FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

LAPLACE

INVITATION TO SILENCE

Learning to be still in the presence of God.

READING COMPANION

A 12-week spiritual formation course · Spring 2027

A thematic reading map for pairing Scripture and John Mark Comer’s book.

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How to use this guide

The book is a companion to Scripture, not the authority for the class. The assignments below intentionally identify thematic portions rather than claiming verified page numbers or precise chapter boundaries. Before printing a required-reading syllabus, compare these themes with the table of contents in the exact edition participants will use.

Reading and reflection calendar

Week 1: The Invitation to Be Still

Scripture: Psalm 46:1–11
Book theme: Opening material on noise and distraction
Reflect: What claim in the reading should I test against this week’s Scripture?

Week 2: The Noise We Carry

Scripture: Luke 10:38–42
Book theme: Continue opening material; reflect on anxious busyness
Reflect: What claim in the reading should I test against this week’s Scripture?

Week 3: The Way of Jesus

Scripture: Mark 1:32–39
Book theme: Material on the eremos and Jesus’ withdrawal
Reflect: What claim in the reading should I test against this week’s Scripture?

Week 4: Into the Wilderness

Scripture: Luke 4:1–13
Book theme: Continue wilderness and temptation themes
Reflect: What claim in the reading should I test against this week’s Scripture?

Week 5: Quieting the Soul

Scripture: Psalm 131
Book theme: Material on encountering the self
Reflect: What claim in the reading should I test against this week’s Scripture?

Week 6: A Heart That Listens

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1–10
Book theme: Continue self-knowledge; consider Scripture and discernment
Reflect: What claim in the reading should I test against this week’s Scripture?

Week 7: God in the Quiet

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1–18
Book theme: Material on encountering God

Reflect: What claim in the reading should I test against this week’s Scripture?

Week 8: What Silence Reveals

Scripture: Psalm 139
Book theme: Revisit encountering the self and honest prayer
Reflect: What claim in the reading should I test against this week’s Scripture?

Week 9: The Practice of Surrender

Scripture: Matthew 26:36–46
Book theme: Gethsemane and surrendered prayer
Reflect: What claim in the reading should I test against this week’s Scripture?

Week 10: The Beauty of an Ordinary Life

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:9–12
Book theme: The enemy, resistance, and faithful ordinary life
Reflect: What claim in the reading should I test against this week’s Scripture?

Week 11: Abiding in His Presence

Scripture: John 15:1–11
Book theme: The quiet life; abiding and sustainable rhythms
Reflect: What claim in the reading should I test against this week’s Scripture?

Week 12: Living from the Quiet

Scripture: Luke 5:15–16
Book theme: Finish or revisit the quiet life; reflect on the whole book
Reflect: What claim in the reading should I test against this week’s Scripture?

Before the course begins

Use the physical or digital edition chosen for the group to insert exact chapter headings and page ranges. If a section spans several lessons, assign a smaller portion or allow time for rereading rather than forcing an artificial one-chapter-per-week pattern.