

Food for thought

Spending time with God daily



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Items for Daily Prayer and Praise

Daily Commitment:

Worship...

Confession...

Thanksgiving...

Renewed Commitment...

Areas needing change in my life:

Items for Regular Prayer:

Every Sunday:

Every Monday:

Every Tuesday:

Items for Regular Prayer:

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Every Wednesday:

Every Thursday:

Every Friday:

Every Saturday:

Week 1

Monday

Reading: Luke 1:1-25

What special purpose did God have marked out for John the Baptist (Elizabeth's son) even before his birth (v.16, 17)?

Do you think God has a special purpose to fulfil in your life?

What do you think it might be?

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Tuesday

Reading: Luke 1:26-56

What do we learn about God in v.37?

What was Mary's response to God's will for her (v.38)?

What do we mean when we say to God that we are willing to be His servants?

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Week 1

Wednesday

Reading: Luke 1:57-80

Zechariah refers to the ancient promises of God which would come to pass by the arrival of Jesus Christ (v.70, 72, 73). Why does God always keep His promises? Can you think of one promise you can trust Him to keep for you?

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Thursday

Reading: Luke 2:1-20

What do the angels tell us about who the baby is (v.11)?
Why is this "good news of great joy"?
How are the shepherds examples to us (v.17, 18)?

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Week 1

Friday

Reading: Luke 2:21-52

In what way would Mary experience a sword piercing her own soul (i.e.. (sorrow) at a future time in her life?

Even though Jesus was the Son of God, He obeyed His earthly parents (v.51). In your opinion, when is the only time a young person should disobey a parent?

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Saturday

Reading: Luke 3:1-14

What was baptism a sign of at the time of John the Baptist (v.3)?

If a person repents, how will it show in his life, according to John the Baptist (v.10-14)?

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Week 2

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Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Luke 3:15-38

How does John the Baptist show the characteristics of humility (v.16) and courage (v.19)?

In your opinion, why did God say what He did (v.22, 23)?

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Week 2

Monday

Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Why do you think it was necessary for Jesus to be tempted by the devil?

Is it necessary for us to be tempted also?

What role did the Holy Spirit (v.1) and the Bible (v.4, 8, 12) have in Jesus' victory over temptation?

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Tuesday

Reading: Luke 4:14-30

What was the result of Jesus' victory over temptation (v.14)?

If we want God's power in our lives what must we do?

Why did the people in Jesus' home town find it hard to believe that He was the Son of God?

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Week 2

Wednesday

Reading: Luke 4:31-44

How did Jesus show His Divine authority in the events recorded in this passage (v.32, 35, 36, 39, 41)?

Why do you think Jesus rose early in the morning to go to a lonely place (v.42)?

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Thursday

Reading: Luke 5:1-16

What qualities do Peter and his friends show that pleased the Lord Jesus (v. 5, 8, 11)?

How was the miracle of the large catch of fish an illustration of the way Peter would one day "catch men" (v.10)?

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Week 2

Friday

Reading: Luke 5:17-38

Anyone could say to a person "Your sins are forgiven you", but what did Jesus do in order to show that He really did have the power to forgive?

How do the parables of verses 36-37 illustrate the way that Christianity (which was NEW then) could not be joined with the OLD Jewish religion of that day?

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Saturday

Reading: Luke 6:1-19

Why did the Scribes and Pharisees get angry with Jesus?

Did their opposition stop Jesus doing what was right?

How might it be possible today for religious people to oppose us when we are doing what is right?

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Week 3

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Luke 6:20-36

If, because we are followers of Christ, we are poor, hungry, sorrowful at times and not accepted by the majority, why are we still better off than those who are not followers of Christ (v.23-26)?

How are we to respond to people who don't accept us, or even treat us badly?

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Week 3

Monday

Reading: Luke 6:37-49

What positive reasons does Jesus give for not judging people, forgiving others and being generous?

How does verse 45 show that what we are on the inside is more important than what we do on the outside?

What is the foundation that God wants us to build our lives on (v.47)?

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Reading: Luke 7:1-23

What was it about the Centurion's faith that was so remarkable (v.7)?

What moved Jesus to raise the widow's son from death (v.13)?

What did Jesus give as evidence that He was truly the Son of God (v.22)?

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Week 3

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Reading: Luke 7:24-50

What do we learn about the Pharisees from this passage?

How is it possible for us to become like the Pharisees today?

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Thursday

Reading: Luke 8:1-21

If our hearts are to be like the good soil in the parable, what must be our response to God's Word when we hear or read it?

What is the meaning of 'take care HOW you listen' (v.18)?

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Week 3

Friday

Reading: Luke 8:22-39

Why should the disciples have kept calm when the storm arose?
Does obedience to God's will sometimes result in a "storm"?
How can we have faith in those situations?

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Saturday

Reading: Luke 8:40-56

While the crowds were touching Jesus constantly, one lady's touch resulted in a miracle. What was different about her touch (v.4-8)?
How can this be applied to followers of Christ today?
What is the way to overcome fear, according to Jesus (v.50)?

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Week 4

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

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Reading: Luke 9:1-22

Why do you think Jesus said to the disciples "You give them something to eat" (v.13)?
Why did Jesus ask the disciples who He was rather than plainly telling them that He was the Christ?

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Week 4

Monday

Reading: Luke 9:23-36

If Jesus was the Son of God, yet He was despised and rejected (v.22) what must His followers be willing to face (v.23)?

In what ways can we be ashamed of Jesus and His words (v.26)?

How did the experience on the mountain reassure the disciples that He would return in His glory (v.28-36)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Luke 9:37-62

What were the disciples arguing about (v.46)?

What was Jesus' response to their self-seeking attitude?

Will the Lord accept any excuses for not following Him (v.57-62)?

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Week 4

Wednesday

Reading: Luke 10:1-24

What is the biggest need in the work of reaping people into God's Kingdom (v.2)?

What two things can we do to help meet that need (v.2)?

What do we learn from v.16?

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Thursday

Reading: Luke 10:25-42

We are commanded to love (or care for) our neighbour as we love (care for) ourselves. According to the parable, who is our neighbour?

What two important activities in the Christian life are represented by Mary and Martha (v.39, 40)? Which is more important?

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Week 4

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Reading: Luke 11:1-13

What attitude does Jesus encourage in those who pray (v.8)?

How does knowing that God is our Father help us to approach Him confidently in our prayers (v.2, 11-13)?

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Saturday

Reading: Luke 11:14-36

What were the two reasons why many people would not believe in Jesus despite the miracles He performed (v.15, 16)?

How did Jesus answer these two objections, the first in verses 17-23, and the second in verses 29-36?

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Week 5

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Luke 11:37-54

In what way can we be like the Pharisees in v.42, and get so tied up with the minor religious duties, that the main areas are neglected?

What does Jesus say are the most important religious duties (v.42)?

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Week 5

Monday

Reading: Luke 12:1-12

The Pharisees were hypocrites, play-acting religion because they didn't want to lose favour with their peer-group. What does Jesus warn in v.2, and what are some of the ways to help prevent hypocrisy (v.2-12)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Luke 12:13-34

How can we become "rich toward God" (v.21)?

If we give generously, we may be tempted to be anxious about paying our bills. What is Jesus' prescription for anxiety (v.31)?

How does our use of money and possessions reveal where our heart is?

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Week 5

Wednesday

Reading: Luke 12:35-59

If we really live with the firm belief that Jesus Christ is soon going to return, what changes would we make in our lives?

How can we be ready for His return?

Explain the second half of v.48.

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Thursday

Reading: Deuteronomy 1:1-8

If it is only an eleven day journey across the wilderness to the promised land (v.2) why did it take Israel forty years (v.3)?

How is it possible for us also to spend an unnecessarily long time growing in areas of our Christian lives?

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Week 5

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Reading: Deuteronomy 1:9-18

What was Moses' problem as a leader?

How can we help our leaders carry their burdens?

What qualifications did Moses look for in those who were to help him (v.13)?

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Saturday

Reading: Deuteronomy 1:19-33

What encouragement did God give the people to act in faith and go into the land He had promised them (v.20-21, 29-31)?

Why did they fail to go in?

What are some fears we might have to overcome in living a committed Christian life?

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Week 6

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Sunday

Reading: Deuteronomy 1:34-46

What was the reason God gave for allowing Caleb to enter the promised land?
Why was God not with Israel when they decided to fight the Amorites as God had originally commanded them?

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Week 6

Monday

Reading: Deuteronomy 2:1-22

Why did God not allow the children of Israel to fight with the people of Seir, Moab or Ammon (v.5, 9, 19)?

What does this tell us about God (Romans 11:29)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Deuteronomy 2:23 to 3:11

How did Sihon, king of Heshbon, respond to Moses' request to pass through his land? Why did God require Israel to destroy every last one of the Amorites (compare Gen.15:16, written hundreds of years earlier)?

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Week 6

Wednesday

Reading: Deuteronomy 3:12-29

Why was it necessary for the two and a half tribes who possessed the land on the east of the Jordan River to cross over and fight with their brethren until each tribe had settled in their territory?

Think of ways we can apply this principle in our service for God or in church life.

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Thursday

Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-14

How does Moses say we can command respect in the eyes of the world (v.5-8)?

What reason did God have in speaking audibly to the people when He gave them the law (v.10)?

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Week 6

Friday

Reading: Deuteronomy 4:15-31

What did Moses do that resulted in his not being allowed to enter the land (Numbers 27:12-14)?

Why was God severe in His judgement on Moses' one act of disobedience (v.25-27)?

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Saturday

Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-49

What motivation does Moses employ to move Israel to obey God (v.32-40)?

How can we be motivated in a similar way?

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Week 7

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Sunday

Reading: Deuteronomy 5:1-21

Is the covenant that God made with the fathers of the people Moses is writing to, still binding on them, even though this new generation did not enter personally into the agreement (v.2, 3)?

How would you put each of the ten commandments into a positive grace (e.g.. "You shall NOT take the Name of the Lord your God in vain" becomes "You SHALL show respect and honour to the Name of God.")?

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Week 7

Monday

Reading: Deuteronomy 5:22-33

What did the people ask Moses to do for them and why (v.27)?

What was God's comment on their request?

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Tuesday

Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

What is the basic truth about God that Israel (and we) must hold to (v.4)?

What should be our response to knowing the one true God (v.5)?

How would you apply the teaching of verses 7 to 9 in today's world?

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Week 7

Wednesday

Reading: Deuteronomy 6:10-25

In what way has God provided us with something we did not have to make ourselves, just as He provided the cities and houses for Israel?

Why was it vital that Israel continue to inform their children of their amazing origin as a nation?

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Thursday

Reading: Deuteronomy 7:1-11

What was the danger if Israel did not totally remove every one of the people who lived in the land which they were about to possess?

