

Weekly Devotions 29th June - 5th July



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.

Monday 29th June

Prepare: 'Thank you that your ways are higher than my ways.'

Read: Proverbs 1:1-7

Write: 1:7

Learn: 1:7

Focus: What is the author's reason for writing? What does it mean to fear the Lord?

Reflect: What is guiding my decision making at the moment?

Pray: 'Help me to lean my whole life on your Word.'

Tuesday

Prepare: 'Father, thank you that you sent your Son to earth to save me.'

Read: Mark 1:1-8

Write: 1:8

Learn: 1:8

Focus: How is John described here? Who does he want us to see that John is? (Isa.40:3 & Malachi 4:5)

Reflect: What do we learn about Jesus's identity from these verses? Is this how you see him?

Pray: 'Be King of my life today Lord Jesus.'

Wednesday

Prepare: 'You are the giver of life.'

Read: Proverbs 2:1-15

Write: 2:9

Learn: 2:9

Focus: What words does the father use to describe what he wants his son to do with wisdom?

Reflect: Are you actively seeking to know Gods voice in your own life?

Pray: 'Help me walk in the way of good today.'

Thursday

Prepare: 'Thank you that your grace is sufficient for me today.'

Read: Mark 1:9-13

Write: 1:11

Learn: 1:11

Focus: Read Deut. 8:2. Where and how did God's people fail? Where and how did Jesus succeed?

Reflect: How is Jesus victory over Satan here good news for you?

Pray: 'Thank you, Lord Jesus, that I am saved by your perfect righteousness and not my own.'

Friday

Prepare: 'I praise you for your steadfast love.'

Read: Proverbs 3:1-12

Write: 3:5

Learn: 3:19

Focus: How does the father implore the son to act towards God? How is he to act towards others?

Reflect: Am I making every effort today to trust God and not lean on my own understanding?

Pray: 'Mould me more into your image today Lord.'

Saturday

Prepare: 'Thank you that you hold the whole earth and my life in your hands today.'

Read: Mark 1:14-15

Write: 1:15

Learn: 1:15

Focus: What is Jesus proclaiming?

Reflect: Have you repented and believed in Jesus?

Pray: 'Thank you for saving me.'

Sunday

Read Morning & Evening: Mark 1:1-15