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**Thursday 6:30 p.m.**

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Contact: Jim Wickey  
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**Coldwater Group**  
**Monday 7:00 p.m.**

Hosts: Scott and Jan Carpenter  
587 Scott Drive, Coldwater  
Contact: Scott Carpenter  
(517) 278-3376

**Youth Study Group**  
**Thursday 6:30 p.m.**

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617 Gilead Lake Drive, Bronson  
Contact: Sharon McMeen  
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**Wednesday 6:00 p.m.**

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- I. Veterans of the faith include both the old and new testament saints who served God by serving others. God did not call any of them to just walk quietly by themselves. He called them to walk together. In some cases, we might refer to them as foot soldiers. Others would lead. The greatest leader was David. He, like a shepherd, led God's people into battle and into peace. David was a fearless shepherd who defended God's sheep. Read [1 Samuel 17: 34-37](#). What are your thoughts about this young shepherd boy? What other qualities did David lead with? Read [Psalm 78:70-72](#)
- II. Those who lead do so with authority. They do not go out on their own but wait until they have been sent. Jesus was often times asked by what authority He did what He did. Read [Luke 20:1-8](#). Jesus, as a young boy, returned under the authority of his parents after they found him in the synagogue. He was later baptized by John the Baptist and the Holy Spirit descended on him as a dove. It was then that Jesus began his ministry. Discuss what the symbol of a dove meant in regard to Jesus' ministry? Jesus would later tell the disciples that they too were to wait to begin their ministries. Read [Luke 24:45-49](#) and next read [Acts 2:1-3](#). Discuss the description that is given of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the disciples' ministries? How is it similar and different to Jesus' ministry?
- III. Both leading and going into battle requires skill. David used a shepherd's sling with five stones to disable Goliath before he used Goliath's own sword to kill him. How else does a shepherd lead and protect his sheep? Read [Psalms 23](#). David was a man after God's own heart. He shepherded God's people. Today, we are instructed to go out as sheep. Read and discuss [Matthew 10:16](#). What type of analogies are being used?
- IV. The weapons of our warfare are mighty. What weapons do we have as Christians? Read and discuss [2 Corinthians 10:1-6](#) with this in mind that Paul is talking in warrior terms but with a shepherd's heart. He, like David is a ferocious protector of the flock. The analogy is that of the mighty Roman era and weapons of the battle field. Finally, read and discuss [Ephesians 6:10-20](#)

*Conclude in prayer, Jesus tells Peter that He will build His church (those called out of the world) and the gates of hell shall not prevail against Him. Jesus could not be kept in the ground nor are people any longer to be prisoners of sin and death. Remember that the fervent prayers of a righteous man shall prevail much (James 5:16).*



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