

Q4 (October–December 2026): Oklahoma AG Preaching Calendar – 2026

This quarter completes the 2026 Oklahoma AG Preaching Calendar, focusing on renewal (October's Renew Retreat), gratitude (November's Thanksgiving), and the incarnation (December's Christmas). Aligned with Oklahoma District events, such as Renew Retreat (October), and national AG emphases, including missions, family ministry, and year-end giving. All content adheres to Assemblies of God doctrine, the 16 Fundamental Truths, and Fire Bible insights, formatted for clarity and bundled as a printable PDF ("OKAG_Preaching_Q4_2026.pdf"). Small group guides are large-print-friendly and adaptable for youth or adults, maintaining a clean, modern, Spirit-filled tone.

October 2026: Series - Renewed in Christ (2 Corinthians 4:16 – We Are Being Renewed Day by Day)

Aligned with Renew Retreat (October, based on recurring patterns) and missions emphasis, focusing on spiritual renewal for ministry.

Week 39: October 4, 2026

Sermon Title & Key Scripture: Renewed Inwardly – 2 Corinthians 4:16

Big Idea: Despite outward challenges, the Spirit renews us inwardly, empowering us for faithful service.

3-Point Outline:

- **Point 1: Outward Wasting, Inward Renewal**
Supporting Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 4:17-18; Psalm 51:10
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Note on 2 Corinthians 4:16 emphasizes inner strength (Truth-in-Action: Focus on eternal renewal).
Practical Life Application: Spend 10 minutes daily in renewing prayer.
- **Point 2: Strengthened by the Spirit**
Supporting Scriptures: Ephesians 3:16; Isaiah 40:31
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Article on "Spiritual Renewal" (Truth-in-Action: Seek Spirit's filling).
Practical Life Application: Attend Renew Retreat or a prayer event.
- **Point 3: Purpose in Perseverance**
Supporting Scriptures: Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 12:1-2
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Margin note on enduring for glory (Truth-in-Action:

Persevere in ministry).

Practical Life Application: Encourage a weary believer this week.

Fire Bible Integration: Cross-references: Romans 12:2 (transformed by renewal); Colossians 3:10. Connects to Fundamental Truth #9 (Sanctification), emphasizing ongoing renewal.

Altar Call Prompt: Feeling weary? God renews inwardly. Come to the altar for fresh strength and purpose. Let's pray for Spirit-led renewal as we launch into fall ministry. Surrender now—be renewed in Christ for Oklahoma's harvest.

Small Group Guide

Icebreaker Question: What refreshes your spirit?

Discussion Questions:

1. How does God renew us inwardly?
2. Why seek Spirit's strength?
3. Persevere through what challenges?
4. Connect to Renew Retreat goals.

Fire Bible Prompts: Review article on renewal; Truth-in-Action for 2 Corinthians 4.

Prayer Focus: Pray for retreat attendees and personal renewal.

Weekly Challenge: Practice a renewing habit (e.g., prayer, worship)—share impact.

Week 40: October 11, 2026

Sermon Title & Key Scripture: Renewed Mind – Romans 12:2

Big Idea: Transforming our minds through God's Word renews our lives for His will.

3-Point Outline:

- **Point 1: Don't Conform**

Supporting Scriptures: 1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Note on worldliness (Truth-in-Action: Resist cultural pressures).

Practical Life Application: Avoid one worldly influence (e.g., media) this week.

- **Point 2: Transformed by Truth**

Supporting Scriptures: John 17:17; Psalm 119:11

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Article on "Power of God's Word" (Truth-in-Action: Study Scripture).

Practical Life Application: Memorize Romans 12:2 and apply it.

- **Point 3: Discerning God's Will**

Supporting Scriptures: Ephesians 5:17; Colossians 1:9

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Margin note on knowing God's will (Truth-in-Action: Seek divine guidance).

Practical Life Application: Pray for clarity in a decision.

Fire Bible Integration: Cross-references: Philippians 4:8 (think on truth); 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Ties to Fundamental Truth #1 (Scriptures Inspired).

Altar Call Prompt: Transform your mind—know God's will. If worldly patterns bind you, come for renewal. Let's pray for transformed thinking and clear direction. Renew your mind at the altar—step into God's purpose today.

Small Group Guide

Icebreaker Question: What shapes your thinking most?

Discussion Questions:

1. How to resist worldly conformity?
2. Transform through God's Word?
3. Discern God's will practically?
4. Apply to the retreat's renewal focus.

