



March 5-11, 2017

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FIPC, Tukwila area churches, South King County, Seattle region

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[e.g. II Corinthians 5:16-21]

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