

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February:**

- Read Exodus 5:1-7:7 before the morning service.
  - Read Romans 13:1-7 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 4 : 26<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** 'Teach me your ways O Lord.'

**Read:** Exodus 5:1-6:1

**Write:** 6:1 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Learn:** 6:1

**Focus:** Why did Pharaoh increase the workload of the Israelites?

**Reflect:** How do you think Moses felt about this opening exchange with Pharaoh and the Israelites?

**Pray:** Ask God to help us be hope filled, diligent and dependant disciples.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** 'Thank you that you bring order to chaos.'

**Read:** Romans 13:1-7

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

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**Learn:** vs. 1

**Focus:** How is government a gift from God?

**Reflect:** How does your view of those in authority match these truths?

**Pray:** Thank God for his gift of government.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** 'Help me trust your promises more.'

**Read:** Exodus 6:2-6:27

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

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**Learn:** vs.7

**Focus:** How many promises does God make to Israel in 6:6-8?

**Reflect:** 6:8 still shows that Moses thought success ultimately rested with him. How are you tempted to think similarly?

**Pray:** 'Thank you that your grace is sufficient and your promises are sure.'

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** 'Tech me to live carefully in this world.'

**Read:** Romans 13:1-7

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

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**Learn:** vs. 3

**Focus:** How is government a servant to us for our good?

**Reflect:** What are the ultimate goals of government for the Christian?

**Pray:** Lead and guide our government.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** Make me a mouthpiece of your message.

**Read:** 6:28-7:7

**Write:** 7:5 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Learn:** 7:5

**Focus:** How is the message to flow to Pharaoh?

**Reflect:** Why will Pharaoh not let the people of Israel go?

**Pray:** Father God help me declare your truth boldly and clearly today.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** 'Challenge me about my earthly citizenship.'

**Read:** Romans 13:1-7

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

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**Learn:** vs. 5

**Focus:** What different types of obligations are we to pay?

**Reflect:** How is being a good citizen a form of our worship?

**Pray:** Father help me be a shining provocative example to those I share my life with. Help me live differently.