Fire Bible Prompts: Study article on God's Word; Truth-in-Action for Romans 12.

Prayer Focus: Pray for transformed minds and for the fruit of retreat.

Weekly Challenge: Memorize a verse and change one thought pattern—discuss.

Week 41: October 18, 2026

Sermon Title & Key Scripture: Renewed Strength – Isaiah 40:31

Big Idea: Waiting on God renews our strength, enabling us to soar in ministry.

3-Point Outline:

- **Point 1: Waiting on God**

Supporting Scriptures: Psalm 27:14; Lamentations 3:25

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Note on waiting for strength (Truth-in-Action: Trust God's timing).

Practical Life Application: Set aside time for quiet waiting on God.

- **Point 2: Soaring Like Eagles**

Supporting Scriptures: Isaiah 40:29-30; Psalm 103:5

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Article on “God’s Strength” (Truth-in-Action: Rely on divine power).

Practical Life Application: Tackle a ministry task with renewed energy.

- **Point 3: Running Without Weariness**

Supporting Scriptures: Hebrews 12:1-3; 1 Corinthians 9:24

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Margin note on endurance (Truth-in-Action: Persevere in faith).

Practical Life Application: Support a missionary’s endurance.

Fire Bible Integration: Cross-references: Exodus 19:4 (carried on wings); Philippians 4:13. Connects to Fundamental Truth #12 (Divine Healing), as strength comes from God.

Altar Call Prompt: Tired of running? Wait on God and soar. Come for renewed strength and endurance. Let’s pray for power to serve and perseverance in mission. Rise up for Oklahoma—receive His strength now.

Small Group Guide

Icebreaker Question: When have you felt God’s strength?

Discussion Questions:

1. Why wait on God for strength?
2. What does soaring like eagles mean?
3. Run without weariness?
4. Tie this to the missions’ endurance.

Fire Bible Prompts: Review article on God’s strength; Truth-in-Action for Isaiah 40.

Prayer Focus: Pray for strength and missions.

Weekly Challenge: Wait on God daily—share renewed energy.

Week 42: October 25, 2026

Sermon Title & Key Scripture: Renewed Vision – Habakkuk 2:2-3

Big Idea: God renews our vision for His mission, guiding us to write and run with His purpose.

3-Point Outline:

- **Point 1: Write the Vision**

Supporting Scriptures: Habakkuk 2:2; Proverbs 29:18

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Note on clear vision (Truth-in-Action: Record God’s

direction).

Practical Life Application: Journal a God-given vision for 2026.

- **Point 2: Wait for Fulfillment**

Supporting Scriptures: Habakkuk 2:3; Psalm 37:7

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Article on “God’s Timing” (Truth-in-Action: Trust His schedule).

Practical Life Application: Pray for patience in a delayed dream.

- **Point 3: Run with Purpose**

Supporting Scriptures: Philippians 3:14; 1 Corinthians 9:26

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Margin note on purposeful pursuit (Truth-in-Action: Act on vision).

Practical Life Application: Take one step toward a ministry goal.

Fire Bible Integration: Cross-references: Jeremiah 29:11 (plans for hope); Acts 26:19 (Paul’s vision). Ties to Fundamental Truth #11 (The Ministry).

Altar Call Prompt: God gives vision—write it, wait, and run. If needing clarity or courage, come now. Let’s pray for renewed vision and action for His mission. See and run for Oklahoma—respond today.

Small Group Guide

Icebreaker Question: What’s a vision God’s given you?

Discussion Questions:

1. Why write the vision?
2. How do we wait for God’s timing?
3. Run with purpose practically?
4. Connect to the retreat’s vision.

Fire Bible Prompts: Study article on God’s timing; Truth-in-Action for Habakkuk 2.

Prayer Focus: Pray for vision and missions.

Weekly Challenge: Write a vision and take one step—share.

November 2026: Series - Heart of Gratitude (1 Thessalonians 5:18 – Give Thanks in All Circumstances)

Aligned with Thanksgiving (November 26) and year-end missions giving, emphasizing gratitude as a lifestyle.

Week 43: November 1, 2026

Sermon Title & Key Scripture: Thanks in All Things – 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Big Idea: Gratitude in all circumstances reflects faith and fuels worship, even in trials.

3-Point Outline:

- **Point 1: God's Will to Give Thanks**

Supporting Scriptures: Ephesians 5:20; Psalm 100:4

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Note on gratitude as obedience (Truth-in-Action: Thank God always).

