

The Disciples Deck



The Congregational Church
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Deck Directions

Listening, Reflecting, Living

This deck is your companion for a yearlong journey of faith. Each week, draw one card. Read the scripture. Reflect on the two questions: one to turn inward, one to turn outward. Take time to listen to God, to yourself, and to others.

You might use this deck during quiet time with your coffee each morning, around the dinner table, in a small group, on your commute on the train, on the sidelines, or even on the go. There is no “wrong” way to engage. This is an invitation to deepen your discipleship by slowing down, listening well, and responding with grace.

One week at a time. One scripture to ground you. Two questions to guide you. A faith shaped by listening.


Q

“But who do you say that I am?”

MATTHEW 16:13-17

Discussion

- Who do you say you are, how do you describe yourself?
- When do you feel most truly seen for who you are?




Q

“Do you see
this woman?”



LUKE 7:36-50

Discussion

- What helps you really see someone beyond appearances?
- How does it feel when someone notices something about you that others overlook?


Q

“Mortal, can these bones live?”

EZEKIEL 37:1-10

Discussion

- Where have you seen something broken come back to life?
- Can you recognize areas of your life which feel in need of renewal? What are they?




Q

“What do you want me to do for you?”

MARK 10:46-52

Discussion

- If Jesus asked you this today, how would you answer?
- How do we learn to name our needs honestly, with God and with others?




Q

“Whom shall I
send, and who
will go for us?”



ISAIAH 6:1-13

Discussion

- What helps you recognize when it's your turn to step up or say yes to something meaningful?
- Is there a situation in your community or the world that you feel called to respond to right now?




Q

“Why are you afraid,
you of little faith?”

MATTHEW 8:23-27

Discussion

- How do you respond when others express fear? Do you dismiss it, share it, or help carry it?
- Is there a time when your faith helped a fellow sibling who was feeling anxious or afraid?




Q

“Who touched me?”



LUKE 8:40-48

Discussion

- Have you ever needed something deeply but were unsure how to ask for it?
- What helps you notice someone who might be silently reaching out for support?




Q

“What are you looking for?”



JOHN 1:35-39

Discussion

- What are you seeking more of in your life...peace, meaning, connection?
- How can we be more curious and compassionate about what others are seeking?




Q

“Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?”



PSALM 139:1-7

Discussion

- How do we remind each other that no one's ever really alone?
- Have you ever had a moment where you felt really close (or really far) from God?




Q

“What is
your name?”

GENESIS 32:22-32

Discussion

- What is the meaning of your name? Does the meaning reflect who you are?
- Was there a time when someone called you by name that felt significant to you?




Q

“Simon son of John,
do you love me more
than these?”



JOHN 21:15-19

Discussion

- How do you express God's love in how you care for others?
- What does love look like in your life when it's more than just words?

Q

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?”

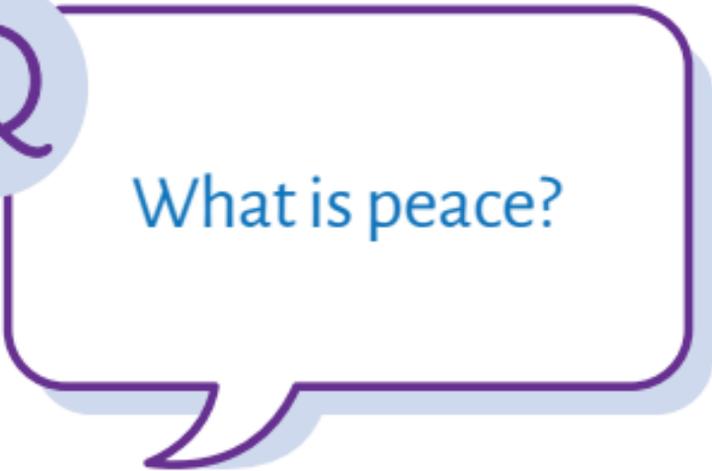
PSALM 8:1-4

Discussion

- What helps you remember that your life matters?
- What's something hilarious or unexpectedly profound a child has said to you?