What other danger did Israel have since God would be giving them victory and blessing (v.7-8)?

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Week 7

Friday

Reading: Deuteronomy 7:12-26

Since God clearly promised what He did in verses 12-16, it would seem stupid for Israel not to obey Him. Why then do you think they did not?

Are we like them?

What is God's attitude to us when we do things that are abominable to Him (v.26)?

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Saturday

Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-20

What lessons did God teach Israel during their desert wanderings?

What end did God have in view by making Israel "waste" many years in the desert (v.16), and how can we apply this to difficult situations?

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Week 8

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Sunday

Reading: Deuteronomy 9:1-5

What are the two reasons for God using Israel to destroy the nations and possess their lands (v.5)?

When God does great things through us, what are we tempted to think?

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Week 8

Monday

Reading: Deuteronomy 9:6-29

Why does God go to such lengths to remind the Israelites of their past rebellion and sin? If we are aware of our own personal failures from the past, should it stop us doing anything for Him, or cause us to humbly trust in His grace?

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Reading: Deuteronomy 10:1-11

What were the responsibilities of the tribe of Levi? Why do you think the Lord did not allow them to inherit any of the promised land (v.8-9)?

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Week 8

Wednesday

Reading: Deuteronomy 10:12-22

What is required of God's people in these verses?

What should motivate them to do these things?

What does it mean "He is your praise" (v.21)?

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Thursday

Reading: Deuteronomy 11:1-17

The land of Egypt was flat and could be irrigated with canals and foot-operated flood-gates (v.10). How different would it be for the Israelites in the promised land, and what did God promise?

How can we also "shut up the heavens" spiritually (Eph.4:30)?

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Week 8

Friday

Reading: Deuteronomy 11:18-32

What was the condition of Israel being blessed by God?

Why do you think God chose two mountains to put the blessing and the curse upon?

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Saturday

Reading: Deuteronomy 12:1-14

What was the point in destroying every last trace of idolatry in the land?

What are some places or things in our lives which are not bad in themselves, but because of their association with evil, should be treated as if they are evil?

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Week 9

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Deuteronomy 12:15-32

In what way could the Israelites fail to care for the Levites who were full-time in God's service (v.19)?

If we tithe and give God what belongs to Him (out of our pay packet). What does God promise us (Mal.3:10)?

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Week 9

Monday

Reading: Deuteronomy 13:1-18

According to this passage, what way could a false prophet deceive people into believing he is genuine?

Why did God call for such a heavy judgement upon people who lead others away from the one true God?

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Tuesday

Reading: Deuteronomy 14:1-29

How were the people to show that they were "holy to the Lord" (or set apart as a distinctive people belonging to God)?

Can we apply the promise of v.29 to ourselves if we follow the instruction in verses 28 and 29?

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Week 9

Wednesday

Reading: Deuteronomy 15:1-23

For the Israelites to follow God's commands would be a cost to them, but God promised He would bless them for it. If we likewise live unselfishly will it cost us, and will God also bless us?

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Thursday

Reading: Luke 13:1-9

How did Jesus use a local disaster as a lesson to His hearers?
What kind of fruit is the Lord looking for in people's lives (v.6)?
What is His attitude towards those who continually fail to bear fruit?

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Week 9

Friday

Reading: Luke 13:10-35

If the religious leaders, and the majority of the people rejected Jesus Christ, the church would have to start small and grow without any outward recognition. How do the two parables in verse 18-21 show this?

Why will some people be thrust out (v.28) when they thought that they would automatically enjoy the Kingdom of Heaven?

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Saturday

Reading: Luke 14:1-14

In verses 7-11 Jesus spoke to the ones who were invited with Him to the Pharisee's home, and in verses 12-14 He speaks to the host. What lessons do we learn from His words here?

Why did Jesus openly expose the people's self-seeking attitudes instead of quietly refusing to "rock the boat"?

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Week 10

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Sunday

Reading: Luke 14:15-35

Even though God calls all people to come to His banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven, from this parable, who are the ones most likely to come?

How does Jesus call the multitudes who followed Him to count the cost before deciding to be committed to Him?

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Week 10

Monday

Reading: Luke 15:1-10

What does Jesus do that caused the religious leaders to murmur (v.2)?

How can the same situation arise today?

What did the shepherd and the woman have to do in order to find what was lost?

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Tuesday

Reading: Luke 15:11-32

What was the greatest test of the Father's love?

Why was the elder son (v.26-32) even more lost than the one who had gone away from home?

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Week 10

Wednesday

Reading: Luke 16:1-13

What was the dishonest manager commended for (v.8)?

As we are managers of God's property, what would be the wisest way to use our money?

What are the true riches (v.11)?

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Thursday

Reading: Luke 16:14-31

Who was Jesus talking to in this passage (v.14- 15)?

What attitude towards the poor did the Pharisees and the rich man in Jesus' story have in common?

What important truth about life after death did Jesus teach in verses 18-31?

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Week 10

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Reading: Luke 17:1-19

What does Jesus say is one of the worst sins to commit (v.1, 2)?

What was noteworthy about the one leper who returned to Jesus after he was healed?

What priority should we have in our lives for a thankful heart?

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Saturday

Reading: Luke 17:20-37

What had to take place before Christ could rule as King over all the world (v.25)?

Why must this event take place first?

What do verses 26-30 show us about the day when Christ will come to set up His Kingdom on earth?

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Week 11

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Reading: Luke 18:1-17

What is the most important lesson Jesus is teaching us about prayer (v.1)?

What do verses 9 to 14 and 15 to 17 tell us about the type of person God accepts?

What is it about them that pleases Him?

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Monday

Reading: Luke 18:18-43

What commandment was the ruler breaking by loving his money and possessions more than God (v.22)?

Why is it impossible for us to receive eternal life by trying to keep God's law?

Why do you think it is very hard for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God (v.24)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Luke 19:1-27

What did Zacchaeus do that showed the genuineness of his desire to stop sinning and follow Christ?

Should we do the same today?

What must we do in order to receive God's welcome "well done My good servant" when we get to Heaven (v.15-17)?

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Week 11

Wednesday

Reading: Luke 19:28-44

What would you have expected to happen if someone sat on a colt which no-one had ever ridden before?

In what way can we be like the colt when we let Jesus be our Lord and Master?
What do we learn about Jesus in verse 41?

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Thursday

Reading: Luke 19:45-48, 20:1-18

What do you think was the main point that Jesus was wanting us to understand from His parable (v.9-16)?

Even though the Son of God would be rejected, what would be the eventual outcome (v.17)?

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Week 11

Friday

Reading: Luke 20:19-47

If Caesar represents the government of our country, what does it mean to "give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's"?

What does verse 38 tell us about those of God's people who have died?

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Saturday

Reading: Luke 21:1-38

How does God judge our giving (v.34)?

Comparing the events in this chapter with what is taking place in the world today, how can we apply verse 28 to ourselves?

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Week 12

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Sunday

Reading: Luke 22:1-23

Why did the Lord choose bread and wine to bring Himself to the disciple's remembrance after He had gone (v.19, 20)?

What does Christ want us to remember about Him?

What do we learn about Judas' character from verses 3-6, 23?

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Week 12

Monday

Reading: Luke 22:24-38

What solution does Jesus give to resolving disputes among Christians (v.26-27)?
In what way did the Lord prepare Peter for his failure, and how can we apply these same words to our own lives (v.31, 32)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Luke 22:39-53

If the Lord Jesus knew He MUST suffer and die (19:22, 17:25), why did He pray the words in verse 42?
How can we be like the disciples (v.45-46)?

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Week 12

Wednesday

Reading: Luke 22:54-71

Why was it so hard for Peter to stand up for his Lord?

When do we also find it hard to identify ourselves with Christ?

Why wouldn't the Lord clearly tell them that He was the Christ (v.67)?

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Thursday

Reading: Luke 23:1-25

What does the trial of Jesus reveal to us about the character of (a) The crowd of people, (b) Pilate, (c) Jesus?

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Reading: Luke 23:26-38

Who did Jesus tell the women to weep for (v.28)?

Why should they weep for them?

How can the words of Jesus in verse 34 be an example to us when we suffer or are unjustly treated?

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Reading: Luke 23:39-49

What do you think caused the criminal to stop scoffing at Jesus and turn to Him in faith and repentance?

What assurance do we gain from the words of Jesus in verses 43 and 46 when we also have to face death?

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Week 13

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Sunday

Reading: Luke 23:50-56, 24:1-12

Why was it important for Christ's body to be sealed in a tomb rather than burned with the other criminal's bodies on the rubbish heap outside of Jerusalem?

Why do you think the apostles were so slow in believing that Jesus was risen (v.11)?

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Week 13

Monday

Reading: Luke 24:13-35

How must it have felt for Cleopas and his companion to have their hopes in Jesus Christ totally shattered?

Can you think of a time when it seemed the Lord had failed your expectations?

What was it that warmed their hearts (v.32)? How can we experience the same?

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Tuesday

Reading: Luke 24:36-53

What were the early disciples to be witnesses of (v.46, 48)?

What is our message to the world (v.47)?

What is the source of power in our witness for Christ (v.49, see also Acts 1:8)?

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Week 13

Wednesday

Reading: Acts 1:1-5

What does the word "began" in verse 1 suggest about the Lord's activities today?
Do we have to wait for the Holy Spirit today?
Do we have to wait at all before witnessing for Christ?

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Thursday

Reading: Acts 1:6-14

What effect do you think the "power" spoken of in verse 8 will have in our lives and witness (see Eph.6:19)?
Why was it important for the disciples to actually see Jesus going back to Heaven?

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Week 13

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Reading: Acts 1:15-26

Did Peter have authority to go ahead and replace Judas with another apostle (see Matt.16:19)?

What were two important qualifications necessary for an apostle (v.21-22)?

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Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Why do you think God went to such lengths to attract the attention of the people?

What would the miracle of speaking in foreign languages prove to the people who heard it?

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Week 14

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Sunday

Reading: Acts 2:22-47

According to Peter (v.33), who poured out the Holy Spirit on the church, and what does that imply?

What evidence do you see that the ones who believed and were baptized that day were truly born again?

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Week 14

Monday

Reading: Acts 3:1-26

Did Israel as a nation get a second chance after they had once rejected their Messiah (v.17-19)?

What was it about the miracle that should have convinced them that Jesus was truly risen from the dead (v.6, 16)?

What must happen before Christ returns (v.21)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Acts 4:1-22

Peter was standing before the very same group of men who had put Christ to death a few weeks previously. Why was he no longer afraid?

What was it about Peter and John that attracted the council's attention (v.13)?

How is verse 19 a challenge for us today?

