



2022 Q3 In the Crucible with Christ—Lesson 1 The Shepherd's Crucible

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Introduction to the Lesson Guide

The Crucified Creator—what does it mean to you that the Creator God is the One who died on the Cross?

Does it inspire or discourage?

In Old Testament times or during the Roman Empire, how do you think a pagan would react if you witnessed to them about your God who was coming to die on the cross?

Would a God who could be killed by humans be considered one worth following? Possibly, as many of the Pharaohs and Caesars considered themselves gods and they died or were killed, so perhaps. But didn't the people primarily value power and it was the powerful gods that people wanted to follow?

Why would powerful gods get followers? Because sin causes fear and we don't want to be afraid; we want to feel safe and secure, so we want a god that can protect us and make us feel safe.

But we also don't want to depend on the whims of the gods, we want to make ourselves feel safe, so if we can have a powerful god that we can influence with our behaviors, our worship, our offerings, our sacrifices to do what we want, then all the better.

So, how might the only true God, who would allow Himself to be beaten and crucified, be received by many?

Why is Jesus, our Creator who was crucified, worthy of your heart, love, devotion, loyalty, praise and worship?

Because it is not merely about power—it is about the character of the one who wields the power. And what does the Cross tell us about the character of the one who wields the power? That we are safe with Him, that He will never use power to force us to do things His way. That for the rest of us power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely, but:

Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
7 but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,



being made in human likeness.
8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. (Php 2:5–11 NIV84).

Jesus would rather allow His creatures to kill Him than use His power to stop us from doing so. Why? Because God is love and love only exists in freedom. Take freedom away and love is destroyed and rebellion is instilled and if freedom isn't restored then individuality is eroded and people become shadow people, mindless followers acting out of fear rather than love. Or they are robots, puppets, controlled by the one in charge.

What God wants is our love, devotion, loyalty, friendship, and trust and this cannot be achieved by force or might thus the Bible says:

Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty (Zechariah 4:6 NIV84).

It is by presenting truth in love and leaving people free that God wins people to trust. And in trust we open the heart and His Spirit comes in and heals and transforms taking the victory of Christ, the character of Christ, and reproducing it in us.

The third paragraph states, “We can experience only our own griefs, our own sorrows; at the cross He bore “our griefs, and carried our sorrows” (Isaiah 53:4)—all of them.”

What does this mean?

What law lens do we understand the sin problem and God's solution for it through?

If we view God's law functioning like human law, imposed rules that require policing, adjudication with a ruling of guilt or innocence, infliction of penalties upon the guilty to punish sin and uphold the integrity of the law, then this idea means that Jesus came as our substitute to take up our legal liability. He came to be tempted like us and overcome the temptations and be sinless so that when He is punished by God for our sins that punishment will not be legally necessary to apply to Jesus' record and therefore there is an unused legal punishment that has been paid to the heavenly authorities that can be transferred and legally applied to the account of those who claim that blood payment.

But this legal application of inflicted punishment and payment of a blood debt to the ruling god is only able to be applied if the innocent party suffers for every single violation of the law. Therefore, all sins,



every single act of sin committed by every single person who has ever lived from Adam's fall all they way until the final end of sinners, was placed on Jesus and God punished Jesus for those sins, thus His punishment was much more severe than any other person in history.

Thoughts about this?

First, what kind of being, god or human, would actually choose to use their power to **inflict** punishment upon an innocent party instead of the guilty? If God's kingdom worked that way, where it is righteous to find a willing innocent person guilty and inflict punishment upon the innocent party in place of the guilty, and then declare that the guilty party is legally innocent, what would it say about that kingdom and those in charge? It would say the kingdom is corrupt, unjust, and perverse and so are those who run the system.

This is why Satan has infected Christianity with the lie that God's law functions like human law, because it results in concepts being taught about God that makes God out to look Satan in character, unforgiving, severe, arbitrary, the source of inflicted pain, suffering and death for sin, a being who is willing to torture and kill the innocent in place of the guilty. And trust in God is undermined while trust in religious ritual, blood payments, legal adjustments and all other types of means to hide us and protect us from this punishing god are advanced.