Q



What is peace?



PSALM 122

Discussion

- What's one small way we can be peacemakers in our own little corners of the world?
- Who is someone whom you would like to be an instrument of peace to?




Q

What is hope?

MARK 1:1-8

Discussion

- Can you think of a time when hope looked more like wilderness than celebration?
- What is it you find yourself hoping for?




Q

What is joy?

MATTHEW 1:18-25

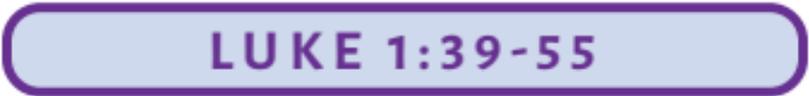
Discussion

- How can you help someone else experience joy, even in the midst of uncertainty?
- What's the most surprising way you've ever received good news?



Q

Who is love?



LUKE 1:39-55

Discussion

- How can you, like Mary and Elizabeth, create spaces where others feel seen, heard, and uplifted?
- What is something worth celebrating right now in your life or the lives of those you love?

Q

“Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

LUKE 2:41-52

Discussion

- Have you ever felt like you were in the right place, even if others didn't get it?
- How can we support young people when they ask big questions or show deep insight?

Q

“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?”

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Discussion

- What are the things I chase after that guide my choices, like a star in the sky?
- Do the things I chase after align with my faith?

Q

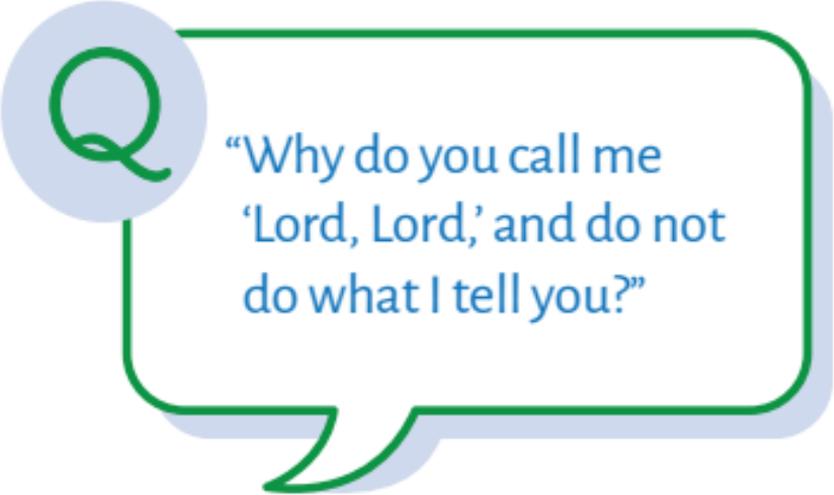
“Where is your brother Abel?”

“I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?”

GENESIS 4:8-16

Discussion

- What do I do when I feel jealous or left out?
- How can we respond with care when we notice someone else struggling with anger or comparison?

Q

“Why do you call me
‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not
do what I tell you?”



LUKE 6:46-49

Discussion

- What do you think an essential component of a strong foundation is?
- Who could you do a better job listening to?




Q

“And who is my neighbor?”

LUKE 10:25-37

Discussion

- Who am I most like in this story?
- What might it look like to be a neighbor to someone very different from me?

Q

“So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?”

MATTHEW 26:36-46

Discussion

- Have you ever felt torn between what you want and what you feel is right?
- Who is someone who is going through something hard who you can show up for?


Q

“And why do you worry about clothing?”



MATTHEW 6:25-33

Discussion

- Have you ever felt pressured to wear the “right thing” to fit in?
- What helps you worry less?