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Week 14

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Reading: Acts 4:23-37

What was the main request in the prayer of the church when faced for the first time with persecution?

Do you see any differences between the church today and what we read of the church in this passage?

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Thursday

Reading: Acts 5:1-16

What was Ananias and Sapphira's sin?

Why was God's discipline so direct and seemingly harsh?

What good result came from the discipline of God?

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Week 14

Friday

Reading: Acts 5:17-42

What does the incident recorded in verses 19 and 20 tell us about the way God expects us to handle opposition to our efforts in the Gospel?

In what way can we apply the words of verse 41 to our witness at school or work today?

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Saturday

Reading: Acts 6:1-15

What were the apostles concerned about as they were busy in their service for the Lord (v.4)?

If the duties of the seven deacons were just to serve tables, why did the apostles seek out men of such high calibre (v.3)?

What characterized Stephen in this passage?

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Week 15

Special matters for prayer this week:

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Sunday

Reading: Acts 7:1-16

What did Abraham have to leave behind in order to become a follower of the one true God (v.3)?

Why do you think God allowed the children of Israel to be ill-treated and made slaves for four hundred years in Egypt?

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Week 15

Monday

Reading: Acts 7:17-41

What did the Israelites at the time of Moses have in common with those at the time of Christ?

Why do we always find it hard to submit to those whom God has put in authority over us?

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Tuesday

Reading: Acts 7:42-60

What was Stephen's summary of the nation's history which was also true of the ones he was speaking to?

How did God answer the prayer of Stephen in verse 60 (Acts 9:3-6)?

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Week 15

Wednesday

Reading: Acts 8:1-25

What good did God bring out of the persecution (v.4)?

How does this passage show that Simon the magician was not a true Christian even though he professed faith, was baptized, and continued with the church for some time?

Why did it need to be seen clearly and without dispute that the people in Samaria who believed were Christians on the same level as the Jews (v.14-17; compare with ~~John~~ John 4:9)?

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Thursday

Reading: Acts 8:26-40

What was it about the Ethiopian that caused God to send Philip many miles to share the good news about Jesus with him?

Can God "send" us out of our way to meet with a seeking person today?

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Week 15

Friday

Reading: Acts 9:1-19

What do Jesus' words "whom you are persecuting" imply (v.5)?

What was Ananias' excuse for not wanting to witness to Saul (v.13-14)?

Do we sometimes put forward a similar excuse?

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Saturday

Reading: Acts 9:20-43

If Paul immediately began proving that Jesus was the Christ, what does that tell us about what was going on in his mind in the time leading up to his conversion (see 26:14)?

How can we apply this to those we are witnessing to, who are showing no signs of turning?

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Week 16

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Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Acts 10:1-23

What did God say about Cornelius' good works (v.4)?

Even though he had done many good deeds, what did he need to do in order to be saved (11:13-14)?

What was Peter doing when God prepared him for his next assignment (v.9)?

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Week 16

Monday

Reading: Acts 10:24-48

What main elements of the Gospel did Peter bring out in his message?

At what point in Peter's sermon did the hearers receive the Holy Spirit and new birth?

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Tuesday

Reading: Acts 11:1-30

Why was it important for Peter and the other witnesses of Cornelius's conversion to give a full report of the events surrounding it (v.3, 18)?

What sort of a man was Barnabas (see also 4:36-37)?

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Week 16

Wednesday

Reading: Acts 12:1-25

What do we learn about prayer from the experience of Peter's escape from prison?
How is this event a commentary on Jesus' words in Luke 17:5-6?

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Thursday

Reading: Acts 13:1-12

What were the church leaders doing that enabled them to find out the Holy Spirit's guidance (v.2)?
What is inferred when it says that Paul and Barnabas were sent out by the church (v.3) and yet in the next verse they were sent out by the Holy Spirit?
What application can we make for church life today?

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Week 16

Friday

Reading: Acts 13:13-39

John was a young man who went with Paul and Barnabas to assist them (v.5). Why do you think he didn't continue after the first leg of the missionary journey (v.13)? What do we learn about Christ from the message Paul preached in the synagogue?

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Saturday

Reading: Acts 13:40-52

What was the cause of the opposition against Paul and Barnabas? What did it signify when Paul and Barnabas "shook off the dust from their feet" (v.51)? Should we do the same today in certain instances?

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Week 17

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Reading: Acts 14:1-18

What inference do you get from the words "they SO spoke that a great company believed" (v.1)?

What was the purpose in God granting signs and wonders through His servants (v.3)?

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Week 17

Monday

Reading: Acts 14:19-28

Why do you think it is recorded that the disciples gathered around Paul after he had been stoned?

What was the main elements in Paul's "follow up" of the new converts (v.22-23)?

How can we follow Paul's example in his attitude towards his home church (v.27)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Acts 15:1-11

How did the early church handle a major disagreement?

Are disagreements avoidable in the church?

What event did Peter refer back to in order to show what God's will was in the matter (v.7-8)?

What important truth was at stake in the argument (v.11)?

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Week 17

Wednesday

Reading: Acts 15:12-41

How can we use this passage to show someone that we do not need to keep the Sabbath as the Israelites did (v.5, 28-29)?

What do we learn from the disagreement between Paul and Barnabas that can help us with similar situations today?

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Thursday

Reading: Acts 16:1-15

What two major factors opened the door for Timothy to go into full-time work with Paul (v.2, 3a)?

What do we learn about guidance from verses 6-10?

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Week 17

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Reading: Acts 16:16-40

What effect did Paul and Silas have on the prisoners (v.25, 28)?

Why do you think Paul insisted on his rights as a Roman citizen?

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Saturday

Reading: Acts 17:1-15

What did Paul use the Old Testament Scriptures to prove (v.2, 3)?

What was the result of the people in Berea examining the Scriptures to see if Paul's teaching was correct (v.21)?

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Week 18

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Acts 17:16-34

What distressed Paul in his spirit as he waited in Athens (v.16)?

What are three main concerns that should distress us as we look around at the people we come in contact with every day?

What did Paul's concern move him to do?

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Week 18

Monday

Reading: Acts 18:1-11

What was Paul innocent of (v.6)?

How can God's message to Paul be an encouragement to us in our efforts to reach people with the Gospel (v.9-10)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Deuteronomy 16:1-22

What was the point of the Israelites keeping the Passover feast (v.3)?

What do Christians observe, in order to remember our deliverance from sin and death (1 Cor.11:23-26)?

How can we go to the remembrance feast empty-handed today (v.16, 1 Cor.14:26)?

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Week 18

Wednesday

Reading: Deuteronomy 17:1-20

How can we today offer to God a sacrifice which is defective (compare Mal.1:8 and v.14)?

What do the requirements for a king tell us about the kind of person God looks for in a leader of His people?

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Thursday

Reading: Deuteronomy 18:1-22

Why do you think it was not compulsory for Levites to serve God in the temple and to lead the people of God in worship (v.6)?

What tests must we put to anyone claiming to be a prophet of God (v.20-22)?

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Week 18

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Reading: Deuteronomy 19:1-21

What spiritual truth do you think the cities of refuge might be a picture of?

What did God make allowance for in verses 8 and 9?

What lesson can we learn from this?

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Saturday

Reading: Deuteronomy 20:1-20

Why were God's people not to be afraid or faint-hearted when waging war with enemies much greater than themselves?

What are some situations that make us feel faint-hearted in our service for the Lord?

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Week 19

Special matters for prayer this week:

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Sunday

Reading: Deuteronomy 21:1-23

Is it necessary for Christians to confess the sins of others when it is not known who the offender is (v.7-9)?

What is God's attitude to rebellious teenagers (v.18-21)?

What does Jesus' crucifixion tell us in light of verse 23 (see Gal.3:13)?

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Week 19

Monday

Reading: Deuteronomy 22:1-30

What are some up-to-date illustrations of the instructions in verses 1-4?

Why do you think God does not want us to blur the distinctions He has made between male and female (v.5)?

What is the idea behind purging the evil out of Israel by executing judgement (v.21, 22, 24) and how is this done today (1 John 1:9)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Deuteronomy 23:1-25

Why do you think God gave strict guidelines about who should be numbered among His people (v.1-8)?

How does verse 14 apply today, and how can it be a motivation for us to keep our secret life clean?

What are some promises you have made to God? How important is it that you keep them (v.21-23)?

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Week 19

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Reading: Deuteronomy 24:1-22

How do the laws in this chapter show God's care and protection for people?
What does this show us about God?

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Thursday

Reading: Deuteronomy 25:1-19

What do we learn about justice in verses 1 to 3?
How can we apply the laws of verses 13-16 to our own day?
Why was God angry with the Amalekites (v.18)?

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Week 19

Friday

Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-19

How can we give first-fruits to God today (Prov.3:9, 10; Heb.13:15; Phil.2:3)?

What are the first-fruits called in verse 13, and what does that mean?

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Saturday

Reading: Deuteronomy 27:1-26

Why did God treat Israel this way and not the other nations (v.9)?

How is the curse for not keeping the law removed from us (Gal.3:10, 13)?

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Week 20

Special matters for prayer this week:

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Sunday

Reading: Deuteronomy 28:1-24

Although our relationship with God is not based on our keeping the Law (as Israel's was), in what way does this passage have an application in our Christian lives (Gal.6:7-8)?

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Week 20

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Reading: Deuteronomy 28:25-46

Was God bound to do what He warned He would do if Israel failed to obey Him?
Did He do what He said (read Isa.1:2-9), written hundreds of years later)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Deuteronomy 28:47-68

What should have been Israel's response to God's bounty and goodness (v.47)?
How is this passage a commentary on Proverbs 13:15:
What should the judgements of these passages cause us to do (v.58)?

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Week 20

Wednesday

Reading: Deuteronomy 29:1-29

Why did God renew the covenant He originally made with Israel forty years earlier (v.1, 12)?

Were future generations of Israel obliged to obey the Lord, or could they choose not to enter this covenant with God (v.14, 15)?

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Thursday

Reading: Deuteronomy 30:1-20

What was the purpose behind God's discipline of Israel (v.2)?

What did God promise to do when Israel repented (v.3-10)?

How do verses 11-14 help explain verse 29 of the previous chapter?

How did Paul apply verses 12 and 13 in Romans 10:5-9?

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Week 20

Friday

Reading: Deuteronomy 31:1-13

What reason did Moses give the people (v.6) and Joshua (v.7-8) for not fearing or being dismayed at the task God had set them to do?

What task has God set you to do?

How will He not fail us or forsake us in our accomplishing the task He sets us?

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Saturday

Reading: Deuteronomy 31:14-29

What was Moses concerned about, when he found that he was shortly going to die (v.28, 29)?

