

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

*Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God we should commit 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, August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Genesis 12:3, 22:15-18; Galatians 3:15-18**

We finish our study on grace this week by answering the question, “How Do We Share Grace?” We must remember that grace is God’s giving himself to us. This is a theme and promise that was started in the Old Testament. Read the two Genesis passages. What does God promise to do in both passages? Why does he promise to do this? God is going to bless all families on earth through Abraham’s descendants. Now read Galatians 3. How does God fulfill his promise to Abraham of blessing all the families of the earth (vs. 16)? Paul is teaching the Galatians that we are not saved under the law but rather by faith in the fulfillment of the promise God made to Abraham. But in reading this, Paul is not just telling the Galatians, he is telling you as well. How does it feel to know you are part of God’s plan to bless thousands of years later? Now think about your neighbors, your family, your friends. Are they part of God’s plan to bless all the families of the earth? How can you be a blessing to someone today? How is doing an act of blessing sharing God’s grace with them? Where are you in this whole story and what part is God asking you to take in sharing his grace by fulfilling his promises through you? Take time to plan on blessing someone today and then do it! See what happens when you share grace with someone by blessing them whether they deserve it or not.

### **Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Psalm 22:27-31; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8**

The plan was never for us to receive grace and just keep it for ourselves. The plan has always been to share the grace of God – God giving himself to us and others – all along. Read our Psalm 22 text. What belongs to the Lord (vs. 28)? How is that described (vs. 27)? How does verse 27 tie into yesterday’s text in Genesis? For that to happen something else will occur. What will take place (vss. 29-31)? Verse 31 tells us that the unborn and future generations will all hear the righteous acts of the Lord. Jesus has something to say about how that will occur. Read the Matthew and Acts text. Who does Jesus say is going to do the “telling?” Each believer is to be a witness, a teacher, a person who shares how God blesses them and how God wants to bless everyone. We share God’s grace by knowing and telling our own stories of God’s giving himself to us. As you read these two passages,

are there any exceptions to these instructions? Are any believers relieved of this responsibility? Take some quiet time today and consider how you have been blessed by God, not because you deserved it, but because God wants to give himself to you – offer you grace. Whom might you be able to share that with today? Pray asking God to guide you through your day so you will have the opportunity to share God's grace through your witness to grace in your life.

### **Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> – Romans 10:13-15**

Today we turn to Paul to see what he has to say about sharing grace. We have already learned and discussed that grace is God giving himself to us. What is one of the ways Paul talks about this grace (vs. 13)? God gives us the ability to cry out to him in faith and when we do God saves us. But Paul points out that there are at times some very pragmatic ways that this happens. What are the questions Paul asks and the ultimate answer Paul gives (vss. 14-15)? The Scripture Paul is quoting at the end of verse 15 is part of Isaiah 52:7. Go read all of Isaiah 52:7. What is the message of the messenger with beautiful feet? What does this tell us about our roles in sharing God's grace, the message of salvation and peace? Ponder today whether you are living into this text or not. If not, why not? Fear or embarrassment seem to be what stops us from sharing. What do you fear over sharing about Jesus as Savior? Who might miss the opportunity to be saved because you were embarrassed? We talk about getting out of our comfort zones and this is one way God moves us. God is sending you to share. If you choose not to, how will you explain that to God on judgment day? Ask God for boldness to invite, share and offer God's grace to everyone you meet today. Make a plan and just do it.

### **Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah 29:10-14 and Daniel 9:1-19**

While we have been learning that we need to share grace and that this is part of God's plan, we also need some practical "how to" to help us. To get us started, we will turn the Old Testament as an example. Read the Jeremiah passage. Who is speaking and what does he say (vs. 10)? Why is God coming back for them and what is the plan (vss. 10-11)? What will need to happen at the end of the 70 years (vs. 12)? If it does, what is the promise (vss. 13-14)? Now turn to Daniel 9:1-19. What did Daniel discover in the writings of Jeremiah (both a contemporary and predecessor) (vs.2). Now in verse 1, it speaks of who the ruler was at the time which places Daniel at just about the 70-year mark from the fall of Jerusalem. So what did Daniel do (vs. 3)? Now read verses 4-19. What are the things Daniel says about God (vss. 4, 7, 9, 12, 15)? What does Daniel say about himself and the people of Israel (vss. 5-6, 7b-8, 10-11, 13-14 15b-16)? Now read 17-19. How does this

portion of the prayer fulfill Jeremiah's prophecy of what the Lord had told him? If we are going to share the Gospel, we need to start with prayer. Prayer confessing our sin. Prayer asking for God's help and power. Prayer for courage and boldness. Nothing happens without prayer. Prayer is the most important thing we do. Take time to consider your prayer life. Are you as interested in how God can use you to share as you are about God giving you what you want? Maybe we don't share because we have not asked God to give us what we need so we can share. What might need to change in your prayer life starting today?

### **Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – Matthew 6:9-13**

We will close this week but following up on the need for prayer. In fact, Jesus taught us how to pray but too often we say the words and never apply them to how we live. Read today's passage. The first point (vs. 9) tells us two things about God. One, God is Father, a loving and intimate description. But it finishes with God is Holy, above all, over all, and in control of all, including us. It is verse 10 that we are going to focus on today though. What is the request we are to make? Have you ever thought about how God's Kingdom is going to come? We pray for it but what do we think we are asking? What about God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven? Who is supposed to do this? When you pray these two phrases, what exactly are you thinking or saying? Truth be told, it is the prayer that asks that God empower His people to live and serve and spread the Good News, which is actually God's will. So here's the question. Does this apply to you or just to other believers? And if it applies to you, are you living into it? As you finish this prayer, what is the grace you have asked to experience and what grace should you be sharing? Actually we receive it all and should be sharing it all as well. Spend time praying this prayer and don't just rush through it but pause and be quiet and listen for God to answer you. Do this on a regular basis and watch how God will answer, just as he Daniel yesterday.

**Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – *To prepare for tomorrow's worship please read John 13:33-35***