Consider the doctrines and ideas taught in Christianity that have as their primary function to hide us or protect us from God, such as:

- Covered by the robe of Christ's righteousness so when the Father looks at us He cannot see our wickedness but only the righteousness of Christ that covers our wickedness
- Covered by the blood which can mean the same thing as the robe of righteousness, something obscuring God's view of us, or can mean legally covering over our record and erasing out of the book the record of our sins
- Jesus as mediator standing between us and the Father pleading His blood to the Father—why? Because the Father is angry, wrathful, and His holiness is offended by our sin and Jesus pleads His blood to propitiate and turn aside God's wrath lest God torture and kill us.
- Jesus, Mary and the Saints stand between God and sinners pleading with the Father not to harm us because God is so angry even the pleas of Jesus are not enough

This is all contrary to Scripture, exactly the opposite of the truth, and is the result of accepting the lie that God's law functions like human law.

When we return to design law, that God is Creator and His laws are the laws that He built life to operate upon, we understand that sin breaks God's design for life and results in death unless God fixes the damages and restores His living law into us. Just as the Scripture teaches:

- The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23)
- Sin when full grown brings forth death (James 1:15)
- The one who sows to the carnal nature from that nature reaps destruction (Galatians 6:8)



God is the source of life and death does not come from God, it comes from sin, from breaking God's design for life and separating ourselves from the source of life.

We are "dead in trespass and sin" we have a terminal sin condition that we inherited from Adam and we cannot cure it.

Without Jesus every single human being would die from this condition, but God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to provide the remedy so that whoever trusts in Him should not die from sin but be restored to everlasting life.

God was in the Son reconciling the world to Himself.

Thus, He took our griefs and carried our sorrows means He took the terminal condition upon Himself and rather than succumbing to it—He "destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light" 2Timothy 1:10.

In the humanity of Jesus Christ He experienced the full weight of what sin causes, the temptations, the fear, the anxiety, the heart-breaking agony and was tempted to use power to save self, to doubt His Father. But with every temptation He chose to trust His Father and act in love.

Thus in Jesus, in the humanity of Jesus, by exercising His human abilities He destroyed the death causing principle that He inherited through Mary and solidified the life causing principle that He inherited through the Holy Spirit into His human character that He developed by His choices as a human being.

Thus, "once he was made perfect he became the source of salvation for all who obey him" (Hebrews 5:9).

Every act of sin committed by every single human being throughout history was not placed upon Jesus and punished by God. Jesus partook of the sin-condition that every human suffers with and that every human is tempted by and Jesus destroyed that condition and established a new sinless humanity becoming the new head of humanity, the second Adam.

Read the sixth paragraph on page 3, "As we look at these people..." How is it true that Jesus went through worse trials and struggles than other people and how is it not true?

- Did Jesus experience the longest time of unjust imprisonment of any human?
- Did Jesus experience the longest time of being physically abused and tortured before dying of the torture of any human in history?
- Did Jesus experience the greatest exploitation by those in power of any person in history?
- Did Jesus experience the greatest betrayal of someone close to him of any person in history?
- Did Jesus experience the greatest childhood trauma and abuse of anyone in history?
- Did Jesus experience the greatest marital conflict, abuse, mistreatment and marital exploitation and abuse of anyone in history?



How did Jesus suffer more?