Q

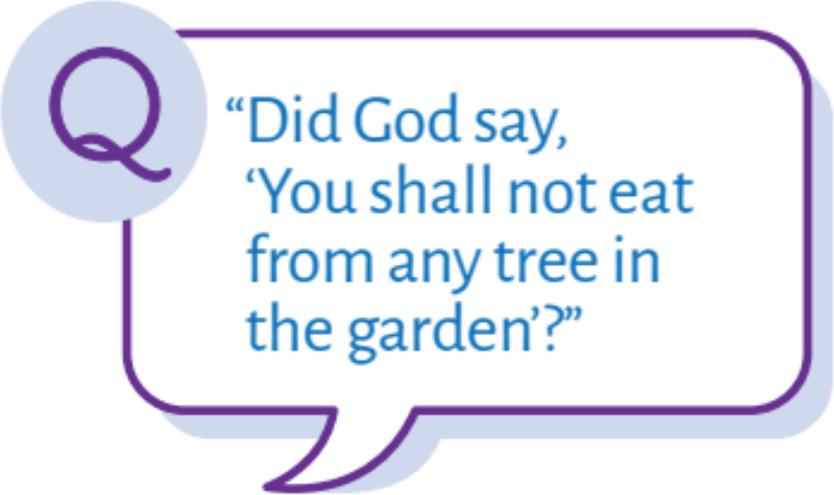
“Why do the nations
conspire, and the
peoples plot in vain?”



PSALM 2:1-11

Discussion

- Have you ever been in a situation where people were fighting for control?
- How can we be voices for peace and justice when the world around us seems driven by competition?

Q

“Did God say,
‘You shall not eat
from any tree in
the garden?’”

GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Discussion

- What is a temptation you have experienced?
- What would help you feel supported to make more faithful decisions?




Q

“How can anyone be born after having grown old?”

JOHN 3:1-17

Discussion

- How can I help someone else feel like it's never too late to start over?
- What's one way I can hit the “reset” button this week on my faith?




Q

“He cannot be the
Messiah, can he?”

JOHN 4:1-30

Discussion

- Who do I need to have a real, honest conversation with this week?
- Have I ever been surprised by who really “saw” me or listened to me?

Q

“Do you believe in
the Son of Man?”

JOHN 9:35-41

Discussion

- Is there something I've been ignoring that I need to face with open eyes?
- Who sees me?

Q

“and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

JOHN 11:1-27

Discussion

- Do you feel as if you are truly living?
- What is one thing you firmly believe?




Q

“Who is this?”

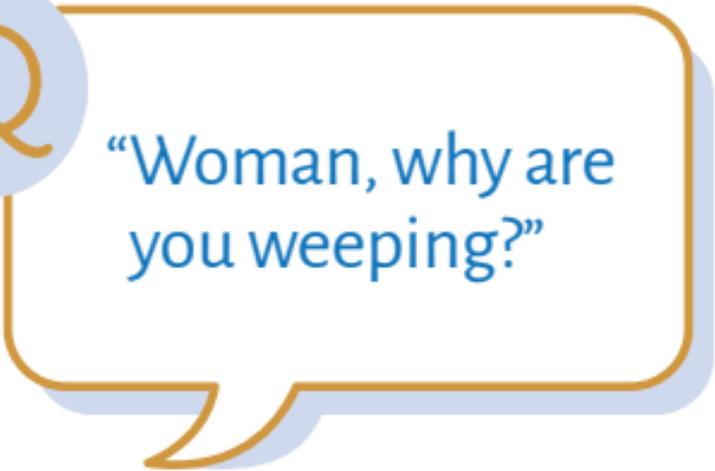
MATTHEW 21:1-11

Discussion

- Who is someone you know who leads with humility?
- Is there someone whom I could lay down my coat for?




Q



“Woman, why are you weeping?”



JOHN 20:1-18

Discussion

- When is a time when you have wept?
- How can you show comfort to those who are grieving this season?

Q

“Have you believed
because you have
seen me?”

JOHN 20:19-31

Discussion

- What kind of proof do people look for today before they believe something is true?
- Who is someone you believe in?

Q

“What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?”

LUKE 24:13-35

Discussion

- Have I ever realized only later that God was with me all along?
- Who could I invite to share a meal or a walk this week, just to connect?

Q

“By what power or
by what name did
you do this?”

