

# Weekly Devotions 6th July - 12th 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

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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

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this time.

## **Monday**

Prepare: 'Thank you that your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.'

Read: Proverbs 4:1-27

Write: 4:18

Learn: 4:18

Focus: List the things the son is to do and not to do from the fatherly advice in these verses.

Reflect: Are there any of these things that you are currently doing or failing to do in your own life?

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Pray: 'Father, help me to focus solely on you today.'

## **Tuesday**

Prepare: 'Thank you that I can call you Father.'

Read: Mark 1:16-2:17

Write: 1:22

Learn: 2:17

Focus: Over what things does Mark want us to know that Jesus has 'authority' ?

Reflect: How does Mark want his readers to respond to Jesus (1v.17 & 2:13)? Is this your response?

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Pray: 'Help me to follow you today Lord Jesus.'

**Wednesday**

Prepare: 'Lord God, you alone satisfy the longings of my soul.'

Read: Proverbs 8:12-36

Write: 8:13

Learn: 8:35

Focus: Who is speaking here (v.12) ? Where do we see God's wisdom exemplified (1 Corinthians 23-24)?

Reflect: Does it thrill you that the God who created the cosmos is the God who speaks to you today?

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Pray: 'Father, help me to value the things of your Kingdom in my life today.'

**Thursday**

Prepare: 'Lord Jesus, you are the King of all Kings and the Lord of all Lords.'

Read: Mark 2:18-3:16

Write: 2:27

Learn: 2:22

Focus: In terms of keeping the law, how do we see the hypocrisy of the Pharisees actions at 3:2 & 3:6?

Reflect: Today, how might you be in danger of saying one thing and thinking another like the Pharisees?

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Pray: 'Father God, help me to have a Kingdom mindset today.'

**Friday**

Prepare: 'Humble me as I come to sit under your Word this morning.'

Read: Proverbs 9:1-18

Write: 9:10

Learn: 9:6

Focus: How are the two 'women of wisdom' personified and contrasted here (v.1-12 & v.13-18)?

Reflect: Are you being humble and teachable when it comes to God's instruction?

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Pray: 'Help me treasure you today Lord Jesus.'

**Saturday**

Prepare: 'Lord God, you are the source of all true joy for you are a truly delightful God.'

Read: Mark 3:7-35

Write: 3:11

Learn: 3:11

Focus: What different reactions does Mark show us there were to Jesus's ministry?

Reflect: Are you someone who rejects Jesus or believes in him?

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Pray: 'Father, help me trust you with my life today.'

**Sunday**

Read Morning & Evening: Mark 1:16-3:35