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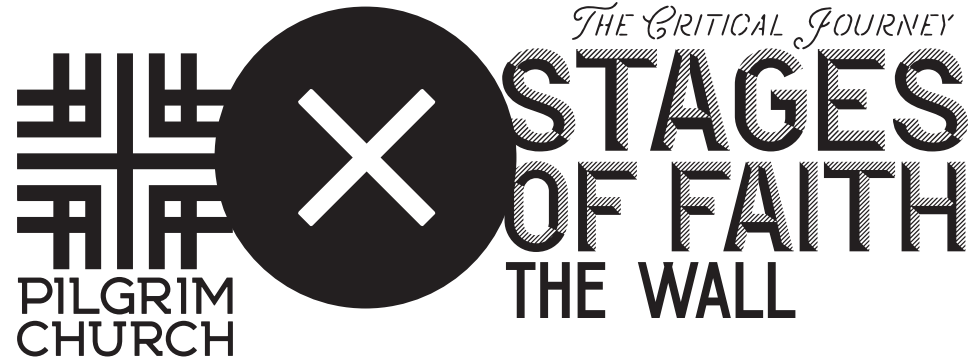
IV. Going Through the Wall

1. Discomfort
2. Surrender
3. Healing
4. Awareness, Forgiveness, Acceptance, Love
5. Closeness to God
6. Discernment
7. Melting/Molding
8. Solitude and Reflection

V. EMERGING FROM THE WALL

VI. QUESTIONS TO TAKE WITH YOU

	<p>NO1</p> <p>RECOGNITION OF GOD POWERLESSNESS</p>	<p>NO2</p> <p>LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP POWER BY ASSOCIATION</p>
<p>NO3</p> <p>PRODUCTIVE LIFE POWER BY ACHIEVEMENT</p>	<p>NO4</p> <p>JOURNEY INWARD POWER BY REFLECTION</p>	<p>THE WALL INNER CHOICES</p>
<p>NO5</p> <p>JOURNEY OUTWARD POWER BY PURPOSE</p>	<p>NO6</p> <p>LIFE OF LOVE POWER BY WISDOM</p>	



I. INTRO/OPENING THE TOPIC

+ Stages of Faith: Quick overview

+ Key Characters in Bible

II. DEFINING THE WALL EXPERIENCE

+ If you are at the Wall, you may try to deal in the same ways you've gotten through life before - on the strength of your will or gifts. You try everything to scale the wall, go around the wall, dig under the wall, leap over the wall, or simply ignore the wall. BUT THE WALL IS STILL THERE! The Wall is a bit difficult to explain, because it is unique to each person.

+ "Fundamentally, it has to do with slowly breaking through the barriers we have built between our will and newer awareness of God in our lives. We have spent our own energy; we have come to the end of our ropes. We are ready to learn about freedom - the liberty of living without grasping. In a more profound sense than ever before, we have "let God be God," and let God direct our lives."

+ Faith, beliefs and behaviours, the goal, the church, creeds, Grace, Jesus response, worship...

III. TYPES OF RESISTANCE AT THE WALL

1. Strong...
2. Self...
3. Guilt/Shame...
4. Intellectual
5. High...
6. Doctrinaire
7. Ordained



The smaller groups in our church community are inside our homes where we go deeper, build friendships, and walk out the Christian life with each other.

HOME CHURCH/SMALL GROUP/CLASS GUIDE

1. "Breaking the Ice" question: (group facilitator)
2. Check-ins: What's been happening in your week(s) since last meeting? Introduce yourself if new/new people in group, check in with each other
3. Care: Needs in the group; name needs and have sentence prayers (short sentences/open ended, not long-winded) at end of the gathering time
4. Compassion: What compassion work is the group planning? Are you inviting your neighbors to join?
5. Group Announcements (church-wide and group-only)
6. Dig in: Any reflections, discernments, disagreements from last week's teaching (or since you last met)? Look at the Bible passage(s) again and read some of them out loud in the group (and other verses that may have been mentioned). What jumps out at you? Discuss some of the questions as a group.
7. End and Homework: Final questions, prayer huddles for personal requests. Consider breaking into small groups (huddles) of 2-4, by gender, if large enough.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK:

QUESTIONS FOR HOME GROUP: APRIL 01, 2018

Name Recognition and Resurrection, John 20:1-18

These questions are only guides. You may go other directions based on the Bible passage and teaching as well!

+ Pick two of these passages, read outloud and ask how they relate to the idea of the Wall. Jonah 2.1-10, Job 29-30, 1 Kings 19.4-14, Gen. 16.12, Luke 8.12, Luke 23.55-24.5, Luke 24

+ Which is your best way to avoid the Wall?

+ How would your life be different if you could be healed from your deepest pain?

+ How have you experienced the Wall?

+ Read Jonah 2.1-10. What resonates with you? Why?

+ What is standing in the way of God living God's life through you?

+ What are you holding onto? What would you have to give up to move forward into more intimacy with God?

+ Do you sometimes feel that God has abandoned you? To what degree do you blame yourself for this and perhaps hide in self-recrimination?

+ Coming to terms with how we have been hurt and naming our own brokenness is a vital process and integral to the Wall. What would have you suffered? How did your personality form as a result of these wounds? What are major areas of brokenness that you have as a result? (Name these without bringing shame, if possible.)

+ How do you see our church growing into helping people in this stage of the journey?