



AN INVITATION TO A 40 DAYS JOURNEY TO EASTER!

The **season of lent** begins Wednesday, March 6 and ends April 20, culminating on Easter Sunday with the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord! A 40-Day devotional reading through the **Gospel of Matthew (28 chapters)** and the **Book of Hebrews (13 chapters)** is encouraged for reflecting on Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and its impact on humanity and the world. The 40 days include all days except Sundays. The reading begins with Matthew 1 on March 6 and ends with reading the last two chapters of Hebrews (12-13) on April 20. Participants will be encouraged to do the reading using a dramatized version of the Bible through the Audio app or The Bible Experience, which is on the Sound Cloud app. (Please scroll through The Bible Experience page to find the readings for Matthew and Hebrews.)

A Prayer and Journaling Opportunity: Participants would read one chapter a day; within each day's reading, they would search for Jesus, journal, if they will, what they learn about Him, and end by praying that chapter. The praying would include thanksgiving for Jesus and His work of salvation on our behalf; it would include asking the Spirit to help us to see Jesus so that we can follow Him and become more like Him and confess where we fall short and turn from it; it would include asking the Spirit to help us see people the way Jesus did and allowing the Spirit to bring real life people to mind for whom we pray for either their salvation or for their growth in Christ. In keeping with our annual theme, this praying could also mean that we will be open to being used of the Spirit to love a brother or sister in Christ in concrete ways and/or to witness to a friend, relative, co-worker, neighbor, etc. who is without Christ. If you don't already have a prayer partner with whom you pray weekly, consider partnering with someone of the same gender, if not your spouse, for this Lenten journey. The two of you will set your own time.

The reference for each day's reading would be posted on the CPBC app! Perhaps from this reading you could share a "favorite Bible verse in the Community Encouragement section of the Clifton Park app and respond to someone else's favorite verse," as stated in the Passport in the Christian Education section.. Only this portion receives a stamp for your Passport!

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