

Sunday 15th February:

- Read Exodus 12:1-12:32 before the morning service.
 - Read Psalm 119:25-48 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 6: 9th – 15th February

Monday 9th February:

Prepare: 'Help me grasp the truth of the cross.'

Read: Exodus 12:1-6

Write: vs. 5 _____

Learn: vs. 5

Focus: What do you notice about the condition and fate of the lamb?

Reflect: Who deserves to die in this passage?

Pray: 'Thank you that the Passover lamb takes the place of the people.'

Tuesday 10th February:

Prepare: 'Thank you that you have revealed yourself to me in your word.'

Read: Psalm 119:25-32

Write: vs. 27 _____

Learn: vs. 27

Focus: How would you describe your relationship with God's word?

Reflect: What will be the result of the psalmist following God's word?

Pray: 'Help me treasure your word.'

Wednesday 11th February:

Prepare: 'Thank you that you are the defender of your people.'

Read: Exodus 12:7-13

Write: vs. 13 _____

Learn: vs. 13

Focus: What stands between the Israelites and death?

Reflect: How do we see God as both the just and the justifier in this passage? Read Romans 3:26.

Pray: 'Thank you that you are the just and the justifier.'

Thursday 12th February:

Prepare: 'Teach me to love your word.'

Read: Psalm 119:33-40

Write: vs. 37 _____

Learn: vs. 37

Focus: What words describe the Psalmists attitude to God's word?

Reflect: How does the psalmist teach us to pray here?

Pray: 'Help me to love your word.'

Friday 13th February:

Prepare: 'Help me remember rightly what you have done for me.'

Read: Exodus 12:14-28

Write: vs. 25 _____

Learn: vs. 25

Focus: Why is it important that Israel remembers this event?

Reflect: Why do the gospel writers want us to know that Jesus died at Passover?

Pray: Thank you that you have provided the ultimate Passover lamb, your son, Jesus.

Saturday 14th February:

Prepare: 'Challenge me about my earthly citizenship.'

Read: Psalm 119:41-48

Write: vs. 42 _____

Learn: vs. 42

Focus: Where does the psalmist find his confidence?

Reflect: In what ways do people 'taunt us' today for following God's word?

Pray: 'Lord. Help me to have confidence in the truth of your word.'