

### DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

*Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God we should commitment to 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, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Exodus 20:16; 1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 26:57-68**

This week we will conclude our look at the ten commandments. We begin this week with commandment number 9, found in our Exodus passage. Depending on your translation, it declares we are not to testify falsely or bear false witness against others. In other words, do not lie about others. Again, this seems relatively self-explanatory, but alas, we see too many occasions wherein this command is not heeded. Read the 1 Kings verses 1-7. What is the problem? Who agrees to solve it? Now read verses 8-10. Where do you see false witness taking place and being planned? There are two different occurrences in this text. As you finish reading, what happened? How is Ahab complicit in this matter? What does this plot of false witness lead too? Now let's turn to Jesus' time. As you read verses 57-59, where is the use of false witness being plotted? To whom is it going to be used against? Now read verses 60-61. What was the problem they encountered and how did it resolve itself? Now finish the passage. Did Jesus bear false witness? So when Jesus told the truth, what was the response of the one interrogating him? After reading these two examples of bearing false witness, what have you learned about the dangers of lying? How does this support the fact that lying is not a loving act? Consider today where you bear false witness against others. When you gossip? To get your way? To manipulate people? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you, convict you of where you have sinned so you may be repent, be forgiven and start on a new path of bearing a loving witness to and about others.

#### **Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> –John 5:30-47; Revelation 1:4-6; (Jesus' fulfillment)**

We continue today with the 9<sup>th</sup> Command to not bear false witness and see how Jesus fulfills and expands this commandment. We have been learning about bearing false witness or lying. Read the John 5 text. What or who bears witness to Jesus? If Jesus alone bore witness to himself would it be true (vs. 31)? Why do you think that would be? List the various ways true witness is given about Jesus (vss. 33, 36, 37, 39, 46)? Jesus asks an important question in verse 47? How does this question relate to you? To others in the world? Now we turn to our Revelation passage. What does John call Jesus in verse 5? What actions of Jesus allows John to make this statement (vs. 6)? Spend some quiet time this morning and consider how Jesus has been a witness to and in your life. How has he fulfilled this commandment so that you could believe and be saved. What truthful witness has he brought forth that has changed your life?

#### **Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – Acts 1:4-8; John 16:5-11; Romans 8:15-16 (Our fulfilling);**

We conclude our look at the 9<sup>th</sup> commandment today by how we are to fulfill or live into this commandment. Read the Acts text. What does Jesus tell them to do and wait for (vss. 4-5)? What is the disciples questions to Jesus in response to what he has said and what is Jesus' answer (vss. 6-7). How does Jesus get them back on track as to what they need to be waiting and looking for (vs. 8)? When we receive the power of the Holy Spirit we too are to be Jesus' witness within our spheres of influence. Let's turn to John now and look at what Jesus tells his disciples before his death. Read verses 5-9. What is Jesus telling his followers? How does this explain our understanding of the grace we experience ourselves? What will be

the result of Jesus' actions and return to the Father (vss. 9-11)? How does being a witness to what we know help those in the world (vs 11)? Now many feel and claim that they are not called to be witnesses. Yet Paul would probably disagree. Read Romans 8:15-16. What does the Holy Spirit affirm in each of us? So if we are God's children, should our lives and our mouths bear a true witness to that truth? How might living fully into our adopted status of being God's children bear a truthful and fruitful witness to the world? Examine your life as it is now. How are you bearing a truthful witness as a child of God in your sphere of influence?

**Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup> – Exodus 20:17; Matthew 6:24-34;**

Now we turn to the last commandment which is actually related to the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment. Read Exodus 20:17 for today's commandment. What does it mean to covet? Why do you think coveting is an unloving action? How do you think it is related to stealing? Jesus teaches in the Sermon on the Mount that it is a heart problem when we covet? It comes from a mindset of scarcity rather than abundance. Read Matthew 6:24-34. What is the initial problem that Jesus addresses (vs. 24)? How does coveting play into this explanation? When we covet someone else's things where is our attention is split between God and what we think we want and deserve. Read verses 25-32. What things does Jesus point out we worry about and what does he point to as a demonstration of God's ability to provide? Now read verse 33. What is the cure for coveting? What should we seek after in place of other people's things? If we seek first after God's kingdom what will be given to us? Jesus concludes this with a final statement (vs. 34)? How would this apply to our hearts that covet? If we are not worried, we have time to seek and be fulfilled by God's abundance in the Kingdom. Consider when you have coveted something or someone else? How would applying Jesus' fulfilling of this commandment help set you free of the desires that hold you captive? How can the Holy Spirit lead you to freedom and abundance in the Kingdom?

**Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> – John 21: Philipians 2:19-24;**

We learned yesterday how Jesus fulfills and teaches us how to live in the fulfillment. Today is a more practical application of this teaching. Read all of John 21. The setting for this passage is after Jesus had resurrected. Where does Jesus meet the disciples and what have they been doing? How does Jesus engage with them (vss. 10-14)? Now read verses 15-17 again. In verse 15, how does Jesus word the question to Peter? Why do you think he asked that question that way? Jesus repeats the question in a modified way two more times. As we think about coveting, Commandment 10, how would being asked that question by Jesus enable us to change? How would it enable us to shift our mindset from the things of this world to Kingdom things? What if every day for the next year, you answered Jesus' question, "do you love me?" What might the Holy Spirit transform in you to make you a more faithful and fruitful witness? Now read Philipians 2:19-24. In this passage, what does Paul say about Timothy? What does he say about others in the ministry (vs. 21)? How is coveting in ministry compared and contrasted in this text? Are you a Timothy or are you one of the "others?" What do you think Jesus would say? What do you think those in ministry with you would say? What do you think those in your sphere of influence would say? What attribute of Timothy demonstrates his love for Christ and others? Spend time examining your own heart's desire today and let the Holy Spirit convict you so you may repent, affirm your forgiveness and covering of righteousness and then set you on the path to seek God's Kingdom life here and now and for everyone you meet.

**Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> – To prepare for Tomorrow's Worship please read Psalm 80**

