

Dear Friends,

What an amazing weekend we have had with Pursuit Conference! So many people are empowered to follow Christ in a new way by the power of the Holy Spirit. I believe we will hear stories throughout the rest of the semester and even into next year from this weekend.

Next week, we will be starting a new series in chapel entitled "WHY"? There are so many questions of our faith that need answers, and though not all answers adequately cover all of our questions, I find it helpful to have people around me who can process the questionable areas of life. The first Why question relates to why there is suffering. Suffering is a topic that will take more than a thirty-minute talk in the chapel, as there is so much to say on the topic. However, while reading Psalm 15 the other day, I realized a few steps a person can take to minimize the potential of suffering in their life. I encourage you to read this passage and see if you recognize these ideas.

- Act rightly (v.2a)
- Tell the truth (v.2b)
- Do not gossip (v.3)
- Do not hurt people (v.3)
- Keep your word (v.4b)
- Be generous (v.5a)
- Be honest (v.5b)

*Jesus, you know how difficult it is to stay strong in our faith. Often, the question "why" undermines our trust. While there may be areas we don't understand and are out of our control, please help this community do everything we can to not cause suffering in our lives or in others. Bless this topic as we seek to better understand and walk closely with the Holy Spirit. In Jesus name, Amen.*

### **COMING UP THIS WEEK**

**Mon, Jan 29** | Chapel: Bethany Hauck | Butterfield Chapel Balcony, 10 & 11:20am

**Mon, Jan 29** | Pursuit | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30pm

**Wed, Jan 31** | Chapel: Bob Stallman | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

**Fri, Feb 2** | Chapel: Phil Rasmussen | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

**Sun, Feb 4** | Chic Chat & FellaShip | Butterfield Chapel and Argue HSC 104, respectively

In Christ,

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