Practical Life Application: Start a daily gratitude journal.

- **Point 2: Gratitude in Trials**

Supporting Scriptures: James 1:2-4; Romans 8:28

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Article on "Joy in Trials" (Truth-in-Action: Trust God's purpose).

Practical Life Application: Thank God for a current challenge.

- **Point 3: Worship Through Thanks**

Supporting Scriptures: Psalm 95:2; Hebrews 13:15

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Margin note on sacrifice of praise (Truth-in-Action: Worship gratefully).

Practical Life Application: Lead a family in Thanksgiving prayer.

Fire Bible Integration: Cross-references: Colossians 3:17 (do all with thanks); Philippians 4:6. Connects to Fundamental Truth #9 (Sanctification), growing in gratitude.

Altar Call Prompt: God calls us to thank Him always. If struggling to be grateful, come for a heart change. Let's pray for faith, joy, and worshipful thanks. Give thanks now—transform your heart at the altar.

Small Group Guide

Icebreaker Question: What are you thankful for today?

Discussion Questions:

1. Why give thanks in all things?
2. How to be grateful in trials?
3. Worship through gratitude?
4. Prepare for Thanksgiving.

Fire Bible Prompts: Review article on trials; Truth-in-Action for 1 Thessalonians 5.

Prayer Focus: Pray for grateful hearts and missions giving.

Weekly Challenge: List five things daily to thank God for—share.

Week 44: November 8, 2026

Sermon Title & Key Scripture: Overflowing Gratitude – Colossians 2:6-7

Big Idea: Rooted in Christ, we overflow with gratitude, impacting others with our faith.

3-Point Outline:

- **Point 1: Rooted in Christ**
Supporting Scriptures: Colossians 2:6; John 15:5
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Note on abiding in Christ (Truth-in-Action: Stay connected).
Practical Life Application: Deepen roots through daily devotion.
- **Point 2: Strengthened in Faith**
Supporting Scriptures: Colossians 2:7; Hebrews 11:1
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Article on “Faith Growth” (Truth-in-Action: Build trust).
Practical Life Application: Share a faith-building story.
- **Point 3: Overflowing with Thanks**
Supporting Scriptures: Psalm 23:5; 2 Corinthians 9:11
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Margin note on abundant gratitude (Truth-in-Action: Express thanks publicly).
Practical Life Application: Thank someone publicly for their impact.

Fire Bible Integration: Cross-references: Ephesians 3:17 (rooted in love); 1 Timothy 6:17. Ties to Fundamental Truth #4 (Deity of Christ), rooted in Him.

Altar Call Prompt: Overflow with gratitude from a rooted faith. If needing deeper roots or a thankful heart, come now. Let’s pray for strength and overflowing thanks. Impact others with gratitude—respond today.

Small Group Guide

Icebreaker Question: What strengthens your faith?

Discussion Questions:

1. How can one be rooted in Christ?
2. Strengthen faith practically?
3. Overflow with gratitude?
4. Tie this to missions giving.

Fire Bible Prompts: Study article on faith; Truth-in-Action for Colossians 2.

Prayer Focus: Pray for faith and generous giving.

Weekly Challenge: Thank someone publicly—discuss.

Week 45: November 15, 2026

Sermon Title & Key Scripture: Gratitude for God's Faithfulness – Psalm 100:5

Big Idea: God's steadfast love and faithfulness inspire lifelong gratitude and worship.

3-Point Outline:

- **Point 1: God's Steadfast Love**

Supporting Scriptures: Psalm 100:5; Lamentations 3:22-23

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Note on God's mercy (Truth-in-Action: Trust His love).

Practical Life Application: Reflect on God's love in your life.

- **Point 2: Faithful Through Generations**

Supporting Scriptures: Psalm 119:90; Deuteronomy 7:9

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Article on "God's Faithfulness" (Truth-in-Action: Praise His consistency).

Practical Life Application: Share a story of God's faithfulness.

- **Point 3: Responding with Thanks**

Supporting Scriptures: Psalm 100:4; 1 Chronicles 16:34

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Margin note on thankful worship (Truth-in-Action: Give thanks continually).

Practical Life Application: Plan a Thanksgiving gratitude event.

Fire Bible Integration: Cross-references: Psalm 136:1 (enduring love); Hebrews 13:8.
Connects to Fundamental Truth #2 (The One True God).