ACTS 4:5-12

Discussion

- Where in my life do I need courage to speak the truth?
- How can I support someone else who is standing up for what's right?

Q

“What do you think
of the Messiah?
Whose son is he?”

MATTHEW 22:34-40

Discussion

- How can I show unconditional love this week?
- Can you share a time when you have felt really well loved?

Q

“Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?”

1 PETER 3:13-22

Discussion

- If you had to explain your faith in one sentence to someone, what would you say?
- Where might you “do good” in your life?

Q

“I am asking on
their behalf”

JOHN 17:1-11

Discussion

- Will you pray with me?
- If you could overhear someone praying for you, what would you hope they'd say?




Q

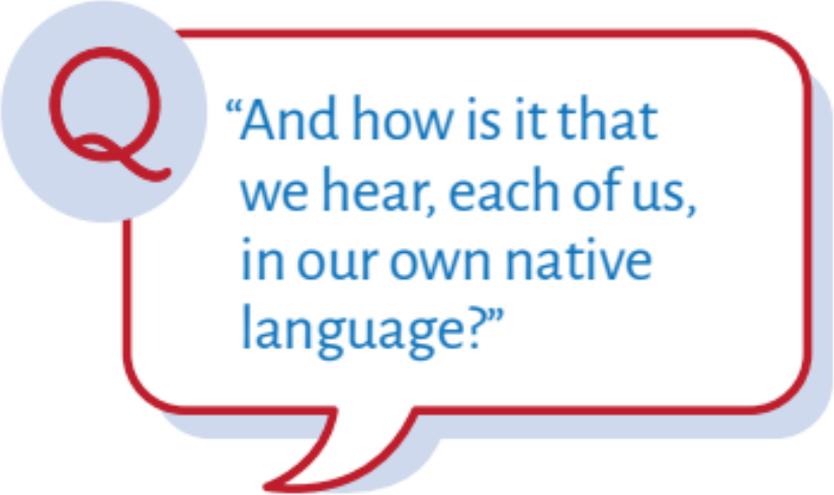
“Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”



ACTS 1:6-14

Discussion

- Is there something you are waiting for?
- How can I be part of the kind of community the disciples were building?

Q

“And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?”



ACTS 2:1-21

Discussion

- When have you felt full of energy for something good?
- Do you ever feel the spirit speaking to you?




Q

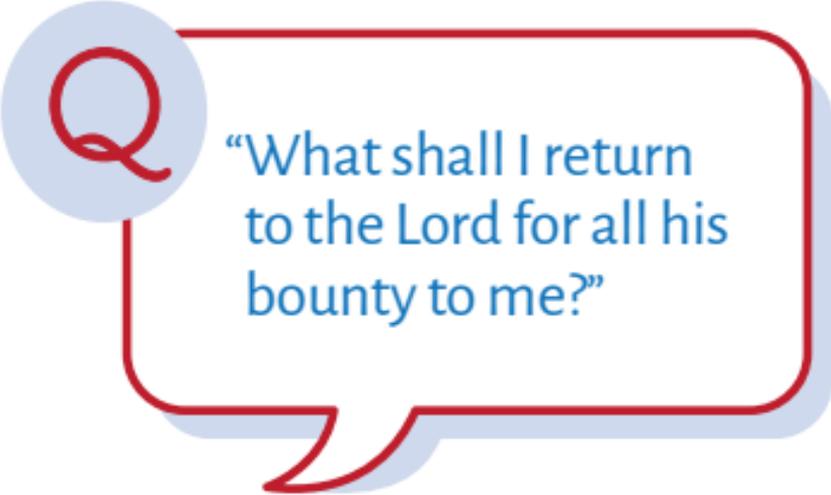
“Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”



MATTHEW 9:9-13

Discussion

- When is a time you felt grateful to be included?
- If Jesus came to dinner at your house and brought unexpected guests, who might surprise you at the table?

Q

“What shall I return
to the Lord for all his
bounty to me?”