- He was tempted in ways no other human has been tempted—to use powers we do not have—such as turning a rock into bread.
 - However, this temptation is only different from our temptations in form or degree. It is not difference in type. It was a temptation to use power inappropriately, for selfish means. While no human has the power to turn rock to bread, many humans have been tempted with the abuse of power, of using their abilities or whatever power they have for selfish purposes. So, this temptation while different in the type of power utilized is the same in root, the temptation to misuse one's power. So I would not suggest this temptation by type is what is meant that Jesus suffered more.
- Who would suffer more if they were forced to look into the sun at noon—a person who is already blind or someone with very good vision?
 - Why would the person who has good vision suffer more than the blind person when both have their faces turned toward the sun and both have their eyes forcible opened?
 - Does the sun treat them differently?
 - Who suffers more if working in a sewer, a person who has lost their sense of smell or a person with a very sensitive ability to smell?
 - So, whose mind, heart, conscience is more sensitive to the sinfulness in the world, the suffering, the abuses, the diseases, the sin all around? Who would suffer more and be tormented in soul just walking around this world of sin and seeing and dealing with all they have to deal with, sinless Jesus or any of us?
- We have all heard about Queen Elizabeth of England—if you were told you were never going to see her, speak to her, or spend time with her from this moment onward for the rest of your life—how big of a loss would that be for your personally? How much suffering would you experience? How much heartache, loss of sleep, distress would that cause you?
 - What if you were told you could never see your spouse or child again for the rest of your life, how big of a loss would that be? What makes the difference?
 - So with Jesus, was His temptation to have His relationship with His Father, whom He has been united with in bonds of from all eternity, severed and broken greater than anything we can imagine?
 - Was the temptation for an infinite being to die greater than our temptation?
 - Was the temptation for an omnipresent being to permanently and for all eternity future give up that power, to restrict Himself permanently to a single point in space and time greater than any temptation we will ever suffer?
 - Did Jesus make sacrifices beyond anything any human could ever sacrifice? And we still don't know all that He has sacrificed for us.

Jesus was tempted in every WAY like us, meaning in all the various roots of sin that fear and selfishness exploit. He was tempted:

- With fatigue, hunger, thirst
- To use power for selfish ends
- With bestowal of power or to gain power
- With misquotation of the Bible



- With lies
- With overwork
- With false allegations
- To doubt
- To do for others what they must do for themselves (like solve family disagreements)
- With false worship
- By poverty
- With wealth
- By rejection
- By betrayal
- With fears of all kinds
- With physical pain and torture
- With death

But ultimately Jesus was tempted in a way that none of us will ever have to face. He was tempted alone. He experienced His unity with the Father severed, and He was not empowered or comforted by His Father's presence, but Jesus overcame on His own, in His own strength as a human by faith. He did not experience the peace and security of God's approval that Stephen experienced, but felt abandoned and let go by His Father.

We will NEVER have to go through that. We may face betrayal, accusation, being lied about, falsely arrested, imprisoned, even may even die as martyrs, but no follower of Christ is left to face such temptations alone. God's presence is with them comforting, inspiring, encouraging and strengthening and as the trials and temptations increase for us, God's grace and comforting presence increases all the more. But this was not so for Christ. He tread the winepress alone (Isaiah 63:3).

Jesus was tempted without the supernatural presence and power of His Father to help Him—why?

Because it was the only means whereby God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit could accomplish their joint goal of eradicating the sin's death causing principle from the species human and restoring the life causing principle within the human species.

Remember, Jesus stayed away when Lazarus was sick because had He gone sooner Lazarus would not have died. Jesus is the source of life and it was God's purpose to allow Lazarus to die and then for Jesus to resurrect him to give supreme evidence that He is our Savior and He has power over death and the grave.

Likewise, Jesus could not have died as our Savior if the Father, who is the source of life, did not let Him go, did not sever their connection. The abandonment of Jesus by the Father during the crucifixion was not an infliction of punishment, it was not the Father being so offended with some basket of sins dumped on His Son that He just couldn't stand it and had to leave. No! It was the purposeful action of our God of love to choose to break their eternal connection so that Jesus could complete the joint mission of destroying the sin infection by dying as a human and restoring the law of love into the humanity that He



had taken upon Himself. And thus Jesus arose with a new purified and perfected humanity and becomes the source of salvation for all who trust Him (Hebrews 5:9).