What two things did God command him to do in order to prevent Israel from turning from the Lord?

If you knew that you would soon be dying, what would be your main concern?

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Week 21

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Sunday

Reading: Deuteronomy 31:30-32:22

What contrasts does Moses make between the Lord and Israel in this passage?

Why do you think there is so much reference to God as the Rock?

What does verse 9 mean to us today?

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Week 21

Monday

Reading: Deuteronomy 32:23-52

What did Moses do when he broke faith with God and failed to uphold His Holiness (v.51 compare Num.20:7-12)?

Why was God so hard on Moses (James 3:1)?

How could God's severity with Moses be a lesson to Israel (v.47)?

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Reading: Deuteronomy 33:1-29

What is the motivation behind God's blessing of His people (v.3)?

God had an individual blessing to suit each of the tribes of Israel. What do you think His special blessing might be for your life, or your church?

What do you picture when you read "Underneath (you) are the everlasting arms" (v.27)?

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Week 21

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Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Why do you think the Lord buried Moses' body in a secret place?

Why was Moses such an important man?

How does Christ compare with Moses (Heb.3:1-16)?

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Thursday

Reading: Acts 18:12-28

How was the event recorded in verses 12-17 a fulfilment of God's promise in verse 10?

What good qualities do you see in Apollos?

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Week 21

Friday

Reading: Acts 19:1-20

Were the disciples in verses 1-7 true Christians (Romans 8-9)?

If Paul spent two years teaching daily in one location (the hall of Tyrannus), how did the whole province of Asia get to hear the Word of the Lord?

Explain verse 20 in practical terms.

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Saturday

Reading: Acts 19:21-41

What does verse 26 tell us about the impact of Paul's two years' ministry in Ephesus?

What can we learn from the way Paul went about turning people from idolatry (v.37)?

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Week 22

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Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Acts 20:1-16

What insight do we get into a church meeting at the time of Paul from the incident at Troas?

In your opinion, what reason could Paul have had in walking part of the journey across land rather than going with the others in the ship?

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Week 22

Monday

Reading: Acts 20:17-38

What characteristics of a true servant do you find in Paul from what is written in verses 18-27?

Why did Paul quote the words of Jesus at the end of what he said in verses 33-35?

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Tuesday

Reading: Acts 21:1-16

Why was Paul so determined to go to Jerusalem despite the warnings of danger (v.13, see 19:21)?

Would you rather face difficulties without prior knowledge that they would be coming to you, or would you rather God reveal them to you in advance?

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Week 22

Wednesday

Reading: Acts 21:17-40

Why didn't Paul answer the false charge made against him (21:28-29)?

What did Paul do and say in order to gain the attention of the angry mob?

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Thursday

Reading: Acts 22:1-30

Imagine yourself a fellow countryman of Paul, listening to his testimony. What did he say that would have been a powerful testimony had they listened?

What can you include in your testimony which could also be a powerful witness to those you share it with?

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Week 22

Friday

Reading: Acts 23:1-11

Even though Paul had been unjustly treated by the High Priest, he submitted to the Scripture that says, "You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people". How can we apply this same command to certain situations today?

How do you think the apostle was feeling, if the Lord specially encouraged him the way He did (v.11)?

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Saturday

Reading: Acts 23:12-35

What does this passage show us about the WAY God goes about protecting us?

Does God's protection always mean we are safe from harm or danger?

If God allows us to be hurt, what can we be sure of (Romans 8.28)?

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Week 23

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Sunday

Reading: Acts 24:1-27

Paul doesn't just say he has a clear conscience, he says much more (v.16). What does he mean by what he says?

How do you think Paul felt while he waited two years in prison?

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Week 23

Monday

Reading: Acts 25:1-27

Paul was treated like a pawn by the self-interested men in power at that time. What attributes (character traits) of God do you think that Paul would be relying on in order to have peace of mind?

How did Paul use common sense (v.9, 10)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Acts 26:1-18

What was it that Paul continually said was the reason for his being on trial (v.6-8)?

Did Paul need to share his testimony in order to answer the charges against him?

What did Paul say in his testimony that was not recorded in Acts 9:3-9?

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Week 23

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Reading: Acts 26:19-32

What main message did Paul preach alongside his telling people about Christ (v.20)?

What qualities do you see in Paul as you read this passage?

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Thursday

Reading: Acts 27:1-20

What caused the Centurion to disregard Paul's advice and chance going on to Phoenix (v.13)?

How can we be guilty of the same type of decision today?

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Week 23

Friday

Reading: Acts 27:21-44

Did Paul's faith have an influence on the others in the ship?

If you are a person of faith, what are some ways you can use your gift to build up other Christians?

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Saturday

Reading: Acts 28:1-15

Apart from the miracles in this chapter, what do we find Paul doing and what do we learn about him from this?

Why do you think Paul thanked God and took courage when he met the Christians on the road before reaching Rome?

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Week 24

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Sunday

Reading: Acts 28:16-31

How did imprisonment by the Roman government end up being a benefit and a blessing?

What did Paul give as the reason why many did not believe the Gospel about Jesus Christ (v.27)?

What was Paul's attitude to people who would not listen with an open heart (v.28)?

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Week 24

Monday

Reading: Romans 1:1-7

What do we learn about Paul's view of his own calling to be an apostle (v.1, 5)?
Can we also view our calling in the same way?
What does Paul mean when he says "for the sake of His name" he was called to preach the Gospel?

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Tuesday

Reading: Romans 1:8-17

With what attitudes and in what manner did Paul serve the Lord according to this passage (v.9, 10, 14, 16)?
What does verse 10 tell us about Paul's thoughts on knowing the will of God for his life?

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Week 24

Wednesday

Reading: Romans 1:18-32

How was God's wrath revealed against the ungodliness and wickedness of mankind (v.24, 26, 28)?

Why were they "without excuse" (v.20, 21)?

What did they fail to do (v.21) which we can also be guilty of?

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Thursday

Reading: Romans 2:1-16

How can a person show contempt for God's kindness, tolerance and patience (v.5)?

When it says that God doesn't show favouritism (partiality), does that only refer to non-Christians, or does it include us as well (v.11)?

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Week 24

Friday

Reading: Romans 2:17-29

What kind of person is described in verses 17-23?

What should be our greatest concern about hypocrisy (v.24)?

How can the words "such a man's praise is not from men, but from God" help prevent us from the same type of hypocrisy that Paul spoke of in this passage (v.29)?

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Saturday

Reading: Romans 3:1-18

What do we learn about God's faithfulness in verses 3 and 4?

What different types of sin does Paul list to show that all people are under the power of sin (v.13-18)?

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Week 25

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Romans 3:19-31

How did Christ's death "demonstrate His (God's) justice" (v.25)?

Why is boasting not possible for a Christian (v.27-28)?

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Week 25

Monday

Reading: Romans 4:1-12

What did Abraham have to do in order to be approved by God (v.3)?

What are some areas where we find it hard to believe God?

What are the three aspects of God's blessing on David (v.7-8)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Romans 4:13-25

What causes God to keep His promises (v.13, 16)?

What did Abraham believe about God that enabled him to trust fully in His promises (v.17-21)?

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Week 25

Wednesday

Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Why can a Christian rejoice in sufferings (v.4)?

What are we described as in these verses, which shows the amazing love of God (v.6, 8, 10)?

How does verse 10 give us assurance that we will never be lost?

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Thursday

Reading: Romans 5:12-21

Compare all that the one man Adam brought upon the human race, with all that the one Man Jesus Christ brings in its place.

How can we "reign in life through the One Man, Jesus Christ" (v.17)?

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Week 25

Friday

Reading: Romans 6:1-14

What does it mean to be dead to sin and alive to God (v.10-11)?

If we have died to sin (past tense), why do we still struggle and sometimes seem so alive to sin and dead to God?

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Saturday

Reading: Romans 6:15-23

Is it possible to be a slave of neither sin, nor righteousness - in other words, not be enslaved to any rule over us?

What is the type of slavery that God is looking for in us (v.17)?

What different ends do each of the slavery's lead to (v.21-23)?

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Week 26

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Romans 7:1-13

How does the illustration of marriage help us understand our old relationship with the rule of sin and our new relationship with God?

What used to control us (rule over us v.5)?

What is God's new way of living in freedom (v.16)?

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Week 26

Monday

Reading: Romans 7:14-25

If the law is good and spiritual, and we want to obey it, why don't we (v.14-20)?
How does Paul's analysis of himself in verse 24 give hope (v.25)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Psalm 1

What is the secret to give us strength to resist peer pressure (v.1-2)?
What positive effects should begin to appear in our lives if we make the Bible a special part of our daily living (v.3)?

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Week 26

Wednesday

Reading: Psalm 2

What is God's response to governments and rulers (prime ministers) who oppose Him and His people?

What is God's ultimate intention with the nations of the world (v.6-9: God speaking of Christ)?

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Thursday

Reading: Psalm 3

What does David mean by saying of God: "My glory and the One who lifts my head" in view of the fact that this Psalm was written at a time when he was rejected by his people and publicly humiliated (2 Samuel 15)?

How did David overcome his fear (v.5)?

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Reading: Psalm 4

What do we learn about the inner life of a man of God from this Psalm?

What should be our response to the knowledge that God sets us apart for Himself (v.3)?

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Saturday

Reading: Psalm 5

What attitude did David have in his prayers to God (v.3)?

When people are watching us closely to see if we put a foot out of line, how can we apply verse 8?

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Week 27

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

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Reading: Psalm 6

What was David's attitude to unanswered prayer in this Psalm?

What was it about God that gave him hope?

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Week 27

Monday

Reading: Psalm 7

How did David handle injustice done to him by his enemies?

What did David know about God that enabled him to trust and not seek revenge himself?

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Tuesday

Reading: Psalm 8

What do you find in this Psalm to cause you to praise the Lord with the phrase: "Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Thy Name in all the earth?"

How does God's use of a child's words to still His enemies show us the way God often likes to work?

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Week 27

Wednesday

Reading: Psalm 9

Why is it important to know God's Name (be convinced of His character) in order to put our trust in Him (v.9)?

What aspects of God's character are spoken of in the Psalm?

How do these inspire faith in Him?

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Thursday

Reading: Psalm 10

What situation did the writer find himself in (v.1)?

What encouragement do we receive from this Psalm when we seem to have been forgotten by God?

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Week 27

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Reading: Psalm 11

What is David tempted to do when faced with opposition and trouble (v.1)?

What is it about God that gives him courage to stand firm and take refuge in the Lord?

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Saturday

Reading: Psalm 12

What comparison do you see in this Psalm between the words of sinful people and the words of God?

Why is it important for Christians to stand out as different in the way they speak?

