy Spirit help us? The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.	Ephesians 6:17-18	And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.	God the Spirit, have your way in us. Shine your light on the secret sins of our hearts. Equip us for tasks that are too large for us. Make us glad in what delights you. Intercede for us and open our eyes to rightly understand the Word of truth. Amen.
April 4 - 8		38	What is prayer? Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God.	Psalms 62:8	Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.	Our Great Refuge, thank you for calling us to prayer. You are not far away; you are near, and you hear us when we pray. Let us pour out our hearts to you without ceasing. Let us pray without guile, bringing our true selves before your throne of grace. Amen.
April 11 - 22		39	With what attitude should we pray? With love, perseverance, and gratefulness.	Philippians 4:6	Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.	Loving Father, we come to you in the name of your beloved Son. Give us perseverance in prayer, even when we do not immediately see answers. Let us believe that you will not keep back any good thing from us, and trust that you will withhold those things we seek that would harm us. Your ways are higher than our ways, and we entrust our requests to your sovereign kindness. Amen.
April 25 - 29		40	What should we pray? The whole Word of God directs us in what we should pray.	Ephesians 3:14-21	For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.	God Who Hears, let your living Word shape our desires and our prayers. May it challenge us to pray for things that don't seem possible. May it inform our view of you as we approach you as beloved sons and daughters. May it drive us to our knees as we recognize our need of you. Amen.
May 2 - 13		41	What is the Lord's Prayer? Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.	Matthew 6:9	Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.	Our Father in Heaven, when we pray the prayer that you taught us, keep us from reciting empty words. Let these petitions be the cries of our hearts. Bring your kingdom on earth to us and through us for your great name's sake. Amen.
May 16 - 20		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.	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.	Risen and Ascended Lord, though you no longer walk this earth, you rule over us from your throne. All authority and power are in you. Your name is above all names. Raise us up at the last day to live with you in your kingdom. Amen.

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May 23 - 27		50	What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?	Christ triumphed over sin and death so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come.	1 Thessalonians 4:13-14	But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.	Resurrecting God, make us mindful that death is not the end for us. Save us from the judgment we deserve, and make us faithful to implore others to flee from the wrath to come. We look in hope to the joy that will be ours when, saved from that wrath through the merits of Christ, we will be clothed with resurrected bodies to reign on a renewed earth. Amen.
May 31 - June 8		52	What hope does everlasting life hold for us?	That we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be forever freed from all sin in a renewed, restored creation.	Revelation 21:1-4	Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."	Eternal God, we eagerly await the fullness of your kingdom. We long for every tear to be dried. We groan for the day when we no longer struggle against the flesh. Let the sure hope of everlasting life give us courage to face the trials of this life. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!