

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January:

- Read Exodus 2:1-2:25 before the morning service.
  - Read Romans 12:1-8 after the evening service.
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**Blank Page:** Use this for making notes of questions, thoughts, ideas & prayers that come up during your times of personal devotion.

## Personal Devotions at Bruntsfield Evangelical Church

One of the key ways that we are going to be transformed as individuals and as a community is through consistent meaningful engagement with God's Word individually.

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.

With this in mind we are seeking to provide a useful, informative and accessible set of notes to aid us in this endeavour. The passages in view are those that will be preached from on the Sunday following, so in this way we can hit the ground running having already familiarised ourselves with and thought about the passages.

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The notes contain 7 key elements:

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

**Read:** simply gives you the passage for the morning. 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 question to help in understanding 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 2 : 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** 'Give me an undivided heart.'

**Read:** Exodus 2:1-25

**Write:** vs. 6 \_\_\_\_\_

**Learn:** vs. 6

**Focus:** What is the chain of events in 1-10?

**Reflect:** How do you see God's hand of providence in this passage?

**Pray:** Ask God to help you trust him.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** 'Help me think your thoughts after you.'

**Read:** Romans 12:1-8

**Write:** vs. 1 \_\_\_\_\_

**Learn:** vs. 1

**Focus:** What is ironic about being a living sacrifice?

**Reflect:** What are the mercies of God Paul mentions? How do they spur us on to be living sacrifices?

**Pray:** Lord, help me be a living sacrifice today.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** 'Not to me but to you be the glory.'

**Read:** Exodus 2:1-25

**Write:** vs. 14 \_\_\_\_\_

**Learn:** vs.14

**Focus:** How does Hebrews 11:23-26 help us see this passage?

**Reflect:** Was Moses right to stand up for his fellow oppressed Hebrews? Why do you think that he flees for his life?

**Pray:** Help me be willing to suffer for your name today.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** 'Bring to my mind your many mercies to me.'

**Read:** Romans 12:1-8

**Write:** vs. 3 \_\_\_\_\_

**Learn:** vs. 3

**Focus:** What is Paul trying to teach us through his body analogy?

**Reflect:** How do you see the body analogy reflected at BEC?

**Pray:** Thank God for Bruntsfield and the family God has given us there.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** 'Help me always remember grace.'

**Read:** Exodus 2:1-25

**Write:** vs. 24 \_\_\_\_\_

**Learn:** vs. 24

**Focus:** What do the Hebrews do in vs. 24 they haven't done so far in the book?

**Reflect:** How much is prayer a part of your everyday life?

**Pray:** Lord help me to declare my dependence on you.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** 'Lord show me how and where and who to serve.'

**Read:** Romans 12:1-8

**Write:** vs. 5 \_\_\_\_\_

**Learn:** vs.5

**Focus:** How many different gifts are mentioned? How is the attitude linked to the gift?

**Reflect:** What are your gifts? What attitudes should accompany them?

**Pray:** Lord thank you for my gifts. Help me to use them to build up your church.