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Week 28

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Psalm 13

Did David hide his real feelings from God?

Why is it good to honestly tell God the way we feel, even though He already knows it?

What caused David to praise God in spite of his trouble?

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Week 28

Monday

Reading: Psalm 14

Why is it foolish for people to forget or ignore God?

What is God's attitude to those of His people who are afflicted by godless men (v.5-6)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Psalm 15

What must characterize our lives if we are going to walk in happy fellowship with God?

Where do you fail most?

How can you apply the promise in verse 5 to your situation at present?

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Week 28

Wednesday

Reading: Romans 8:1-11

What has the Christian been set free from (substitute the word "power" for the word "law" in verse 2)?

What role does our mind have in our Christian living (v.5)?

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Thursday

Reading: Romans 8:12-25

What is the secret to allowing the Holy Spirit to lead you in victory over sin (v.13, 14)?

How is our being indwelt by the Holy Spirit a "first-fruits" (v.23)?

(First-fruits are the first part of a total harvest).

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Week 28

Friday

Reading: Romans 8:26-39

What encouragement do we find in these verses at times when we are persecuted for our faith?

What qualities of God's character are used by Paul to assure us that we will never lose our salvation (v.30, 33, 39)?

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Saturday

Reading: Romans 9:1-18

What caused Paul such grief and sorrow, and what do his words tell us about the truth he believed and taught?

What can we do to arouse a greater concern in our hearts for those who are lost?

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Week 29

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Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Romans 9:19-33

For what reason did God not pour out His wrath on rebellious Israel, but endure patiently with their sin and wilfulness (v.22-24)?

What should be our response to God's mercy, in view of the fact that we were sinners with no hope of eternal life if left to ourselves?

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Week 29

Monday

Reading: Romans 10:1-13

How near is salvation to anyone who wants it (v.8, 9)?

How do verses 11 and 13 reinforce the two requirements laid down in verse 10?

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Tuesday

Reading: Romans 10:14-21

What do you consider is the weakest link in the chain of events that lead to people being saved (v.14-15)?

What attitude does a seeker have towards a person who is active in witnessing (v.15)?

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Week 29

Wednesday

Reading: Romans 11:1-21

What blessing has resulted in Israel's rejection of the gospel?

What is the only thing which allows us to enjoy God's blessings and promises (v.20)?

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Thursday

Reading: Romans 11:22-36

What does Paul's knowledge of God's great plan, and His working behind the scenes to bring about His own loving purposes, cause him to do (v.33)?

How does verse 36 help us face disappointments, discouragements and even tragedies in life?

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Week 29

Friday

Reading: Romans 12:1-8

What is the appropriate response to God from those who are objects of His mercy (v.1)?

How is the Christian being transformed (v.2)?

What is one immediate evidence of a person who is thus transformed (v.3)?

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Saturday

Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Why does Paul add this very practical section to the truth of verses 1 and 2?

Go through the list of Christian graces and think of how impossible it would be to live that way without the application of verse 1 and 2 in your life.

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Week 30

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Sunday

Reading: Romans 13:1-14

How does our attitude towards the laws of the land reflect our true attitude towards God?

What incentive does the Christian have to live a distinctive life in this dark world (v. 11-14)?

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Week 30

Monday

Reading: Romans 14:1-12

What are some issues that arise today where Christians differ about what they can or cannot do?

How can we put into practice the truth of verse 7?

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Tuesday

Reading: Romans 14:13-23

What is Paul's point in what he says in verse 17?

If something is doubtful, why should we not do it (v.23)?

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Week 30

Wednesday

Reading: Romans 15:1-13

When we live to please others and not ourselves, does that mean life will be easier for us (v.2-3)?

What two reasons do we have to help us find strength to live a life that aims to please others (v.4-5)?

What will be the result of you doing this (v.6)?

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Thursday

Reading: Romans 15:14-33

What did Paul picture himself as in his work of sharing the gospel (v.16)?

What was it that he wanted to do with the ones who trusted Christ through his ministry (v.16)?

What kind of prayer is necessary for those who are labouring in gospel work (v.30)?

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Week 30

Friday

Reading: Romans 16:1-27

What stood out in the lives of Phoebe (v.1, 2), Priscilla and Aquilla (3, 4), Mary (v.6) and Persis (v.12)?

If God were to sum up your life and service, what would He say?

Explain what Paul means in verse 20 in light of his warning about trouble-makers in the church.

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Saturday

Reading: Psalm 16

What does it mean to have the Lord as our portion (v.5)?

What gave David the assurance of security in his daily living (v.8, 9)?

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Week 31

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Psalm 17

What attitude does David have as he approaches God in prayer (v.1-5)?

Does he use his own goodness as a basis for God to answer his prayer (v.6)?

How should the knowledge that we are the "apple of His eye" affect the way we pray to God?

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Week 31

Monday

Reading: Psalm 18:1-19

How did David feel when he cried out to God (v.4-6)?

What was God's response to David's cry for help (v.16-19)?

What does David liken God to in his spontaneous song of praise for his deliverance (v.1-3)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Psalm 18:20-50

How does Galatians 6:8 tie in with verses 20 to 27?

What do verses 29-39 tell us about the way God chose to deliver David from his helpless situation in verses 4 and 5?

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Week 31

Wednesday

Reading: Psalm 19

What do we learn from the "book of nature" (v.1)?

What does the "book of the Law" (God's Word) teach us that we could never learn by just looking at creation (v.7-9)?

What other means does the Christian have to learn from God (especially in the area of "hidden faults" - verse 12)?

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Thursday

Reading: Isaiah 41:1-20

What does God promise Israel in these verses, and how can we apply them to ourselves?

How would the statements of verse 8 and 9 help Israel not to fear (v.10)?

What is the desired result of Israel's eventual restoration (v.20)?

How can this be applied to those whom we pray for, who are away from the Lord?

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Week 31

Friday

Reading: Isaiah 41:21-29

In what ways are idols shown to be worthless?

What are some modern idols that people worship today? In what way are they also worthless?

What relation is there between the Lord and events in history (v.25)?

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Saturday

Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Who is God speaking about in these verses?

What does the passage say about Christ that should be true of our lives also if we are to be servants?

How can we apply verse 3 to the way we treat people?

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Week 32

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Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Isaiah 42:10-25

What has God been waiting to do?

How do we know that the Lord here is not talking about physical blindness and deafness?

How can this condition in Israel be linked with their idolatry?

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Week 32

Monday

Reading: Isaiah 43:1-13

What basis does the Lord give for His good intentions toward rebellious Israel (v.1 and v.4)? Has God done the same for us?

What will Israel be called to do after experiencing God's grace and saving power (v.10-12)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Isaiah 43:14-28

What contrast do we find here between God's attitude towards Israel and their response to Him?

What cause does this give us for worship and thanksgiving?

What new thing will God do which is greater than the deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt (v.25)?

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Week 32

Wednesday

Reading: Isaiah 44:1-20

What does God reveal about Himself and His relationship to Israel that should turn their hearts towards Him?

What effect does idolatry have on the worshipper?

Think about the great privilege we have as worshippers of the One true and living God.

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Thursday

Reading: Isaiah 44:21-45:13

What do we learn about God in creation and in His activity in human history from this passage?

What assurance does it give the believer?

How does God answer those who may challenge His ways (v.9-13)?

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Week 32

Friday

Reading: Isaiah 45:14-25

What reasons are given for the turning of all nations to worship the true God?

When will this happen in its fullness?

What do we see here of God's great desire for the world today?

The words which are applied to God in verse 23 are applied to who in the New Testament (Phil.2:8-11)?

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Saturday

Reading: Isaiah 46:1-13

What differences are there between the gods of Babylon and the Lord God?

Compare the burden of verse 7 with Matthew 11:27-29.

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Week 33

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Isaiah 47:1-15

What was the cause of Babylon's downfall according to God?

What was to be the end of this nation, that was so proud of their civilization and advanced culture?

What part did magic and the occult play in the final disaster that befell Babylon?

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Week 33

Monday

Reading: Isaiah 48:1-22

What does God condemn in the lives of the people of Israel?

Why does God reveal some of His plans in advance and yet keep some of them hidden, according to this passage?

What are the conditions necessary before the promises of verses 17-22 can be fulfilled?

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Tuesday 13th

Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

What do we learn about the Lord Jesus Christ from this prophecy about Him?

If this passage applies directly to our Lord Jesus, how could Paul and Barnabas use part of it for themselves and their mission (Acts 13:47)?

How can we also apply the same words to ourselves?

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Week 33

Wednesday

Reading: Isaiah 49:8-26

What were the doubts which the exiled nation of Israel had as they faced God's promise of restoration?

How did the Lord answer them?

When we have failed God, and we read in His Word that He will fully restore us, what doubts do we experience?

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Thursday

Reading: Isaiah 50:1-11

What seemed to block the way for Israel to be restored to God (v.1)?

What was God's response and what did He reveal as the true cause?

What answer does God give to the problem of Israel's sin (v.4-6)?

Meditate on the way Jesus perfectly fulfilled all that is said about Him in these verses.

How can we practically follow His example in verses 4 and 5?

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Week 33

Friday

Reading: Isaiah 51:1-16

How would verses 1 and 2 be an encouragement to Israel (Abraham's descendants) when she had been ravaged by war and taken into captivity?

What application does the Lord make in verse 3?

What do we learn about the salvation that God promises Israel (v.6, 8, 11, 12)?

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Saturday

Reading: Isaiah 51:17-52:12

How would you describe Israel's condition in verses 17-21?

Why does God promise to save His people (v.22; Ch.52:3-6)?

What did God call Israel to do (v.1-2), and what message has this for those who have slipped away from the Lord?

What is the message of good news that was so welcomed?

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Week 34

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:6

What attractive qualities does this prophecy give to Christ, and what was it about Him that made Him unattractive to the people of His time?

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Week 34

Monday

Reading: Isaiah 53:7-12

Why did Jesus not stand up in His own defence instead of remaining silent?
What does this teach us about our attitude when we also face people's opposition and hatred (v.10)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Isaiah 54:1-17

In what way could the exiled nation be likened to a barren woman (v.10)?
How was the nation to act in faith before God would restore her to fruitfulness (v.2)?
What is God's promise to those who step out in faith and obey God's call (v.4)?

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Week 34

Wednesday

Reading: Isaiah 55:1-13

Reflect on the message of the previous two chapters and compare with this passage. How can we liken it to the three aspects of our salvation?

What are we called to do in order to quench our thirst for God and His salvation (v.1, 2, 3, 6, 7)?

How is our salvation pictured in verses 12-13?

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Thursday

Reading: Isaiah 56:1-8

The gospel of chapters 53-55 is now available for those normally excluded from being His people. What is required of these ones in order for them to enjoy God's salvation?

