CORE 52 SERMON SERIES

OPTION 1: For churches who desire to align their preaching and small group material, Core52 provides suggested series that move through the book in canonical order.

(1) ***Can we alter the sermon series titles or even shift some texts that we feel would fit better?*** Yes. This program has expandable edges, if you will, to allow for flexibility for various congregational needs. In fact, the sermons could focus on either the core verse or on the suggested story, which are thematically tied to the core verse.

(2) ***What if we need to insert a different series?*** That's expected. If your church is in a building campaign, a leadership transition, or need to address a cultural issue, there are core verses that could be shifted to address those specific needs OR the sermon series could break away from the small group material for a few weeks and then realign afterward.

#	Core Verse	Series A	Story Text	Story Title	Theme
1	Gen 1:1	Beginnings	Gen 1-2	Creation	Creation
2	Gen 1:26	Beginnings	Eph 1	In Christ	Identity
3	Gen 3:6	Beginnings	Gen 3:1-4:16	Fall/Cain	Fall
4	Gen 15:6	Beginnings	Gen 21:1-22:18	Abram & Isaac	Covenant
5	Lev 11:45	Set Apart	2 Sam 11; Psa 51	Repentance	Holiness
6	Deut 18:18	Set Apart	Exod 2-3	Moses' Call	Moses
7	1 Sam 16:7	Set Apart	1 Sam 15-16	King Saul	Kingdom
8	2 Sam 7:12	Set Apart	Matt 21-22	Triumphal Ent.	David
9	Psalm 1:1-3	Singing the Sacred	Job 1-2	Suffering	Happiness
10	Psalm 2:7	Singing the Sacred	1 Kings 18-19	Prophecy	Prophecy
11	Psalm 23:1-3	Singing the Sacred	John 10	Good Shepherd	Shepherd
12	Psalm 110:1	Singing the Sacred	John 5-6	Feeding 5000	Messiah
13	Psalm 118:22	Singing the Sacred	Acts 3-5	Persecution	Rejection
14	Prov 1:7	Hidden Hope	1 Kings 3; 10-11	Solomon	Wisdom
15	Isaiah 53:5	Hidden Hope	Exod 7:14-11:10	10 Plagues	Atonement
16	Jer 31:33-34	Hidden Hope	Matt 3; Luke 4	Bapt., Tempt.	New Covenant
17	Dan 7:13	Hidden Hope	Dan 3, 6	Fire & Lions	Son of Man
18	Matt 5:11-12	Apex	John 3:1-4:42	Nic. Vs. Sam.	Blessed

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19	Matt 5:20	Apex	Judges 15-16	Samson	Morality
20	Matt 6:9-13	Apex	John 17	Jesus' Prayer	Prayer
21	Matt 6:19-21	Apex	Josh 5:13-7:26	Jericho/Ai	Money
22	Matt 7:12	Apex	Luke 10:25-37	Good Samaritan	Golden Rule
23	Matt 16:24-25	Bottom Line	Mark 15	Crucifixion	Cross
24	Matt 22:14	Bottom Line	Acts 9:1-31	Saul's Conversion	Election
25	Matt 25:41	Bottom Line	Rev 12-13	Cosmic Battle	Supernatural
26	Matt 28:18-20	Bottom Line	Acts 10-11	Cornelius	Commission
27	Mark 1:1	A Guide to Greatness	John 2	Wine vs. Whip	Gospel
28	Mark 1:15	A Guide to Greatness	Gen 6:9-9:17	Noah	Faith
29	Mark 2:27-28	A Guide to Greatness	2 Kings 25	Sabbath	Rest
30	Mark 10:45	A Guide to Greatness	Jn 12:1-8; 13:1-14	Washing Feet	Leadership
31	Mark 12:29-31	A Guide to Greatness	Exod 20	10 Commands	Commands
32	John 1:14	Eagle's Eye	Matt 2; Luke 2	Birth of Jesus	Incarnation
33	John 3:16	Eagle's Eye	1 Cor 13	Love	Love
34	John 4:24	Eagle's Eye	Exod 40	Tabernacle	Worship
35	John 6:53	Eagle's Eye	Exod 12-13	Passover	Communion
36	John 10:28	Eagle's Eye	1 Sam 17	Goliath	Eternal Security
37	Acts 1:8	Outside In	Acts 2	Pentecost	Holy Spirit
38	Acts 1:9	Outside In	Acts 1	Ascension	Ascension
39	Acts 2:38	Outside In	Exod 14-15	Crossing Sea	Baptism
40	Acts 17:26	Outside In	Jonah 1-3	Jonah	Racism
41	Rom 8:1	Beyond Belief	John 8:1-11	Adultery	Freedom
42	Rom 12:2	Beyond Belief	Matt 17:1-20	Transfiguration	Change
43	1 Cor 2:16	Beyond Belief	Acts 17-18	Church Planting	God's Will
44	1 Cor 15:14	Beyond Belief	John 11; Mark 16	Resurrection	Resurrection
45	Eph 2:8	One Thing	Luke 15	Prodigal Son	Grace
46	Eph 4:4-7	One Thing	Acts 15	Circumcision	Unity/Gifts
47	Php 2:5-7	One Thing	Gen 37; 39-41	Joseph	Humility
48	Php 4:6	One Thing	Gen 42-45	Joseph	Worry
49	2 Tim 2:2	Look ahead	Ruth 1-4	Ruth	Mentoring
50	2 Tim 3:16-17	Look back	Mark 4:35-5:43	Storms	Scripture
51	Heb 12:1-2	Look around	Neh 1-2	Nehemiah Wall	Grit
52	Rev 21:1-3	Look Forward	Revelation 21-22	Heaven	Heaven