Altar Call Prompt: God's faithfulness deserves our thanks. If needing to trust His love or give thanks, come forward. Let's praise Him for steadfastness and pray for grateful hearts. Worship now—thank Him at the altar.

Small Group Guide

Icebreaker Question: How has God been faithful to you?

Discussion Questions:

1. What's God's steadfast love mean?
2. Faithful through generations?
3. Respond with thanks, how?
4. Plan Thanksgiving gratitude.

Fire Bible Prompts: Study article on faithfulness; Truth-in-Action for Psalm 100.

Prayer Focus: Pray for gratitude and family worship.
Weekly Challenge: Share God's faithfulness—reflect.

Week 46: November 22, 2026

Sermon Title & Key Scripture: Thanks and Generosity – 2 Corinthians 9:11

Big Idea: Gratitude fuels generosity, blessing others, and glorifying God.

3-Point Outline:

- **Point 1: Enriched for Generosity**
Supporting Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 9:8-10; Luke 6:38
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Note on God's provision (Truth-in-Action: Give generously).
Practical Life Application: Give to a year-end missions fund.
- **Point 2: Thanks Produces Giving**
Supporting Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 9:12; Psalm 116:12
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Article on "Biblical Giving" (Truth-in-Action: Give with thanks).
Practical Life Application: Thank God before giving an offering.
- **Point 3: Glorifying God**
Supporting Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 9:13; Matthew 5:16
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Margin note on glorifying God (Truth-in-Action: Give for His glory).
Practical Life Application: Share why you give to inspire others.

Fire Bible Integration: Cross-references: Acts 20:35 (blessed to give); Philippians 4:19. Ties to Fundamental Truth #10 (The Church and Its Mission).

Altar Call Prompt: Gratitude leads to generosity—give to God's work. If needing a generous heart, come now. Let's pray for provision and glory to God. Give thanks and give big—respond today.

Small Group Guide

Icebreaker Question: What's a generous act you've seen?

Discussion Questions:

1. How enriched for generosity?
2. Why does thanks fuel giving?

3. Glorify God through giving?
4. Tie this to year-end missions.

Fire Bible Prompts: Study article on giving; Truth-in-Action for 2 Corinthians 9.

Prayer Focus: Pray for generosity and missions.

Weekly Challenge: Give generously—share impact.

December 2026: Series - God With Us (Isaiah 7:14 – Immanuel, God With Us)

Aligned with Christmas (December 25) and year-end reflection, emphasizing Christ's incarnation and presence.

Week 47: December 6, 2026

Sermon Title & Key Scripture: The Promise of Immanuel – Isaiah 7:14

Big Idea: God's promise of Immanuel assures His presence, bringing hope and salvation.

3-Point Outline:

- **Point 1: A Sign of Hope**
Supporting Scriptures: Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Note on Immanuel's promise (Truth-in-Action: Trust God's presence).
Practical Life Application: Meditate on God's nearness daily.
- **Point 2: God's Presence Fulfilled**
Supporting Scriptures: John 1:14; Hebrews 1:3
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Article on "Incarnation" (Truth-in-Action: Worship Christ's deity).
Practical Life Application: Share Christmas hope with someone.
- **Point 3: Hope for Today**
Supporting Scriptures: Matthew 28:20; Psalm 46:1
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Margin note on God's nearness (Truth-in-Action: Rely on Him).
Practical Life Application: Pray for God's presence in a challenge.

Fire Bible Integration: Cross-references: Isaiah 9:6 (Wonderful Counselor); Colossians 2:9. Connects to Fundamental Truth #4 (Deity of Christ).

Altar Call Prompt: Immanuel is here—God with us. If needing hope or salvation, come to the altar. Let's pray for His presence to fill you this Christmas. Trust the Savior—respond now.

Small Group Guide

Icebreaker Question: How do you feel God's presence?

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is Immanuel a sign of hope?
2. How was the promise fulfilled?
3. Experience God's presence today?
4. Tie to Christmas outreach.

Fire Bible Prompts: Study article on incarnation; Truth in-Action for Isaiah 7.

Prayer Focus: Pray for hope and Christmas salvation.

Weekly Challenge: Share Christmas hope—discuss.

Week 48: December 13, 2026

Sermon Title & Key Scripture: The Word Became Flesh – John 1:14

Big Idea: Jesus, the Word incarnate, brings grace and truth, revealing God's glory.