Compare with John 10:16 and Romans 11:11, 12.

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Week 34

Friday

Reading: Isaiah 56:9-57:13

What types of evil is God angry with in these verses?

What does God say to show that despite their wickedness these people are still within reach of salvation?

How should this effect our attitude towards those we meet who are in our view "beyond hope"?

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Saturday

Reading: Isaiah 57:14-21

What obstacles often stand in the way of people returning to God?

How can we build up a road and remove obstacles in people's way (compare v.14 with what God requires in verse 15)?

How is God revealed in v.15? What significance do you see in the use of the word "also"?

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Week 35

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Isaiah 58:1-14

What was the nation doing to try and appease God? Why was it not working?

What do we learn about true fasting from verses 6 and 7?

What promises are attached to the condition of real fasting and repentance?

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Week 35

Monday

Reading: Isaiah 59:1-21

What were the sins of God's people? What was the effect of these sins?
What moved God to step in and save His people from their sins (v.15-21)?
What will be the sign that Israel is fully restored and saved by God (v.21)?
What comparison is there between this verse and Ephesians 1:13, 14?

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Reading: Isaiah 60:1-22

What would this vision inspire within the heart of a true Israelite?
What great future do we have ahead of us (John 14:1-3, 1 Cor.2:9 and 1 Peter 1:3-5)?

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Week 35

Wednesday

Reading: Isaiah 61:1-11

Although only Jesus could perfectly fulfil the prophecy of verses 1-2, in what way can we apply these words to ourselves?

What effect should Christ have in our lives according to these verses?

What are God's people pictured as (v.3, 6, 10)?

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Thursday

Reading: Isaiah 62:1-12

God has promised deliverance to Israel, but what did Isaiah feel called to do (v.1, 6, 7)?

How can we see ourselves as watchmen as we pray for the lost (v.6)?

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Week 35

Friday

Reading: Isaiah 63:1-19

What is the stark contrast between two great activities of God (verses 2-6, compare verses 7-8)?

What had Israel learned about God's ways from her past history, and what plea did this knowledge lead to?

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Saturday

Reading: Isaiah 64:1-12

How was verse 1 answered (John 1:14)?

How different was Christ's coming to the picture here of His glorious return as a Judge (compare John 3:17)?

What problem did Isaiah acknowledge which seemed to remove any hope of Israel's salvation (v.5-7)?

What prayer for the nation does this knowledge lead to?

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Week 36

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Isaiah 65:1-16

Why was God unable to answer Isaiah's prayer for Israel in chapter 64 (65:2-3)?

What did God plan to do instead (verse 1)?

What will life on earth be like when Christ sets up His Kingdom (v.17-25)?

Though it is possible for us to taste a little of the blessings of Christ's rule in our lives today, what is contained in this passage to show that these words are not fulfilled yet?

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Week 36

Monday

Reading: Isaiah 66:1-11

What does God look for in the lives of those who worship Him?

How does God view a person's worship when it doesn't come from a humble and sincere heart (v.3)?

What is the message illustrated in the woman who gives birth (v.7-9)?

How will God fulfill His purpose in us (Phil.1:6)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Isaiah 66:12-24

What characterises God's salvation of Israel? To what extent are we able to enjoy the same blessings ourselves.?

What does this passage say about the importance God attaches to His glory among the nations?

How does God's grace and salvation bring Him glory?

How will His coming in judgement also bring Him glory?

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Week 36

Wednesday

Reading: Psalm 20

As this Psalm is a prayer of God's people for their king (v.1-5, 9) and the kings' response to their prayer (v.6-8)? how can we apply these words to our prayer for the leaders in our church?

What does prayer for our leaders inspire within them (v.6-7)?

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Thursday

Reading: Psalm 21

What connection can you see between this and yesterday's Psalm (Ps.20)?

What does the king's victory inspire in the minds of the people for the future (v.8-10)?

Are you able to apply parts of this Psalm to King Jesus?

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Week 36

Friday

Reading: Psalm 22:1-18

Although this Psalm applies especially to Jesus Christ and His suffering, what was the concern in the mind of David when facing persecution (v.2)?

What was David's response to God's silence (v.3)?

How do the words of this Psalm help us to understand the words of Christ from the cross (Mark 15:34)?

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Saturday

Reading: Psalm 22:19-31

Where did David want to share the good news of his deliverance from death (v.22, 25)?

How far did David want the good news to be spread (v.27, 30, 31)?

What parallel does this have with the good news of Christ's resurrection?

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Week 37

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Psalm 23

What was it about God that moved David to view Him as his own Shepherd?

In what ways are we like sheep, and how can we apply the actions of the Shepherd in verses 1 to 4 to God's action in our own lives?

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Week 37

Monday

Reading: Psalm 24

What do you think "clean hands" and "pure heart" represent (v.4)?

The gates and ancient doors spoken of in the Psalm probably represent the fortress of the Jebusites which had been a stronghold of the enemy for many generations, but became the place where God dwelt in Israel (1 Chronicles 11). What are some old strongholds in our lives that the Lord of Glory should rule over?

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Tuesday

Reading: Psalm 25

What qualities of heart do you see in David as he seeks God's guidance?

How would you apply verse 12 to yourself?

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Week 37

Wednesday

Reading: Psalm 26

Even though David had a clear conscience, what was his attitude before God (v.20)?
What areas in his life did he consider as he examined his conscience (v.1-5)?
What is the result of a clear conscience (v.12)?

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Thursday

Reading: Psalm 27

What does the Psalm-writer find is an antidote to fear (v.1-3)?
What was his greatest desire (v.4)? In what way did this help him to face those situations which would normally inspire fear?

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Week 37

Friday

Reading: Psalm 28

What was David's attitude towards injustice?

Why was he able to continue praising the Lord even when the sting of unjust treatment seems to have deeply upset him (v.6-7)?

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Saturday

Reading: Psalm 29

What do we learn about God's Word (Voice) in this Psalm?

What position does God have when we go through storms? How does He help us in these times (v.10-11)?

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Week 38

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Psalm 30

What did David see as the reason why God had put him through hard times (v.6, 7)?
What effect did this have on David?

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Week 38

Monday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-17

As Paul is writing to a church that is divided, what does he write in the first 9 verses that prepares the way for his call for unity?

What privileges and prospects do we have as Christians (1-9)?

What are the main reasons for the divisions in the Church at Corinth?

How can we guard against the same thing happening in our church today?

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Tuesday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5

What reasons does Paul give for preaching the Cross of Christ rather than trying to convince people by wisdom and intellect?

What kind of person does God delight to reach, and how does this bring more glory to His Name (v.26-31)?

Do you sometimes feel like Paul in 2-3, and how should this encourage you?

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Week 38

Wednesday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

What was it about the world's so called wisdom that caused them to crucify our Lord?
What is the contrast in the wisdom that the Holy Spirit gives us?
How does verse 14 provide the reason why we can never "argue a person into the Kingdom of God"?

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Thursday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

What was it about the Corinthians that showed they were still infants in their spiritual lives?
How might we sometimes incorrectly measure maturity?
What were the different roles given to Paul and Apollos? In what way can we be encouraged by the thought that God "assigns to each His task" (v.5-6)?

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Week 38

Friday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10-23

What part did Paul play in the building of the church?

What does he tell us about the importance of the foundation, and the remainder of the building?

How can we build with "wood, hay or straw" today?

How does Paul emphasize the care needed by any who are involved in building God's Church (v.16-17)?

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Saturday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-7

How does Paul counter those in Corinth who criticized himself and others involved in the work of the Lord?

Why do you think Christian workers tend to come into so much criticism from believers?

What was Paul's point in saying that he could not even trust his own conscience as a guide to judge his own work?

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Week 39

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Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:8-21

Why is Paul writing so frankly to the believers at Corinth?

What relationship did he have with them to give the right to say what he did?

What do we learn from this to help us with following up new converts?

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Week 39

Monday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

How does Paul emphasize the seriousness of sexual sin in the church?

What special actions are to be taken by the church, and why are these actions necessary?

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Tuesday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:1-8

What reasons does Paul give for not taking our brothers and sisters to court?

What does he suggest we should do instead?

What does this show us about what a Christian's attitude to worldly possessions?

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Week 39

Wednesday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:9-20

Why does Paul preface what he says about immorality with the words of verses 9-11?

Why is sexual sin worse than other sins according to verses 15-20?

How can the truths of these verses effect everything we do in our bodies?

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Thursday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:1-24

What basic principle governs the decision of whether or not we should marry, and how we should conduct ourselves?

What do all these instructions tell us about the way God's Word has practical answers to real life problems?

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Week 39

Friday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:25-40

What great consideration in the mind of Paul effected his whole lifestyle (v.29-35)?

Why is it important to enter marriage with a firm belief that it is binding for life?

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Saturday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

In verses 1 and 2 Paul compares knowledge with love, and motivating forces behind our actions. Which is the higher motivation and why?

What does verse 6 tell us about the relationship between the Father and the Lord Jesus?

Why did Paul bring this doctrine to bear on the subject of foods we eat?

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Week 40

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:1-18

What basic principle of Christian living is taught in these verses?

How does Paul's life illustrate it?

Why doesn't Paul insist on his rights?

What does verse 16 tell us about the heart of Paul?

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Week 40

Monday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Why did Paul choose to be a slave rather than take the liberty he had a right to?
How can we translate the attitude of Paul in verses 20-22 into our situation today?
Why should we discipline our bodies?

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Tuesday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

In what way do Christians have similar privileges to the people of Israel when they left Egypt?
In what way did they fail?
Could Christians fail in the same way?
What warning and encouragement does Paul give us?

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Week 40

Wednesday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1

What reason does Paul give for prohibiting Christians from eating at a feast in an idol temple?

What does Paul reveal about eating at the Lord's table (communion) to show that it is more than a mere "meeting" or religious ritual?

While condemning eating at a pagan feast to idols, Paul permits the eating of food offered to idols. Why?

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Thursday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

What is the unchangeable truth which was symbolised in the wearing of a head covering?

How is God the head of Christ?

The only command in this passage is "Judge for yourselves" (v. 13a). What does this imply?

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Week 40

Friday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

What were the Corinthians doing that brought God's judgement upon them?

Why was the Lord's Supper instituted, and why is it so important?

In what other ways could we today eat and drink "in an unworthy manner"?

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Saturday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

What various truths do we learn about the Holy Spirit in these verses?

What was the purpose of the gifts given to the Corinthians (v.7)?

Think through each gift and consider which would be the most benefit to others?

Which would be the least helpful to them.

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Week 41

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

What causes Christians to have unity?

What has God done in the Body of Christ to make all its members equal (v.24-25)?

