



“You are the only Bible some unbelievers will ever read” says our picture for this week. “Unbeliever” brings to mind non-Christians. But it can mean those that have lost their faith or someone whose faith has grown cold and dormant. An “unbeliever” can also be someone who believes they are unlovable or unforgivable, someone who is unwilling to forgive or has become bitter, someone going through the motions but not truly living out their faith, lacking the Joy of the Lord.

“In Your presence there is fullness of joy” (Psalm 16:11). Being a part of CCGD, we know that the Holy Spirit is not just a figure in the Bible, but the Spirit living in you and me! We have experienced the power of the gifts of the Holy Spirit! We are two weeks away from Pentecost; how is your lamb chop, “everyday witness” looking?

God has given our lamb chop a special charge. He has called us His Delight, to share His joy with those we encounter! We are blessed to have covenant brothers and sisters to call us on and help us enhance our lamb chop so that it is more powerful for God.

Our teacher this week is Damian Stayne. He is the founder of Cor et Lumen Christi, a covenant community, in England. Damian, who has spoken all over the world, leads an incredibly powerful healing ministry and school. This week he will be teaching us about “The Kingdom of Joy”.

This week let's own Nehemiah 8:10, "the joy of the Lord is my strength"! May God be all of our strength as we daily strive to shine forth our name, **God's Delight!**

Week 5's Video (start to minute 5:54): [Kingdom of Joy by Damian Stayne](#)

Brothers and Sisters,

The Holy Spirit powerfully added to this week's challenge yesterday through Fr. Mike Schmitz's homily. I highly encourage each of you to listen to this bonus teaching. It is an incredible message for God's Delight to own.

Week 5's Bonus video: [6th Sunday of Easter Homily - Fr. Mike Schmitz](#)

Personal Challenge – We are God's delight! This week let's live up to our name by building up a Covenant brother or sister. Your challenge is to ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind a brother or sister who by living a life in the Spirit has called you on in your faith. You can write, call, or in some way connect with them and share how they have encouraged your faith walk.

"Family" Challenge – Game time! Have one "family" member secretly ask and write down each "family" member's favorite scripture verse. Once the verse are written down, read each verse and then take turns guessing which scripture verse goes to which "family" member. Once you have discovered the matches, take turns finding out why the scripture is each person's favorite.

Blessings,

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