Series Descriptions:

Beginnings: Virtually every major question of life is asked and answered in the first book of the Bible. Why are we here? Who am I? What went wrong? And how can we get right with God? This is not just good theology, it is critical philosophy for every human being.

Set Apart: We all want to feel special. We love being chosen; we need to feel valued. This series explores what God looks for in the people he chooses and how you can be part of his inner circle. The biographies of Moses, Saul, and David offer strategic insights for your best life.

Singing the Sacred: In the center of the bible is the book of songs. They cover a wide range of styles, moods, moments, and even instruments because they are the soundtrack of our spiritual lives. Embedded in these songs are some of the deepest truths AND some of the highest promises pointing to Jesus.

Hidden Hope: The entire Bible is about Jesus. Sometimes he sits on the surface of the page. Other times Jesus hides between the lines. This four-week series explores some of these hidden gems that shine brightest when Jesus is brought to light.

Apex: The Sermon on the Mount is the most influential speech in human history with no close second. Multiple times in this single speech Jesus dropped a bomb shell that altered religious thought. Each week we will look at one of those revolutionary statements that literally changed the course of history.

Bottom Line: Matthew was an accountant—he brokered in bottom lines. He, of all people, snapped to attention when Jesus threw down the gauntlet of his identity, our election, ultimate realities, and global mission. Bottom line: If you want to follow Jesus, you have to settle accounts here.

A Beginner's Guide to Greatness: Mark was the youngest biographer of Jesus who had a string of failures in his ministry resume. But he never quit so that by the end of his life both Peter and Paul considered him a spiritual son. That's why his gospel is such a valuable guide as a "Beginner's Guide to Greatness." He embedded Jesus' best advice on how to achieve success in life.

Eagle's Eye: In Classical Christian Art, the Gospel of John is depicted with the symbol of an Eagle. Why? Because his theology is lofty. He flies closer to the Son. We are going to look at a handful of those "lofty thoughts" that will lift you out of the mundane to new heights.

Outside In: Luke is the only non-Jewish author of the Bible. If you have ever known sting of being on the outside, his perspective will bring fresh wind to your spiritual journey. You can walk with Luke from the perimeter, to the very heart of God.

Beyond Belief: There are some things that even Christians have a hard time believing. If you can believe it, you can receive it: Freedom from guilt, freedom to change, freedom to know God's thoughts. Ultimately, we are promised the freedom from this body through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Believe it.

One Thing: Paul was a world traveler and premier teacher. Yet he had a remarkable ability to reduce the most complicated ideas into to a singular truth that you can put in your pocket and take with you. Here are some of his singular truths that will make a world of difference.

