

Sunday 1st March:

- Read Exodus 14:1-15:21 before the morning service.
 - Read Psalm 119:73-96 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 8: 23rd February – 1st March

Monday 23rd February:

Prepare: 'Thank you Lord that you are trustworthy.'

Read: Exodus 14:1-31

Write: v. 31 _____

Learn: v. 31

Focus: What does Israel fear at v.10 and v.31? What has caused this fear reversal?

Reflect: Are you more guided by your circumstances or what you know to be true of God?

Pray: 'Help me trust you more today.'

Tuesday 24th February:

Prepare: 'I praise you that you are a delightful God.'

Read: Psalm 119:78-80

Write: v. 80 _____

Learn: v. 80

Focus: What glorious truths about who God is does the psalmist remind himself of?

Reflect: Take time to write down these truths about who God is.

Pray: Help me know you more closely today.

Wednesday 25th February:

Prepare: 'You are the all-powerful God.'

Read: Exodus 14:1-31

Write: v. 25 _____

Learn: v. 25

Focus: In what miraculous ways does God intervene for his people?

Reflect: How would you describe the God who you see in this chapter?

Pray: 'Thank you that you are the great deliverer.'

Thursday 26th February:

Prepare: 'Thank you that you are an anchor in the storms of life'

Read: Psalm 119:81-88

Write: v. 88 _____

Learn: v. 88

Focus: What words does the psalmist use to describe how he is feeling?

Reflect: How do you see the body analogy reflected at BEC?

Pray: 'Help me patiently trust you today.'

Friday 27th February:

Prepare: 'I praise you that you are a victorious God.'

Read: Exodus 15:1-21

Write: v. 11 _____

Learn: v. 11

Focus: Pick out the phrases in the people's song that describe the dual aspect of God's saving his people and judging his enemies.

Reflect: How does Paul pick up these themes when describing the work of Christ in Colossians 2:13-15?

Pray: 'Thank you father that in Christ I share in His victory.'

Saturday 28th February:

Prepare: 'Thank you that you hold the world in your hands.'

Read: Psalm 119:89-96

Write: v. 90 _____

Learn: v. 90

Focus: What words does the psalmist use to indicate that God is in control of all of creation?

Reflect: How do these truths impact the psalmist's outlook to what he experiences on earth?

Pray: 'Help me have a better understanding of who you are today.'