Being equal, what implication does Paul stress (v.26)?

After the list of gifts, Paul calls us to desire the greater gifts. Which are they?

Why are they greater?

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Week 41

Monday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

In what way are the activities listed in verses 1 to 3 of no value without love?
What does this tell us about God's estimate of our lives in the day of judgement?
Which colour of the spectrum of love is lacking most in your life (v.4-7)?

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Tuesday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:1-19

Why does Paul narrow his teaching down to two of the gifts? Why these two?
What is the value of the gift of speaking in a foreign language?
How does this compare with the main reason why the gifts were given (12:7 compare 14:12)?
Why does Paul stress the importance of the Christian's mind when teaching on the subject of these gifts (v.14-17)?

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Week 41

Wednesday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:20-40

What was the original purpose of the miraculous gift of speaking foreign languages (v.22)?

What is Paul stressing in this whole passage? Why?

From Paul's teaching in verses 26-40, what do you think the Corinthian Church meetings were like?

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Thursday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-19

What are the three major elements of the gospel message (v.3, 4)?

What proof does Paul give to support the belief in Christ's bodily resurrection?

Why is this belief so important?

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Week 41

Friday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-34

What does our union with Christ guarantee us?

How does Paul's insight into the future encourage us in the present (v.23-28)?

What is the attitude towards life by those around us who do not believe in the resurrection?

What is Paul's advice to us (v.33-34)?

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Saturday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

If our resurrection bodies is to be far more glorious and incredible compared with our natural bodies, why did He not give us our glorified bodies in the first place?

What is going to happen to the Christians who are living at the time of Christ's return (v.51)?

How does the challenge of verse 58 link with the teaching which goes before it?

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Week 42

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: 1 Corinthians 16:1-24

In your opinion, why did Paul suggest that the Christians of that time put money aside each Sunday?

Why did Paul stay in Ephesus, and what does this tell us about the way Paul often viewed God's guidance in his life (v.8, 9)?

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Week 42

Monday

Reading: Psalm 41

How are the first 3 verses related to the rest of the Psalm?

While David was seriously ill, what other burdens did he have to bear (v.4, 7-8)?

Even when his situation looked black, what was a reassurance to David (v.11-12)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Psalm 42

This Psalm is by a temple singer who is in exile in the far North. What did he miss most in his captivity?

Even though he could not go to the temple, what did he experience (v.8)?

Do you go to the worship service on Sunday because you long to go, or because of some other reason?

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Week 42

Wednesday

Reading: Psalm 43

What does this psalmist look to when he is troubled? Where do these lead him in his thinking (v.3)?

What part of the temple does the psalmist reflect upon which brings joy and praise to his heart (v.4)? In what way can we do the same today?

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Thursday

Reading: Psalm 44

Why were the people expectant of victory in their battle (v.1-8)?

What, in fact, had happened, despite their faith and courage (v.9-16)?

What two actions did their unexpected failure lead to (v.17-21 and v.23-26)?

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Week 42

Friday

Reading: Psalm 45

What does the first verse show us about worship?

When the psalm-writer meditated on the King's beauty, what came to mind (v.2)?

According to Matthew 12:34, what does this tell us about the King?

What else do we learn about the King which moves us to worship?

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Saturday

Reading: Psalm 46

What reasons does the psalmist give for not being fearful even when everything around us seems to be coming apart (v.1, 4-7)?

What is God really saying to us in verse 10?

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Week 43

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Psalm 47

What were the people so joyful about?

What does it mean when it says that God subdues His enemy "under our feet"
(compare Romans 16:17, 20)?

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Week 43

Monday

Reading: Psalm 48

What does the holy mountain (Mt. Zion) represent for us today (Heb.12:22-24)?
Mt. Zion is a small unimportant hill in itself. What made it so special according to this Psalm?

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Tuesday

Reading: Psalm 49

What encouraged the writer of this Psalm when faced with people who were wealthy because of their dishonesty and wickedness?
What assurance does he have about himself (v.15)?

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Week 43

Wednesday

Reading: Psalm 50

In what way did the people's sacrifice fail to please God?

What is the promise of verse 15, and what connection does it have with verse 14?

What does a thankful spirit do (v.23)?

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Thursday

Reading: Psalm 51

When we sin, what are we likely to do rather than openly confessing it and getting things right with God?

What does verse 6 say to us when we know we have sinned ("truth" could be translated "sincerity")?

What results of confessing and putting things right with God do you see in this Psalm?

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Week 43

Friday

Reading: Psalm 52

How did David picture himself? What do you think he meant by it (v.8)?
When he was badly treated, what caused David to have hope?

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Saturday

Reading: Psalm 53

What do evildoers never learn according to David?
In light of the first part of the Psalm, what kind of salvation is God talking about
in verse 6?

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Week 44

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Psalm 54

Do you see a progression of gaining confidence as you go through the Psalm (v.1, 4, 6-7)?

In your opinion, what is the reason for this, and what does it teach us about the way we should handle our difficulties?

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Week 44

Monday

Reading: Psalm 55

Try and enter into the way David really felt in his heart. Why was he so indignant about his enemies and seeking their destruction?

Even though he could not physically go away and hide (v.6-8), what did he do (v.22)?

What are some ways we can run away and hide when faced with real problem?

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Tuesday

Reading: Psalm 56

We might not have enemies like David did, but what are some things which we can be afraid of today?

What reasons does David give us for his trust in God so as not to be afraid (v.1, 4, 8, 9, 11)?

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Week 44

Wednesday

Reading: Psalm 57

Why is it sometimes hard to sing praises to God when you are in a difficult situation and feeling down?

What attitudes towards God and towards his trouble did David have to make way for his song of praise?

What was it about God that he praised Him for?

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Thursday

Reading: Psalm 58

What does verse 1 tell us about the people that David is angry about?

If God doesn't act in judgement in a nation whose leaders and judges are corrupt, what is likely to happen?

Why should the people of God rejoice when evil leaders are objects of God's vengeance (v.10-11, c/f Revelation 11:17-18, 16:5-7).

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Week 44

Friday

Reading: Psalm 59

David was asking God to work in such a way that the people would not forget, and even the enemies would know that it was because of God's help that he was delivered (v.11, 13).

Why was this important?

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Saturday

Reading: Psalm 60

How does David respond when he is defeated in his battle against Edom (v.9-12)?
What is a wrong way to handle defeat in the Christian life?

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Week 45

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: John 1:1-18

If the expression "The Word" means that Christ has the function of revealing God to mankind, what did John and the apostles notice about this revelation that convinced them that He was God's Son (v.14)?

What connection do you see between verses 14 and 16?

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Week 45

Monday

Reading: John 1:19-34

In what ways should we be like John the Baptist?

When John the Baptist presents Jesus to Israel, he does not say "Behold the Messiah" or "Behold the Son of God", but rather he says "Behold the Lamb of God". Why?

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Tuesday 5th

Reading: John 1:35-51

Even though Jesus had not performed a miracle as yet, what caused these first disciples to believe that He was the Christ?

What can we learn from the example of Andrew and Philip in this passage?

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Week 45

Wednesday

Reading: John 2:1-11

What can we learn from Mary in the way she responded to the Lord's initial refusal to answer her plea for help?

In what way can the Lord turn water into wine in our lives as Christians?

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Thursday

Reading: John 2:12-23

This was the first public appearance of Jesus in Jerusalem, and yet He did something that would make Him popular. Why?

What are some ways we can "cleanse the temple" in our own lives (2 Corinthians 7:1)?

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Week 45

Friday

Reading: John 3:1-15

Nicodemus, being a Pharisee, thought he was righteous and would automatically enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Why did Jesus face him up with the need to be born again? What parallels do you see in the story in Numbers 21:19 and the death of Jesus as mentioned in John 3:14?

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Saturday

Reading: John 3:16-36

Even though God did not send Jesus Christ to condemn the world (v.17), some people are still condemned (v.18). How can we reconcile these two verses? How can we apply the attitude of John the Baptist in verse 30, to the way we react to others who may have gifts or a personality more attractive than ours?

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Week 46

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: John 4:1-18

What do we learn about personal evangelism from the Lord's way with the Samaritan woman?

Why is it that Christians do not daily experience the contentment of Christ's life mentioned in verse 14?

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Week 46

Monday

Reading: John 4:19-42

What application to your life can you make from the words "for such the Father seeks to worship Him" (v.23)?

What was more important than food to the Lord Jesus and how can we be like Him?

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Tuesday

Reading: John 4:43-54

Can you see a progress in the faith of the official who came to Jesus?

What attributes of God do we see in this miracle of Jesus?

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Week 46

Wednesday

Reading: John 5:1-18

Why do you think Jesus only healed one man when there was a multitude of sick and lame around Him?

What was Jesus' answer to those who objected to His healing (working) on the Sabbath (v.17)?

What does His answer imply?

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Thursday

Reading: John 5:19-29

Jesus had just claimed to be working with His Father (v.17). What were the two greater works which God alone can do, that Jesus went on to say He had power to also do (v.21, 22)?

How can we use verse 23 to prove that Jesus is equal with (and is) God?

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Week 46

Friday

Reading: John 5:30-47

Jesus had just claimed great things about Himself (v.21, 22); what does He put forward to show that His claims were backed up by God (v.33, 36, 37, 39)?

What was it about the enemies of Jesus that made it impossible to believe in Him (v.44)?

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Saturday

Reading: John 6:1-24

How can Jesus test us today as He tested Philip in verses 5-6?

Why do you think Jesus wouldn't let them make Him king?

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Week 47

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: John 6:25-46

What did Jesus detect about the ones who came seeking Him (v.26)?

What was the miracle meant to show them (v.35)?

What does Jesus promise the person who comes to Him with the right motivation (v.37, 39)?

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Week 47

Monday

Reading: John 6:47-71

Why does Jesus change from talking of Himself as "bread" and start referring to Himself as "flesh" and "blood"?

Look at the theme of "life" through this passage.

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Tuesday

Reading: John 7:1-13

Why did Jesus' brothers want Him to go up to Jerusalem (v.34) and how did this show they did not believe in Him (v.5)?

In what ways are we tempted to compromise with the world in our sharing Christ (then and now) that always stirs up the hatred of the world (v.7)?

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Week 47

Wednesday

Reading: John 7:14-24

Who was the Lord's teacher, and how can we follow His example in the way we learn (v.15-16)?

What is the basic requirement needed in us if we are to truly learn from God (v.17)?

Why is this requirement so necessary?

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Thursday

Reading: John 7:25-52

What did the feast of tabernacles remind the Israelites of (Lev.23:41-43)?

In what way did God provide water for the Israelites during their forty years in the wilderness and how did Jesus apply that to Himself (v.37-38)?

