



Campers will explore the shared longings of the human heart and all the different ways Christians have prayed throughout history. Through Bible stories and spiritual practices, they will discover a deeper connection with God and each other and grow into the beloved community of God, where everyone is invited, loved, and celebrated for who they are.

This is our prayer!

The scriptures for the 2020 summer camping season at Camp Mennoscah are below. Some camp weeks will not use all the scriptures. We invite you to read these with your camper(s) before coming to camp and to incorporate them into your daily worship.

Luke 6:12-16—Jesus calls disciples: Longing to be invited

Called: God Acting in You

Campers will know that everyone is called by God. They will be invited to find their own sacred space like Jesus did and will learn prayer can be a time of preparation.

Esther 4—Esther and her people: Longing together

Community: God Acting through Us

Campers will discover they are part of a community even when feeling isolated. Campers will be encouraged to seek solidarity in community and see the strength that emerges from a community at prayer.

Jonah 4—Jonah speaks to God: Longing to be Heard

Open Feelings in the Mess

Campers will acknowledge difficult emotions, like anger, grief, and anxiety, are normal and will find the freedom to share their feelings with God. They will wrestle with their expectations of God's movement in the world and learn that prayer connects us with God even in the midst of difficult emotions.

1 Kings 3:7-15—Solomon prays for wisdom: Longing for Guidance

Seeking Guidance

Campers will identify times in their lives they need guidance and will be invited to make God a partner in decision-making. They will explore how conversations with God are shaped by reflection and wondering and learn to listen for the ways God leads us through prayer.

Luke 5:12-16, Isaiah 40:1-5, 28-31—Jesus takes time for prayer: Longing for Renewal

Peace in Chaos/Sabbath

Campers will reflect on weariness and the importance of taking a break. They will explore Sabbath as a time and space of renewal and experience camp as Sabbath. Campers will discover prayerful ways to renew self and one's relationship with God and imagine ways to keep Sabbath after camp.

Numbers 27:1-11—Sisters work for change: Longing for Change

Working for Change and Justice

Campers will reflect on the impact of injustice in today's world and discover how speaking out against injustice can lead to change. They will learn how prayer and action can change even long-standing injustice.

Philippians 1:3-11—Paul's words of joy: Longing to Celebrate

Sharing Our Joy

Campers will celebrate the experiences and relationships built this week and be commissioned to share God's love and joy with others. They will know they are partners in ministry with others near and far and will learn the importance of giving thanks in all circumstances.