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19

Discussion

- When have I called out to God?
Did you feel heard?
- What's one thing I'm thankful
for right now, and how can I act
on that gratitude?




Q

“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?”

MATTHEW 10:24-39

Discussion

- What's one brave step I can take in my faith this week, even if it's small?
- Who has helped to prepare you for challenges in your life and work?




Q

“How awesome
is this place!”



GENESIS 28:10–17

Discussion

- What is a vivid dream you have experienced?
- What do you imagine heaven looks like?

Q

“But to what will I compare this generation?”

MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

Discussion

- When have I felt misunderstood or judged no matter what I did?
- What's one way I can be more open-minded this week instead of being quick to criticize?

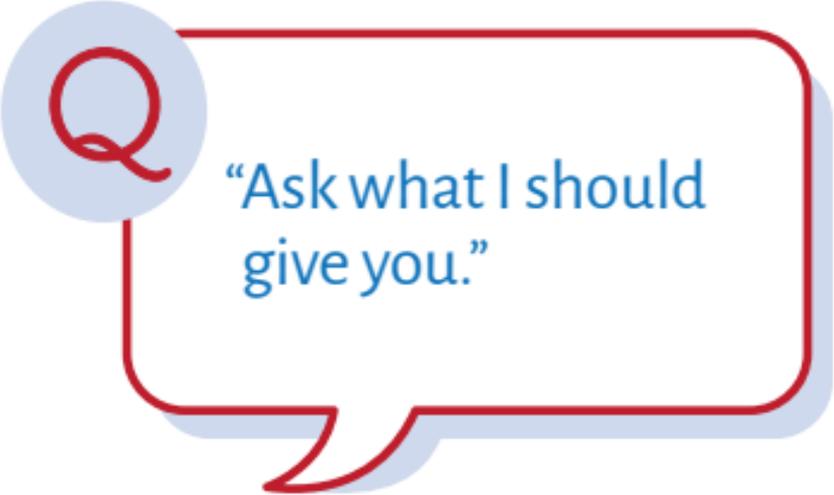
Q

“So she went to inquire of the LORD!”

GENESIS 25:19-34

Discussion

- Have you ever made a quick decision?
- What's one choice I can slow down and think about more carefully this week?

Q

“Ask what I should give you.”



1 KINGS 3:5-12

Discussion

- What do I value most when I have a big decision to make?
- What's one small decision I can make this week using wisdom instead of impulse?

Q

“Do you want to be made well?”

JOHN 5:5-18

Discussion

- Do you want to be made well?
- How can I show compassion to someone who's been overlooked or waiting a long time for help?

Q

“Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?”

MARK 6:30-44

Discussion

- Why do you think Jesus asked the disciples to get involved instead of just doing the miracle himself?
- When have I felt like I didn't have enough time, energy, or ability but still showed up anyway?




Q

“What are you
doing here, Elijah?”



1 KINGS 19:9-18

Discussion

- What's one way I can create a quiet moment for listening this week?
- If you could hear God in a whisper today, what might God say to you?

Q

“Whoever is simple,
let them turn in
here!”

PROVERBS 9:1–6

Discussion

- What's one wise piece of advice you once ignored that you wish you hadn't?
- What's the funniest (or most foolish) decision you've ever made—and what did you learn from it?




Q

“Choose this day whom you will serve.”



JOHN 5:5-18

Discussion

- How do you serve the Lord?
- Does your example encourage those in your house or community to live out service?




Q

“Keep them and do them, that you may live.”



DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-9

Discussion

- What stories or lessons have shaped my faith that I don't want to forget?
- If you made a time capsule of faith memories to open in 20 years, what would you put in it?

So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17

The Disciples Deck is a year-long journey of faith. Each card offers a weekly scripture and two reflective questions to help you grow as a disciple of Christ. In a world that moves fast and often talks louder than it listens, we invite you to slow down. May you pause not just to ask meaningful questions, but rather to truly listen to God, to yourself, and to those around you. Whether used on your own, with family, or in community, each card encourages inward reflection and outward action to help you live your faith with intention, compassion, and grace.



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