

Sunday 8th February:

- Read Exodus 7:8-11:10 before the morning service.
 - Read Romans 13:8-14 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.

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 5: 2nd – 8th February

Monday 2nd February:

Prepare: 'Help me to know that you are the incomparable God.'

Read: Exodus 7:8-8:32

Write: 8:10 _____

Learn: 8:10

Focus: What seems to be the purpose behind the plagues?

Reflect: In v. 20 God says that he will rescue his people so that they can serve him. How does this make you view what Jesus has done for you?

Pray: Help me know that there is none that compares to you.

Tuesday 3rd February:

Prepare: 'Thank you that You loved me first.'

Read: Romans 13:8-14

Write: vs. 10 _____

Learn: vs. 10

Focus: How are the commandments summed up in the command to love thy neighbour?

Reflect: What will 'loving thy neighbour' look like in your life this week?

Pray: Help me love others as I love myself.

Wednesday 4th February:

Prepare: 'I praise you that you are patient and merciful.'

Read: Exodus 9:1-10:29

Write: vs. 9:16 _____

Learn: vs. 9:16

Focus: How is God both merciful to and sovereign over Pharaoh?

Reflect: What reaction is there among Pharaoh's servants to God's word?

Pray: Lord, equip me to be a hearer and doer of your word.

Thursday 5th February:

Prepare: 'Help me cling to your word to me today.'

Read: Romans 13:8-14

Write: vs. 11 _____

Learn: vs. 11

Focus: What does Paul mean by 'salvation' here?

Reflect: What does it mean to live in the light of Christ's return?

Pray: Father, help me live today in the light of eternity.

Friday 6th February:

Prepare: 'You are the author of salvation.'

Read: Exodus 11:1-11:10

Write: vs. 7 _____

Learn: vs. 7

Focus: What will be the outcome of the final plague?

Reflect: How are we tempted to think God saves us?

Pray: I thank you God that salvation is all of you.

Saturday 7th February:

Prepare: 'Lord, mould me more to the person of Jesus.'

Read: Romans 13:8-14

Write: vs. 14 _____

Learn: vs. 14

Focus: What imagery does Paul use to illustrate his command?

Reflect: What will it mean for me today to clothe myself in Christ?

Pray: Father, help me to say no to sin and yes to Christ.