

DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God we should commitment reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.

Monday, October 17th – Acts 20:28-32

This week our “one another” focus is to teach and admonish one another. We do need to remember as we talk about this that we live in a culture that believes no one has the right to tell you what to do. We also need to remember that all of our one another’s are based on the foundational one another to love one another as Christ loves us. To teach and admonish is not about being the boss or telling folks what to do as much as it is holding one another accountable for living the life they freely choose to adhere too. To admonish is to warn or correct someone who is sinning. Jesus did this and set the example. Paul has a lot to say about this and we begin with Paul’s final instructions to the church in Ephesus. What does Paul tell them to first do (vs. 28)? What does it mean to feed and shepherd the sheep? Whose sheep are they? But Paul also raises a concern of what might happen. What is he concerned about (vs. 29)? From where might these false teachers come (vs.30)? What teaching reference does Paul offer these church leaders (vs. 31)? Why do you think he does that? What is his blessing/teaching to them (vs. 32)? How should this help direct the leaders in teaching one another and the rest of the flock? How long did Paul work with and teach the Ephesians (vs. 31)? How is this doing life together? How did this equip the church to continue on faithfully? Why is it important to teach and hold each other accountable to the teachings of Jesus and the early church? What would happen if we didn’t do this? Where do you need to be taught and held accountable for living the life of a disciple? What group will become part of so you can mature in your walks with Jesus?

Tuesday, October 18th – 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

Continuing to build on this week’s theme of teach and admonish one another, we turn to Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians. Read the entire text straight through. Make a list of each of Paul’s statements. Which are teaching and which are admonishing? Actually they all teach, but they also teach of times it is appropriate to admonish. What things was the church in Thessalonica being encouraged to admonish in its people (vss. 14-15 & 20-22)? Why would we admonish for such things? How could this build up the church? Which of these teachings of Paul convict your heart? How could others help you to fulfill these teachings? If you had to teach someone about this life lived in Christ, how would you go about it? We are called to teach each other and admonish each other when we begin to turn away from this life. How is this loving one another? How does it deepen our faith and walk with Jesus? Spend some time today reading this text slowly. What if any of these are you struggling with fulfilling? Pray and ask God to show you where you need to learn more and how others can help you in this endeavor.

Wednesday, October 19th – 1 Timothy 6:2-8 (Read all of 1 Timothy for a fuller understanding)

We move to Paul’s letter to Timothy today. Read verse 2. The first part of this verse belongs to the teachings from chapter 5-6:2. The last part of verse 2 is where we will pick up today. Paul is instructing Timothy to teach all these things to the church. To get a good scope of these teachings, do a cursory look through the whole

letter. Why should Timothy teach these things (vs. 3)? What is the likely problem that Timothy will run into (vs. 4)? When bad teachings are introduced, what is the result (vs. 5)? What does Paul say counters the problems in verse 5 (vs. 7-8)? How are these teachings godly? How do they help us to become more reliant on God? How can being content bring peace and joy to our lives? Consider what it would look like if we as the church learned to live this way. How could this testify to those in the world who do not know Jesus? How could encouraging this contentment in each other as we Do Life Together deepen our walks with Jesus and with each other? How can you encourage others to learn to be content and live godly lives?

Thursday, October 20th – Titus 2:1-8

Paul has much for Titus to teach and these teachings apply to each of us. As you read verse 1, what do these teachings promote? We begin with the older men. What is Titus to teach and encourage them to do (vs. 2)? Next we turn to older women. What is Titus to instruct them regarding godly living (vs. 3)? These women are then to be told to do some teaching as well. What are they to teach and to whom (vss. 4-5)? Titus is also to teach young men. What is their lesson (vss. 6-7)? Notice that in addition to teaching these men, Titus is expected to live it as well. Finally, what is Titus called to teach by Paul and why (vs. 8)? In order to teach truth, Titus needed to know truth and he learned that from Scripture (Old Testament) and Paul as well as other apostles and their writings. We are called as disciples to teach the same things and live these out ourselves. Sometimes this is not easy. This is where Doing Life Together can help. We can hold each other accountable to living our lives in a way that honors God, sets an example for those watching and help others who may be struggling. Today, take time to consider two things. First, what would it be like to live in community together following this teachings? What would that look like? Secondly, who has God placed in your life to help guide and teach living in a godly life? Pray asking God to reveal the answers to you and empower you to step up to teaching the one whom God has laid on your heart.

Friday, October 21st – 1 Timothy 4:1-11

We finish our study on teaching and admonishing one another with Paul and Timothy. Today we are going to start at the end with verse 11. What does Paul tell Timothy to do? We need to remember a couple of things. First, these instructions to Timothy is for him to do this among the believers. We cannot hold non-believers to these standards. The other thing to remember is that Timothy is to insist on everyone who believes to learn these things so that they can actually live the teachings out. Now read verse 6. What does Paul tell Timothy to do? To understand what “things” Timothy is to explain you need to read verses 1-5. Note the two specific points are marriage and what foods to eat. Sounds like many conversations in the culture today. What does Paul then say to focus on (vss. 8-9)? We finish with verse 10. While we see the importance of living in community together, teaching and admonishing one another when we get off track with the teachings, we see that this is still a struggle. That is why we need each other. For encouragement, love and growth in our love for God, we need each other. For teachings, practice serving and carrying each others burdens, we need each other We can’t do this alone. This whole faith thing was never meant to be done alone. We are called to do life together. Who will you do life together with in the coming months? This might be the most important step you take in your Christian walk. All you need to do is take the first step and God will meet you there together with those who love you and want to see you grow and blossom in the faith.

Saturday, October 22nd – To prepare for tomorrow’s worship, please read Acts 4:42-47