Look: Your legacy has a lot to do with your vantage point. What you pay attention to will get your attention. What gets your attention will determine your direction. Your direction will determine your destination. Your destination determines your legacy. So look.

OPTION 2: This is the best option for churches who want to align the annual calendar of the church with the material of Core52. Here are some of the common question:

(1) ***Does it diminish the impact of Core52 if we do not go through it in the same order as the book?*** No. The book is arranged from Genesis to Revelation but each chapter is a stand-alone and can be consumed in any order.

(2) ***Should we begin this series in January?*** Not necessarily, however, it is laid out with sensitivity to the calendar so starting at another time might require shifting some of the series.

Date	Core Verse	Series	Theme	Story Text	Story Title
3-Jan	Romans 12:2	Your Best You	Change	Matt 17:1-20	Transfiguration
10-Jan	Romans 8:1	Your Best You	Freedom	John 8:1-11	Woman Adultery
17-Jan	Proverbs 1:7	Your Best You	Wisdom	1 Kings 3; 10-11	Solomon's Wisdom
24-Jan	Mark 2:27-28	Your Best You	Rest	2 Kings 25	Sabbath
31-Jan	Psalm 1:1-3	Your Best You	Happiness	Job 1-2	Suffering
7-Feb	Philippians 4:6	Your Best You	Worry	Gen 42-45	Joseph
14-Feb	Matthew 5:11-12	The Good Life	Blessed	John 3:1-4:42	Nic. Vs. Sam.
21-Feb	Matthew 5:20	The Good Life	Morality	Judges 15-16	Samson
28-Feb	Matthew 6:9-13	The Good Life	Prayer	John 17	Jesus' Prayer
7-Mar	Matthew 6:19-21	The Good Life	Money	Josh 5:13-7:26	Jericho/Ai
14-Mar	Matthew 7:12	The Good Life	Golden Rule	Luke 10:25-37	Good Samaritan
21-Mar	John 1:14	The REAL Jesus	Incarnation	Matt 2; Luke 2	Birth of Jesus
28-Mar	1 Samuel 16:7	The REAL Jesus	Kingdom	1 Sam 15-16	King Saul
4-Apr	Matthew 16:24-25	The REAL Jesus	Cross	Mark 15	Crucifixion
11-Apr	1 Corinthians 15:14	The REAL Jesus	Resurrection	John 11; Mark 16	Resurrection
18-Apr	Acts 1:9	The REAL Jesus	Ascension	Acts 1	Ascension
25-Apr	Psalm 23:1-3	Master Leader	Shepherd	John 10	Good Shepherd
2-May	Philippians 2:5-7	Master Leader	Humility	Gen 37; 39-41	Joseph
9-May	2 Timothy 2:2	Master Leader	Mentoring	Ruth 1-4	Ruth
16-May	Mark 10:45	Master Leader	Leadership	Jn 12:1-8; 13:1-14	Washing Feet
23-May	Hebrews 12:1-2	Master Leader	Grit	Neh 1-2	Nehemiah Walls
30-May	John 4:24	I Love My Church	Worship	Exod 40	Tabernacle
5-Jun	Ephesians 4:4-7	I Love My Church	Unity/Gifts	Acts 15	Circumcision
13-Jun	2 Timothy 3:16-17	I Love My Church	Scripture	Mark 4:35-5:43	Storms
20-Jun	Acts 2:38	I Love My Church	Baptism	Exod 14-15	Crossing Sea
27-Jun	John 6:53	I Love My Church	Communion	Exod 12-13	Passover
4-Jul	Revelation 21:1-3	I Love My Church	Heaven	Revelation 21-22	Heaven

