



Weekend Message on September 1, 2024

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## NEW CIRCLES

Start with a “get to know you” conversation. Ask everyone to introduce themselves, share how they got connected at Valley Creek, and one fun fact about themselves.

## DISCUSS & ENGAGE THE SCRIPTURES

Scripture Passages On Gold Shields: [1 Kings 10-14](#) and [2 Chronicles 9-12](#)

1. During our weekend experience, we had a blackout service. Was this experience easy or hard for you to engage with? How so?
2. Where in your life is God inviting you to acknowledge bronze living or bronze thinking ([Isaiah 48:4](#))? What do you need to set down so you can pick up your gold shield?
3. What are you afraid of being exposed in choosing to transition from bronze living to a golden lifestyle? How can you trust God in it?
4. Read [Ephesians 6:10-17](#). God’s invitation is for us to “stand” so He can fight our battles. Why do you think it’s more difficult to stand with a gold shield than fight our own battles with bronze? What would it look like for you to stand with a gold shield in your daily life?

## PRACTICE PLAN

For the blackout service we removed several service elements we love like lights, videos, and a full band as we meet with God. Whether we have all of that or not, Jesus is with us. The same is true of our lives. How can you practice this in your own life?

## PRAY

Jesus, thank You for Your grace to live according to Your gold standard, may we have the courage to live a kingdom come life today.

## LEADERS

- In your attendance, add feedback on question #2.
- Check out [valleycreek.org/circleleaders](http://valleycreek.org/circleleaders) for a video update and one-pager on taking attendance in the lead app.
- Visit [valleycreek.plus](http://valleycreek.plus) to rewatch Season One & Season Two of *A Different Way*.