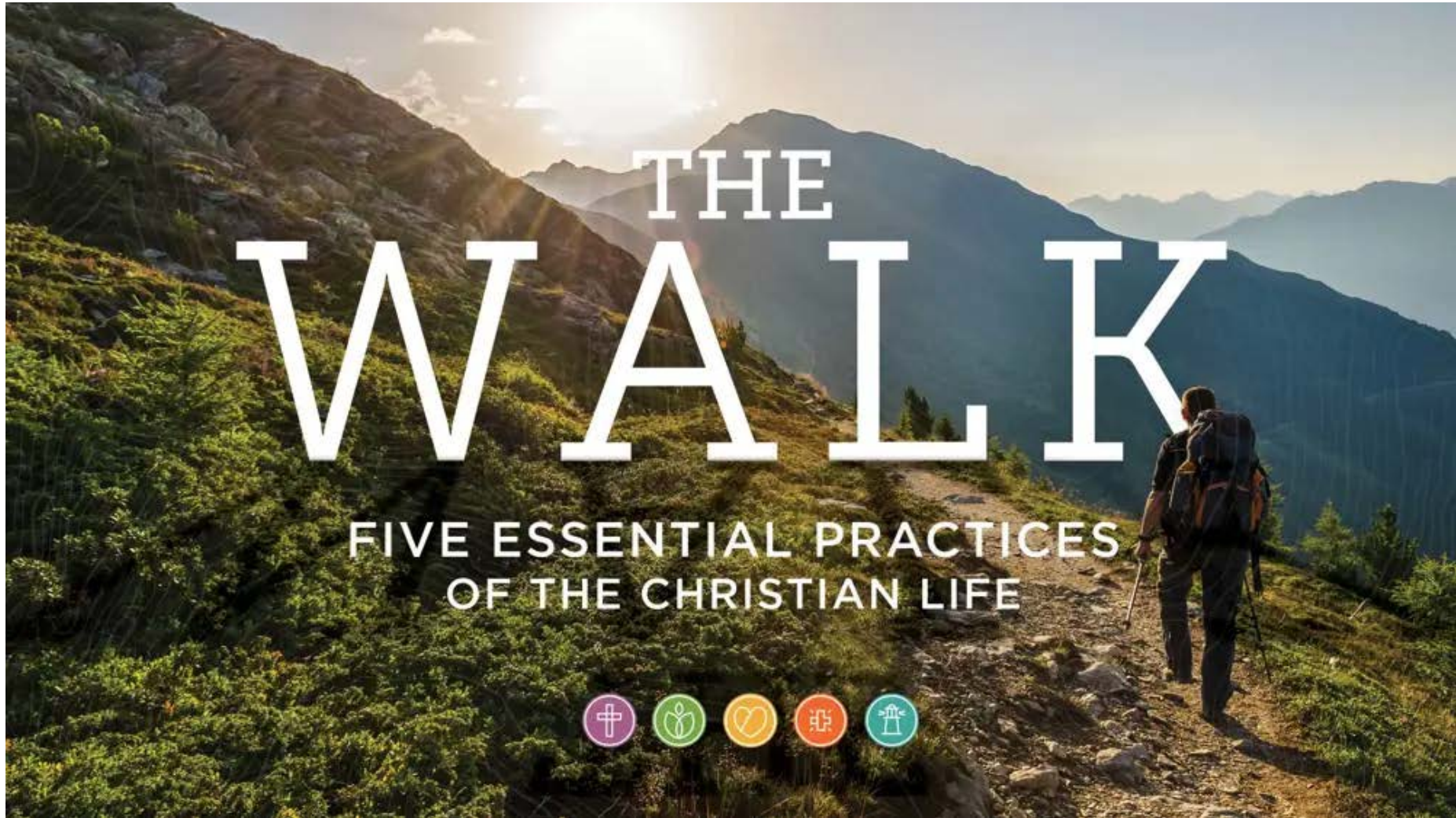


THE WALK

FIVE ESSENTIAL PRACTICES
OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE







Worship and the Ministry of the Church in the World

- Worship and Mission
- Proclamation and Evangelism
- Compassion
- Reconciliation: Justice and Peace
- Caring for Creation and Life
- The Church and the Reign of God
- Worship as Praise

Ministry of Members (PCUSA)

- Proclaiming the good news in word and deed,
- Take part in the common life and worship of the congregation,
- Lift one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,
- Study scripture and issues of Christian faith and life,
- Support the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
- Demonstrate a new quality of life within and through the church,
- Respond to God's activity in the world through service to others,
- Live responsibly in our personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships,
- Work in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,
- Participate in the governing responsibilities of the church,
- Review and Evaluate regularly the integrity of our membership, considering ways we might increase our participation in the worship and service of the church.

Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life:

- **Worship & Prayer**
- **Study: Listen, Pay Attention, Read Scripture**
- **Serve**
- **Give**
- **Share**

Two Dimensions of Christian Life



Together and Alone

- **Worship & Prayer**
- **Study: Listen, Pay Attention,
Read Scripture**





Pray at all times

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Obedient Gratitude to God

God made us to
need God, and to
need each other

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God made us to need God



While it was still dark, Jesus left and went to a secluded place to pray.

Mark 1:35



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

Colossians 4:2



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7



Study = Listen, Pay Attention, Read Scripture



Samuel answered
“Speak, Lord, for your
servant is listening.”

1 Samuel 3:9

The Lord God ... has
awakened my ear to
listen as a disciple.

Isaiah 50:4



Attentive Listening for God's Voice



Pay Attention to Where God Will Speak



The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

And, God Speaks Through Scripture



Spiritual Disciplines for Lent ... and Beyond

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