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11-Jul	Mark 1:1	Living It	Gospel	John 2	Wine vs. Whip
18-Jul	Mark 1:15	Living It	Faith	Gen 6:9-9:17	Noah
25-Jul	John 3:16	Living It	Love	1 Cor 13	Love
1-Aug	Acts 1:8	Living It	Holy Spirit	Acts 2	Pentecost
8-Aug	Acts 17:26	Living It	Racism	Jonah 1-3	Jonah
15-Aug	1 Cor 2:16	Living It	God's Will	Acts 17-18	Church Planting
22-Aug	Genesis 1:1	New Lens	Creation	Genesis 1-2	Creation
29-Aug	Genesis 1:26	New Lens	Identity	Ephesians 1	In Christ
6-Sep	Leviticus 11:45	New Lens	Holiness	2 Sam 11; Psa 51	Repentance
12-Sep	Matthew 25:41	New Lens	Supernatural	Rev 12-13	Cosmic Battle
19-Sep	Matthew 28:18-20	New Lens	Commission	Acts 10-11	Cornelius
26-Sep	Mark 12:29-31	New Lens	Commands	Exod 20	10 Commands
3-Oct	Genesis 3:6	Getting Right with God	Fall	Gen 3:1-4:16	Fall/Cain
10-Oct	Genesis 15:6	Getting Right with God	Covenant	Gen 21:1-22:18	Abram & Isaac
17-Oct	Jeremiah 31:33-34	Getting Right with God	New Covenant	Matt 3; Luke 4	Bapt., Tempt.
24-Oct	Matthew 22:14	Getting Right with God	Election	Acts 9:1-31	Saul's Conversion
31-Oct	John 10:28	Getting Right with God	Security	1 Sam 17	Goliath
7-Nov	Ephesians 2:8	Getting Right with God	Grace	Luke 15	Prodigal Son
14-Nov	Psalm 110:1	Jesus before Xmas	Messiah	John 5-6	Feeding 5000
21-Nov	Isaiah 53:5	Jesus before Xmas	Atonement	Exod 7:14-11:10	10 Plagues
28-Nov	Psalm 2:7	Jesus before Xmas	Prophecy	1 Kings 18-19	Prophecy
5-Dec	2 Samuel 7:12	Jesus before Xmas	David	Matt 21-22	Triumphal Ent.
12-Dec	Deuteronomy 18:18	Jesus before Xmas	Moses	Exod 2-3	Moses' Call
19-Dec	Psalm 118:22	Jesus before Xmas	Rejection	Acts 3-5	Persecution
26-Dec	Daniel 7:13	Jesus after Xmas	Son of Man	Dan 3, 6	Fire & Lions

Series Descriptions:

Your Best You: As we kick off a new year, we tend to be more open to healthy habits. These six practices could potentially reroute the trajectory of your year. Think of this as your spiritual health club membership.

The Good Life: The Sermon on the Mount is the most influential speech in human history with no close second. Multiple times in this single speech Jesus dropped a bomb shell that altered religious thought. Each week we will look at one of those revolutionary statements that literally changed the course of history.

The Real Jesus: Often the mere mention of Jesus takes us straight to the Gospels. We think of him as the healer, teacher, preacher. He is, however, far more. In this series we will look at him through heaven's eyes as the logos, the prophesied King, the crucified Savior, and the risen Lord.

Master Leader: Contemporary leadership literature focuses on servant leadership. That whole concept was introduced by Jesus. In this series we want to provide leadership coaching from Jesus himself that will make you a better leader at work, at home, on the sports field, and every other circle of influence.

I Love My Church: Have you ever wondered why we do what we do when we gather together? Our church services are no mere modern inventions. We are following in ancient and noble traditions laid out in sacred Scripture. Though we worship in ways that are culturally relevant, we are connected to the church universal in ways that are spiritually significant.

Living It: It is not enough to say we believe in Jesus. We need to put feet to our faith. We are going to circle the wagons around the core of Christianity and ask how to live it out where we live our lives.

New Lens: No one really denies that we now live in a Post-Christian nation. The foundations of faith have been eroded. This provides a significant advantage to people of faith when we live a counter-cultural life BUT only if we stand securely on a Christian Worldview revealed in Scripture.

Getting Right with God: What does it take to have a genuine and real relationship with your creator? The Bible addresses this head on. You CAN know God. You can live in his presence and with his power. Here's how.

Jesus before Christmas: Long before Jesus set food on our planet, before he ever took on human form, he had a purpose, personality, and presence that was prophesied in the Bible. As we look to Advent, we want to lean into his preincarnate biography unveiled in the fullness of time.