Praise God for Jesus! We will never have to go through what He went through. But we will have our own crucible, our own confrontation with temptation, with fear, with selfishness and will suffer and have to die to self. But we will never have to do it alone. Through every trial, struggle, temptation, if we choose to open the heart to God, to seek His presence, to fix our eyes on Christ, to trust Him He will be there with us, encouraging, guiding, strengthening and comforting until He finishes His work in us and frees us from all defects of His design for life.

SUNDAY

The lesson's focus is on the 23rd Psalm with Jesus being our Shepherd.

The lesson asks "What does the Shepherd do to care for His sheep?"

Let's go through the 23rd Psalm verse by verse and explore the truth God has for us there:

1. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 - God is watching out for me and I don't need to worry about where my support will come from. I can trust Him to provide all that my soul needs.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters
 - After we put our lives into the Shepherd's hands He will provide soul nurturance, support, love, comfort, sustenance to strengthen us, a safe harbor, a place to grow strong, to recover, to mature.
3. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
 - What is the soul? What does it mean to have it restored? He will heal our inner self, cleanse our consciences, and restore our individuality
 - How does Jesus do this?
 - He leads down what paths? What are the paths of righteousness? Is this a legal path, a path of claiming the legal righteousness of Jesus to our account so God declares us to be righteous while we remain unrighteous? Or is this a path that restores our soul to righteousness? That we actually become the righteousness of God (2Cor 5:21)?
 - He leads us in the path which restores us to righteousness, the path that makes us right inside, like He originally intended, so that He and His ways will be glorified in our lives
 - What does it mean for His name's sake? What does God's "name" mean in Scripture? It means His character. So, what is the message here? How is it for God's character's sake that He leads us in the paths of righteous for the restoring of our souls?
 - Does this remind you of any other passages in Scripture?



“Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: **It is not for your sake**, O house of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but **for the sake of my holy name**, which **you have profaned** among the nations where you have gone. 23 **I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned** among the nations, **the name you have profaned among them**. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Sovereign LORD, **when I show myself holy through you before their eyes**. 24 “ ‘For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and **you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities** and from all your idols. 26 **I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh**. 27 **And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws** (Ezekiel 36:22-27 NIV84).

- What does God do to magnify His name? He cleanses the people from sin. He destroys out of the hearts of people sinfulness, fear, selfishness and restores His living law of love into their hearts and minds. He makes them righteous! He doesn’t declare them righteous while they remain unrighteous, He transforms, heals, renews, and restores them to righteousness.

And this is how He magnifies His name—how does this magnify the name or character of God?

Because God is love. God is the source of life and health all of which operates upon the law of love. And God demonstrates through us the combined power of love and truth when applied to hearts and minds heals, that His ways actually restore to righteousness.

Consider this metaphor—a person is dying of terminal cancer. They are in the late stages, deformed, decrepit and emaciated. And a doctor comes along and provides them a treatment that cures the cancer. They are restored to perfect vibrant health.

Whose name or reputation is magnified in doing this, the sick dying person or the one who provides the cure?

4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
 - What is this about? Is this the valley of death or the shadow of death? Is it primarily about facing what we call death, the first death, or about something else?
 - What is the context? It is about our Shepherd leading us in the path of righteousness to restore our souls. It is about delivering us from sin and in order to be delivered from sin what must each of us go through?
 - The Shepherd, after providing for us, strengthening us, leads us in the path that will restore us to righteousness, and **that path to righteousness is through the valley that feels like we are going to die**. It is the valley in which self surrenders all to Jesus and is



crucified, the valley which frees us from the domination of fear and selfishness.

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20 NIV84).

“We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:4 NIV84).