3-Point Outline:

- **Point 1: The Word Was God**
Supporting Scriptures: John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-17
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Note on Christ's deity (Truth-in-Action: Worship Jesus).
Practical Life Application: Adore Christ in personal worship.
- **Point 2: Grace and Truth**
Supporting Scriptures: John 1:17; Ephesians 2:8
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Article on "Grace of God" (Truth-in-Action: Receive grace).
Practical Life Application: Show grace to someone this week.
- **Point 3: Revealing God's Glory**
Supporting Scriptures: John 1:14; Hebrews 1:3
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Margin note on glory revealed (Truth-in-Action: Reflect Christ).
Practical Life Application: Share Christ's glory in a Christmas invite.

Fire Bible Integration: Cross-references: Philippians 2:6-8 (humbled Himself); Revelation 19:13. Ties to Fundamental Truth #4 (Deity of Christ).

Altar Call Prompt: The Word became flesh for you—receive His grace. If needing salvation or to reflect His glory, come now. Let's pray for grace, truth, and Christmas witness. Meet Immanuel—surrender today.

Small Group Guide

Icebreaker Question: What does Christmas reveal about God?

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is Jesus the Word?
2. How do we experience grace and truth?
3. Reflect Christ's glory?
4. Plan Christmas outreach.

Fire Bible Prompts: Study article on grace; Truth-in-Action for John 1.

Prayer Focus: Pray for salvation and outreach.

Weekly Challenge: Invite someone to Christmas service—share.

Week 49: December 20, 2026

Sermon Title & Key Scripture: Light in the Darkness – John 1:5

Big Idea: Jesus, the light of the world, shines in darkness, offering hope and salvation.

3-Point Outline:

- **Point 1: Light of the World**
Supporting Scriptures: John 8:12; Isaiah 9:2
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Note on Christ as light (Truth-in-Action: Follow His light).
Practical Life Application: Pray for light in a dark situation.
- **Point 2: Darkness Cannot Overcome**
Supporting Scriptures: John 1:5; 1 John 1:5
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Article on "Christ's Victory" (Truth-in-Action: Trust His power).
Practical Life Application: Share hope with someone in darkness.
- **Point 3: Shining for Others**
Supporting Scriptures: Matthew 5:14-16; Philippians 2:15
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Margin note on being light (Truth-in-Action: Shine for Christ).
Practical Life Application: Host a Christmas outreach event.

Fire Bible Integration: Cross-references: Psalm 27:1 (God is light); Revelation 22:5. Connects to Fundamental Truth #5 (Salvation).

Altar Call Prompt: Jesus' light overcomes darkness—come to Him. If in darkness or needing to shine, come forward. Let's pray for hope and boldness this Christmas. Be a light—respond now.

Small Group Guide

Icebreaker Question: What light has Jesus brought you?

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is Jesus the light?
2. How does darkness fail to overcome?
3. Shine as lights, how?
4. Plan Christmas outreach.

Fire Bible Prompts: Study article on victory; Truth-in-Action for John 1.

Prayer Focus: Pray for light and salvation.

Weekly Challenge: Share Christ's light—report back.

Week 50: December 27, 2026

Sermon Title & Key Scripture: Peace on Earth – Luke 2:14

Big Idea: Jesus brings peace with God, within, and among us, fulfilling His Christmas promise.

3-Point Outline:

- **Point 1: Peace with God**
Supporting Scriptures: Romans 5:1; Colossians 1:20
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Note on reconciliation (Truth-in-Action: Receive peace).
Practical Life Application: Confess sins for renewed peace.
- **Point 2: Inner Peace**
Supporting Scriptures: Philippians 4:7; John 16:33
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Article on "Peace of God" (Truth-in-Action: Trust in trials).
Practical Life Application: Pray for peace in stress.
- **Point 3: Peace Among Us**
Supporting Scriptures: Ephesians 2:14; Matthew 5:9
Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Margin note on peacemaking (Truth-in-Action: Foster unity).
Practical Life Application: Reconcile with someone before year-end.

Fire Bible Integration: Cross-references: Isaiah 26:3 (perfect peace); Hebrews 12:14. Ties to Fundamental Truth #5 (Salvation).

Altar Call Prompt: Jesus brings peace—receive it now. If needing peace with God, within, or others, come forward. Let's pray for Christmas peace to fill you. Be a peacemaker—surrender today.

Small Group Guide

Icebreaker Question: When have you felt God's peace?

Discussion Questions:

1. How can one gain peace with God?
2. Experience inner peace?
3. Foster peace among others?
4. Reflect on the Christmas peace.

