

# MASTERWORK<sup>®</sup>

ESSENTIAL MESSAGES FROM GOD'S SERVANTS

## Session Overview – Fall 2020

Studies based on *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction* (Eugene H. Peterson) and *Spiritual Warfare* (Jerry Rankin)

### SESSION 1: Work

Work is neither a master to be served nor a villain to be avoided.

Psalm 127

### SESSION 2: Happiness

True happiness comes from knowing and conforming to God's design for our lives.

Psalm 128

### SESSION 3: Perseverance

Though kicked around by circumstances and the enemies of God, disciples persevere, knowing God sticks with us.

Psalm 129

### SESSION 4: Hope

Suffering is a reality of life, but so is the opportunity to hope in God.

Psalm 130

### SESSION 5: Humility

Humility is confidence in God, the contented space between thinking too much of ourselves and thinking too little of ourselves.

Psalm 131

### SESSION 6: Obedience

For the Christian, obedience to God is not primarily a leap of faith in the dark but a hope built on His faithfulness in the past.

Psalm 132

### SESSION 7: Community

God designed Christians to live in community.

Psalm 133

### SESSION 8: Blessing

Blessing is a two-way street: as we receive blessing from God we are to bless (praise) Him in return.

Psalm 134

### SESSION 9: The Reality of Spiritual Warfare

Satan desires to influence our hearts and minds to divert glory from God and to keep us from victorious obedience to God.

Ephesians 6:10-18

### SESSION 10: The Nature of Our Enemy

Satan is a fallen angel who has made himself to be the adversary of humanity and is not to be trusted.

Revelation 12:7-10

### SESSION 11: The Nature of Our Enemy (cont.)

In addition to being the adversary and deceiver, Satan is also the tempter and hinderer of humanity.

1 John 2:15-17

### SESSION 12: Satan's Favorite Fiery Darts

Though Satan has many weapons with which to attack us, we must recognize his favorite and prepare for them.

Ephesians 6:16

### SESSION 13: Adversity, Satan's Most Effective Weapon

Adversity can drive us from God or drive us closer to Him, our choice.

John 16:33; 2 Corinthians 6:3-5