- Our Shepherd, after providing the spiritual nurturance we need to comfort us, recover and restore us to strength, leads us in the path of righteousness to restore our souls. And that path leads us to face our own sinfulness, our own selfishness, our own carnal nature. And we will be faced with the feeling of dying inside, the valley of the shadow of death in which we die to selfishness and sin, die to the old carnal life. But our Shepherd’s rod of love and staff of truth is there to comfort us and guide us and protect us so we will not fear evil, but with our Shepherd confront it and die to it.
- And our Shepherd brings us into this valley over and over and over again until we come through it and stop running out of it. The addict who has hit rock bottom and prays to Jesus for deliverance, will find comfort, will find help, a green pasture and still waters, and forgiveness from sin, the guilt and shame taken away. There will be strengthening, but then that person will be led into the valley where they will face strong temptation and many will turn back to their substance to comfort themselves, to take away the bad feeling of dying to self. It is only when they cling to Jesus and go through the valley and refuse to turn back to their old substances or whatever their historic sin pattern was and truly die to self that they experience the victory. And thus Jesus will lead us through this over and over again until we get the victory.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

- Having died to self, having the righteousness of Christ reproduced with in us, having new hearts and right spirits, having our souls restored, we will face many enemies. Enemies of God in our communities, families, and churches, but we will not despair because God prepares a table for us filled with everything we need—the unleavened bread, the new wine that nurtures our healed souls despite the attacks of our enemies. And He anoints our minds with the oil of His Holy Spirit to enlighten, inspire, comfort, encourage, transform, and strengthen. We are never abandoned or let go by our Shepherd. Our cup of salvation, of love, of grace, of blessings from our Shepherd overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever. (Psalm 23:1-6 NKJV)

- Following our Shepherd, living in harmony with Him and His design laws, we grow in goodness and live out His principles experiencing His mercy for the rest of our earthly



lives and we are living stones built together into a house for the Lord and thus we will dwell for all eternity in God's heavenly home.

MONDAY

Read first paragraph, "Imagine the..." What is the key to staying on the path of righteousness?

We to fix our eyes upon Christ, modeling ourselves after Him, allowing Christ to be the model of perfection and the full revelation of God's character to us.

Then, in that love relationship with Jesus, we choose, in governance of ourselves, to do that which we know is right and healthy for us in any given situation and we trust Jesus with how things turn out.

We stop trying to control the future; we stop trying to control others and what others think of us, and focus on living in harmony with God and bringing glory to Him in all that we do.

TUESDAY

The lesson focuses on the valley of the shadow of death and asks, "How do you think the sheep ended up in the valley? Do you think the sheep went there on their own, or did the Shepherd lead the sheep that way Himself?"

Does it matter what we understand that valley to be? If we think this is the valley of temporal death, then there are all kinds of reasons a person could be in that valley—some lead themselves there by choosing self-destructive actions, some are tempted by God's enemy to go there like Samson, some are taken there against their will like Stephen and Paul, some are taken their by age or disease like King Hezekiah.

But if we understand the valley isn't about temporal death, but the shadow of death, the valley in which we die to selfishness and sin then who takes us there?

Does Hebrews 2:14-15 have any bearing on this?

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. (Hebrews 2:14–15 NIV84).

WEDNESDAY

Read first paragraph, "Throughout our lives..." What is the world's way of dealing with enemies?



Do we judge our enemies and condemn them and seek to punish them whether in courts of law or socially or politically or in acts of violence or war against them?

What is God's way?

Do we judge what is wrong by a different standard, by the standards of eternal health, thus we diagnose the problem that infects the hearts of our enemies and we seek to bring them God's eternal healing solution and if that happens, what happens to our enemy? They become our friend—listen to this from 2Corinthians 5:16-20:

“No longer, then, do we judge anyone by human standards. Even if at one time we judged Christ according to human standards, we no longer do so. Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come. All this is done by God, who through Christ **changed us from enemies into his friends and gave us the task of making others his friends also**. Our message is that God was making the whole human race his friends through Christ. God did not keep an account of their sins, and he has given us the message which tells how he makes them his friends. Here we are, then, speaking for Christ, as though God himself were making his appeal through us. **We plead on Christ's behalf: let God change you from enemies into his friends!**” (2 Co 5:16–20 GNT).