Fire Bible Prompts: Study an article on peace; Truth-in-Action for Luke 2.

Prayer Focus: Pray for peace and year-end reflection.

Weekly Challenge: Make peace with someone—share.

December 2026 – God With Us (Isaiah 7:14 – Immanuel, God With Us)

Extended to include year-end reflection and transition to 2027, aligning with missions giving and preparation for district renewal events.

Week 51: December 27, 2026

Sermon Title & Key Scripture: Faithful to the End – Matthew 25:23

Big Idea: As 2026 closes, we're called to remain faithful to Christ's mission, trusting His presence for eternal reward.

3-Point Outline:

- **Point 1: Faithful in Little**

Supporting Scriptures: Matthew 25:21; Luke 16:10

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Note on stewardship (Truth-in-Action: Be faithful in small tasks).

Practical Life Application: Complete a year-end ministry task (e.g., follow up with a new convert).

- **Point 2: Sustained by Immanuel**

Supporting Scriptures: Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Article on “God’s Presence” (Truth-in-Action: Rely on Christ’s nearness).

Practical Life Application: Reflect on how God’s presence sustained you in 2026.

- **Point 3: Rewarded for Faithfulness**

Supporting Scriptures: 2 Timothy 4:7-8; Revelation 22:12

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Margin note on eternal rewards (Truth-in-Action: Serve with eternity in mind).

Practical Life Application: Set a 2027 goal to serve faithfully in a ministry.

Fire Bible Integration: Cross-references: 1 Corinthians 4:2 (required of stewards); Colossians 3:23-24 (work for the Lord). Connects to Fundamental Truth #16 (The Eternal State), emphasizing eternal rewards for faithfulness.

Altar Call Prompt: Immanuel is with you—finish 2026 faithfully. If you need strength to end strong or recommitment for 2027, come to the altar. Let’s pray for steadfastness, His presence, and a heart for eternal reward. Be faithful to the end—respond now.

Small Group Guide

Icebreaker Question: What’s one way you stayed faithful in 2026?

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is faithfulness in little things important?
2. How has Immanuel’s presence sustained you this year?
3. What rewards motivate your service?
4. How to prepare for 2027’s renewal events?

Fire Bible Prompts: Review article on God’s presence; Truth-in-Action for Matthew 25.

Prayer Focus: Pray for faithfulness and the 2027 mission vision.

Weekly Challenge: Set a 2027 ministry goal and share it with the group.

Week 52: January 3, 2027

Sermon Title & Key Scripture: Looking to Jesus – Hebrews 12:2

Big Idea: As we enter 2027, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, prepares us for a year of purpose and victory.

3-Point Outline:

- **Point 1: Jesus, the Author**

Supporting Scriptures: Hebrews 12:2; Philippians 1:6

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Note on Christ initiating faith (Truth-in-Action: Trust His work in you).

Practical Life Application: Journal how Jesus began your faith journey.

- **Point 2: Running with Endurance**

Supporting Scriptures: Hebrews 12:1; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Article on “Perseverance in Faith” (Truth-in-Action: Run with discipline).

Practical Life Application: Create a 2027 spiritual discipline plan (e.g., prayer, Bible reading).

- **Point 3: Jesus, the Finisher**

Supporting Scriptures: Hebrews 12:2; Revelation 1:8

Fire Bible Notes/Truth-in-Action: Margin note on Christ completing faith (Truth-in-Action: Finish strong).

Practical Life Application: Pray for a 2027 vision aligned with district renewal (e.g., LIFE Rallies).

Fire Bible Integration: Cross-references: Psalm 121:1-2 (help from the Lord); John 19:30 (it is finished). Connects to Fundamental Truth #4 (Deity of Christ), as Jesus authors and completes our faith.

Altar Call Prompt: Look to Jesus as 2027 begins—He’s your author and finisher. If you need a fresh start or endurance for the race, come forward. Let’s pray for focus, strength, and vision for the new year. Fix your eyes on Him—step into 2027 with faith.

Small Group Guide

Icebreaker Question: What’s one hope for your faith in 2027?

Discussion Questions:

1. How is Jesus the author of your faith?
2. What helps you run with endurance?
3. How does Jesus finish your faith?
4. Prepare for LIFE Rallies and renewal.

Fire Bible Prompts: Study article on perseverance; Truth-in-Action for Hebrews 12.

Prayer Focus: Pray for the 2027 vision and district events.

Weekly Challenge: Create a 2027 faith goal and share progress.