

Weekly Devotions

A key way that we are going to be transformed as individuals and as a community is through consistent, meaningful engagement with God's Word. Daily Bible reading and meditating on Scripture is an ordinary means of grace through which God is delighted to work out His purposes in our lives.

Each day is divided nicely into the following sections:

Prepare: Just a simple moment of quiet and then a simple prayer as you set aside time to engage in God's Word.

Read: The day's reading. Some weeks it will be different bits of a passage, some weeks it will be the same passage repeated picking out different elements.

Write: A good way to familiarise ourselves with Scripture is to write it out as we are forced then to really concentrate.

Learn: Hiding God's word in our hearts is a great goal so each day you'll be invited to learn just one verse to mull over during the day.

Focus: This will be a question to help understand the passage. Try and be as thorough in answering as possible, chasing down all the possible angles.

Reflect: This will be an extension question aimed at helping you reflect and relate to what you have read.

Pray: There will be one thing to pray for at the end of each day, hopefully useful as a springboard to launch you in to praying through other things.

Hopefully all this will take no more than 15 minutes in total. There is not a better way we could spend this time.

Week 10: 9th March – 15th March

Monday 9th March:

Prepare: Lord, help me know you more today.

Read: Ephesians 1:15-23

Write: v. 17 _____

Learn: v. 17

Focus: What two traits of a Christian believer does Paul outline at v. 15?

Reflect: Do you see these traits on display in your life?

Pray: 'I pray that my brothers and sisters in Christ would know you deeply today in their lives.'

Tuesday 10th March:

Prepare: 'Thank you that you have revealed yourself to me in your Word.'

Read: Psalm 119:121-128

Write: v. 125 _____

Learn: v. 125

Focus: In what ways do we see the psalmist portray himself as a good servant in these verses?

Reflect: What will it look like in your life today to be a faithful servant of God wherever you are?

Pray: 'Help me be your faithful servant today.'

Wednesday 11th March:

Prepare: 'Thank you that you are the defender of your people.'

Read: Ephesians 1:15-23

Write: v. 18 _____

Learn: v. 18

Focus: How has God demonstrated his mighty power?

Reflect: What adjectives does Paul use to describe the superior greatness of Jesus Christ?

Pray: 'Thank you that there is no greater power than the risen Jesus.'

Thursday 12th March:

Prepare: 'Teach me to love your Word.'

Read: Psalm 119:129-136

Write: v. 129 _____

Learn: v. 129

Focus: What words describe how the psalmist feels towards God's Word?

Reflect: Does the psalmist follow God's Word out of duty or delight?

Pray: 'Help me to love your Word.'

Friday 13th March:

Prepare: 'Help me remember rightly what you have done for me.'

Read: Ephesians 1:15-23

Write: v. 22-23 _____

Learn: v. 22-23

Focus: How does Paul describe the church in relation to Jesus?

Reflect: Who lives in the church and where does the church live?

Pray: 'Thank you for the glorious truth that my life is hid with Christ on high.'

Saturday 14th March:

Prepare: 'Thank you father that I can trust you.'

Read: Psalm 119:137-144

Write: v. 140 _____

Learn: v. 140

Focus: What words does the psalmist use to show us that God's Word is the truth?

Reflect: How does Jesus describe himself in John 14:6?

Pray: 'Lord, help me have confidence in the truth of your Word.'

Sunday 15th March:

Read Ephesians 1:15-22 before the morning service.

Read Psalm 119:121-144 after the evening service.