This is why we are to love our enemies and pray for those who mistreat us so that the kingdom of God can advance.

THURSDAY

Bottom green section asks, “What evidence is there from your own knowledge of God that can illustrate the certainty that His goodness and unfailing love pursue us?”

FRIDAY

Read top section, which is a quote from Messages to Young People:

“Those who are finally victorious will have seasons of terrible perplexity and trial in their religious life; but they must not cast away their confidence, for **this is a part of their discipline** in the school of Christ, and it is essential in order that all dross may be purged away. The servant of God must endure with fortitude the attacks of the enemy, his grievous taunts, and must overcome the obstacles which Satan will place in his way...

“**But if you keep looking up**, not down at your difficulties, you will not faint in the way, **you will soon see Jesus reaching His hand to help you**, and you will only have to give Him your hand in simple confidence, and let Him lead you. As you become trustful, you will become hopeful...



“You will find help in Christ to form a strong, symmetrical, beautiful character. Satan cannot make of none effect the light shining forth from such a character... God has given us His best gift, even His only-begotten Son, to uplift, ennoble, and fit us, by putting on us His own perfection of character, for a home in His kingdom.” (MYP 63-64)

Well a little over a week ago, before I read the lesson for this week, I woke early in the morning with something on my mind that I couldn't let go of. I turned over and tried to go back to sleep, but I couldn't, these thoughts kept going through my mind. So I got up went to my office and wrote out what I was dreaming/thinking about in about 20 minutes and it is the blog posted for this week. But after reading this quotation from Friday's lesson, I thought it would be appropriate to share it with you in class today:

Look to Jesus

When the storms are raging, look to Jesus
When the boat is sinking, look to Jesus
When the tides are rising, look to Jesus
For Jesus is always there

When the cupboards are bare, look to Jesus
When your friends don't care, look to Jesus
When life is unfair, look to Jesus
For Jesus always cares

When the pain just won't stop, look to Jesus
When your heart aches from loss, look to Jesus
When all hope seems lost, look to Jesus
For Jesus is always there

When guilt crushes the soul, look to Jesus
When shame takes its toll, look to Jesus
When you feel all alone, look to Jesus
For Jesus always cares

When tempted with doubt, look to Jesus
When fear is all about, look to Jesus
When you don't know the route, look to Jesus
For Jesus is always there

When you don't know why, look to Jesus
When you can only cry, look to Jesus
When you just want to die, look to Jesus
For Jesus always cares

When you feel beaten and low, look to Jesus



When trust just won't grow, look to Jesus
When you don't know where to go, look to Jesus
For Jesus is always there

When you don't know the choice, look to Jesus
When you don't have a voice, look to Jesus
When life has no joys, look to Jesus
For Jesus always cares

Always look to Jesus, for
Jesus saves
Jesus cares, and
Jesus is always there

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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Remedy app: The Remedy is available as a free app and includes the New Testament, Psalms and Genesis.

Building update: We have been delayed due to HVAC issues. The city wouldn't issue permits without an HVAC engineer drawing plans. We hired an HVAC engineer who over engineered the plans resulting in the company bidding the job making a bid inordinately more expensive than our space requires. So at this time we are having a second engineer redo the plans to get a more appropriate bid.

July 15-16, 2022: Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the United Healthcare Summit in Grand Rapids MI. His talk will be entitled COVID and the Manipulation of Your Mind. More details at <https://unitedhealthcaresummit.com/>

August 13, 2022: Dr. Jennings will be speaking at Sligo by the Sea, sponsored by Sligo SDA church at the First Presbyterian Church — 1301 Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City, MD 21842. Dr. Jennings will lead SS at 10 a.m., sermon at 11 a.m. and have Q&A session in the afternoon.

September 8-10, 2022: Dr. Jennings and Dr. Curt Thompson will be presenting an Intensive together at the American Association of Christian Counselors National Conference in Dallas, TX. You can find more details about the event at <https://nationalaacc.com/>