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Week 47

Friday

Reading: Numbers 1:1-19, 47-54

What does verse 3 suggest as the reason for the census of all the men of Israel?
How does this help explain why the Levites were not to be included in this census?
What do you think was in God's mind in having all the warriors of each tribe numbered?
Is there an application today?

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Saturday

Reading: Numbers 2:1-17

What would be impressed upon the minds of the Israelites by the way they were to camp on all sides of the tabernacle and all facing towards the tabernacle?
How can we apply this to our church or youth group?

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Week 48

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Numbers 3:5-13, 40-50

When God saved Israel from the judgement that fell on Egypt, it was the first-born sons in each family who actually had their lives saved (Ex.11:4, 5). What was God's attitude towards all those who had been saved (v.13), and how can we apply this to our own lives as Christians (Rom.12:1-2)?

What do verses 45-48 tell us about the way God works?

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Week 48

Monday

Reading: Numbers 4:1-20

How can you correlate these verses with 1 Cor.12:14-25?

What are some "holy things" which we are responsible to care for today?

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Tuesday

Reading: Numbers 5:1-10

What do verses 1-4 teach us about the holiness of God?

Do we need to make restitution today for the wrongs we have done before or even after we became Christians. (Compare with Luke 19:8)?

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Reading: Numbers 5:11-31

In what way does the procedure in this passage protect the woman?

Why was this protection important in the society of that day?

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Thursday

Reading: Numbers 6:1-18

In your opinion, why would a person decide to become a Nazarite for a period of time?

How can the Nazarite vow help us to understand the idea of consecration to God?

Was Jesus a Nazarite or was the Nazarite a type (picture) of Christ?

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Friday

Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

From the words of v.24-26, what do you think would be the difference between the people who were blessed by God and those who were not?

Who is our High Priest today and does He bless us in the same way?

Can we bless people and know that the blessing is not just empty words (v.27)?

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Saturday

Reading: Numbers 7:1-11, 84-89

In what way do we see God as very practical and "down to earth" in His dealings with Israel in this passage?

God's servants of that day needed oxen and carts to effectively carry out their duties; how can this need be translated into the twentieth century and the duties of God's servants today?

How can you help practically?

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Sunday

Reading: Numbers 8:5-26

In what way can we link the wave offering of the Levites (v.11) in order for them to be ready for serving the Lord with the living sacrifice of Romans 12:1-2, which goes on to speak of the Christian's call to service (v.3-8)?

In what way can we present ourselves to God as a wave offering every day; and what effect should that have in our lives?

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Week 49

Monday

Reading: Numbers 9:1-14

Why was the Passover celebration so important to the Israelites (Exodus 12:17)?
What similar feast are Christians called to celebrate?

If we have sinned or for other reasons do not feel we should take part in the communion service, what do we learn from this passage and from 1 Cor.11:28?

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Tuesday

Reading: Numbers 9:15-23

What do we learn about God's ways with us if we desire to walk with Him from these verses?

What application does this passage have to God's guidance of a local church?

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Week 49

Wednesday

Reading: Numbers 10:1-10

What response did the trumpets cause from the people, and for what reason did God want them to blow the trumpets (v.9)?

What two occasions are mentioned as the time to blow the trumpets (v.9, 10)?

How can this trumpet blowing exercise be likened to prayer?

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Reading: Numbers 10:11-35

What concept did Moses have of God as he led God's people through the wilderness (v.35)?

Can we have a similar concept when we seek God's direction and presence in the work of evangelism?

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Week 49

Friday

Reading: Numbers 11:1-15

What was God's response to the people's murmuring and discontent?

What effect did it have on Moses (v.10, 14)?

How can we learn from this and apply it to our youth group leader and other church leaders over us?

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Saturday

Reading: Numbers 11:18-23 31-35

Why did Moses struggle to believe that God could feed the people a month's supply of meat?

What was God's answer?

When we complain and seek changes because of discontent, could a similar situation result?

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Week 50

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Psalm 61

In what ways is God a Rock that is higher than we are?

What other pictures does David use to illustrate God's ability to protect and guard us?

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Week 50

Monday

Reading: Psalm 62

Why is it hard for us to do nothing but trust the Lord when we are treated badly by others?

What did David say we should do (v.8)?

Why can we have confidence in God to leave our situation totally to Him (Compare verse 11 with John 19:10, 11)?

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Tuesday

Reading: Psalm 63

What situation was David in when he wrote this Psalm (1 Samuel 23:14), and what parallel do you see between this and his desire in verse 1?

What clues do you find in the Psalm to show why David was able to bless and praise the Lord at all times?

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Week 50

Wednesday

Reading: Psalm 64

What will God do to those who secretly devise evil against one of His children?
What effect does God's defence of His people have in the eyes of those looking on (v.9-10)?

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Thursday

Reading: Psalm 65

What does God do that moves the psalmist to praise and song?
What is more special to him than the blessings God gives?

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Week 50

Friday

Reading: Psalm 66

As the psalm writer praises God for his great deliverance from a real-life situation (v.8-12), he reflects on Israel's greatest deliverance (v.5-6). What does this teach us about the way we can use our daily answers to prayer and small deliverances to lift our appreciation and worship of God?

After being delivered by God, what did the psalmist do (v.13-14)?

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Saturday

Reading: Psalm 67

How can we pray for God's blessing in our lives without praying selfishly?

What did the psalmist see as the reason for God blessing Israel (v.2, 7)?

Did Israel use her blessing as a means for the blessing of other nations?

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Week 51

Special matters for prayer this week:

Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Psalm 68:1-18

What types of people are mentioned as being objects of God's special care (v.5, 6, 10)?
How does God, by His reference to His choice of Mt. Zion, illustrate His care and interest in those who seem insignificant and unimportant (v.15-16)?

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Week 51

Monday

Reading: Psalm 68:19-35

Are we to expect God to be constantly involved in our lives as a deliverer (v.19-20)?

In what situations can we trust Him for deliverance?

Meditate on verse 28.

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Tuesday

Reading: Psalm 69:1-15

What concern does David express in verse 6 about these saints who were watching on as David was suffering and unjustly treated?

How can zeal for God (v.9) bring us flack today?

What did zeal for God's house cause the Lord Jesus to do (John 2:14-17)?

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Week 51

Wednesday

Reading: Psalm 69:16-36

Is it wrong for God to act in judgement against the enemies of His people (2 Thess.1:5-10)?

Was David wrong in asking God for justice?

The words of verses 20 and 21 apply to Jesus on the cross, yet the prayer for God's judgement in the next verse was not taken up by Christ. Why not?

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Thursday

Reading: Psalm 70

What does it mean for a believer to "rejoice and be glad IN THEE" (v.4)?

Does verse 5 give us licence to hurry up God?

What do you think moved the psalmist to pray this way?

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Week 51

Friday

Reading: Psalm 71

As the psalm writer reviews his life, in what way had he proven God to be faithful (v.5-6, 17-20)?

How did this knowledge encourage him as he faced new difficulties?

In what way would we be the poorer if we went through life without any problems or disappointments?

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Saturday

Reading: Psalm 72

The Messiah is preached here as the reigning King over all the earth. What will characterize His reign according to this Psalm?

If Christ is reigning now in our hearts, what aspects of this Psalm can be applied to our lives today?

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Week 52

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Memory verse for this week:

Sunday

Reading: Psalm 73

What did the psalmist believe to be true (v.1), and how was this belief challenged?
What perspective on life did he gain when he went into the sanctuary (v.17-19, 23-24) that helped him maintain his faith in God's goodness?
What does verse 25 tell us about him?

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Week 52

Monday

Reading: Psalm 74

In this Psalm the enemy is seen destroying the house of God (v.3-8), and the psalmist is concerned about it. In what ways is God's house destroyed today, and why should we bother getting concerned about it?

What does the use of the word "your" ("thy") in verses 20, 22, and 23 show us about the way we should pray when this happens?

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Tuesday

Reading: Luke 2:1-20

What do the angels tell us about who the baby is (v.11)?

Why is this "good news of great joy"?

How are the shepherds examples to us (v.17, 18)?

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Week 52

Wednesday

Reading: John 8:1-11

What do you think Jesus could have written on the ground to cause the Pharisees to leave?

Who was the only person present who had the right to throw the first stone?

Why didn't He?

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Thursday

Reading: John 8:12-29

What does Jesus mean when He says that Christians have "the light of life" (v.12)? Jesus spoke in verse 12 of those walking in darkness. In what way were the Pharisees walking in darkness, according to the following verses?

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Week 52

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Reading: John 8:30-47

What evidence did Jesus look for in the lives of those who claimed to believe in Him (v.31)?

What type of freedom is Jesus promising to give (v.34, 36)?

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Saturday

Reading: John 8:48-59

What was Jesus' aim in life (v.49) and what was the Father's aim for Jesus (v.50)?

Can we apply this concept to our own lives?

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Week extra

Special matters for prayer this week:

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Sunday

Reading: John 9:1-17

What end did God have in view in allowing the blind man to have his ailment (v.3)? In view of the fact that it was the Sabbath (and Jesus had already aroused the Jews' anger by healing on the Sabbath), what does Jesus mean by what He says in verses 4 and 5?

When God shows us something to do for Him, should we put it off for a more convenient time?

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Week extra

Monday

Reading: John 9:18-41

What progress do you see in the blind man's "spiritual sight" being healed (v.11, 17, 38)?
What caused him to believe apart from the miracle itself?

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Tuesday

Reading: John 10:1-18

How do the words of verses 1-3 apply to Jesus and His actions in the previous chapter?
What two types of people does Jesus compare Himself with and how is He different from these in His mission to the people (v.10-15)?

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Week extra

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Reading: John 10:19-30

What did Jesus see as the reason why many of the Jews would not believe in Him (v.25-26)?

Those people who are truly Jesus' sheep would have certain characteristics in comparison with those unbelievers - what are they?

What does Jesus promise those who are His sheep (v.28, 29)?

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Thursday

Reading: John 10:31-42

Why did the Jews try and stone Jesus (v.30, 33)?

What does verse 36 show us Jesus meant by saying in v.30, "I and the Father are one"?

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Week extra

Friday

Reading: John 11:1-16

Why do you think Jesus stayed longer in the place where He was after hearing of Lazarus' illness?

How can Jesus still do the same today when we bring matters to Him in prayer?

How did Jesus react to the concern of His disciples that if He went to Judea (to heal Lazarus) He would be sought and killed by the Jews (v.9)?

How can we apply this to ourselves?

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Saturday

Reading: John 11:17-32

What was the great question in the minds of Martha and Mary (v.21, 32)?

What was Jesus really saying about Himself in verse 25, which was different to Martha's understanding of the resurrection (v.24)?

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