

## 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 of the book. 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, Jan 7<sup>th</sup> – 1 Chronicles 28:1-10**

In this passage, David is giving his final instructions before he dies. David's instructions to his son, Solomon, were to learn, worship, and serve the Lord. He also states that if Solomon seeks the Lord in all things, he will find the Lord. On the other hand, if he rejects the Lord, then the Lord will forsake him. What a great way to start off the New Year. FUMC's vision is To Be A Light In The Community through Welcoming, Guiding, and Sending – Hospitality, Discipleship and Outreach. As we begin this New Year, what will you act on in each category? What ministry within the church can you volunteer to serve that helps make folks feel Welcomed? What Bible Study, Quad Group or Prayer Group will you participate in so that you can be guided and equipped to guide others? And what Outreach activity will you actively support so that you can fulfill the call to Sending portion of our vision? Remember, acting on good advice is what makes the difference.

### **Tuesday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup> – Matthew 2**

Today, we read the entire story of the stargazers, as well as add on the story of the family's flight to Egypt. As you read this story, list the places where people actually acted. Not watched or pondered, but actually acted in response to something. Now consider where God is calling you to act this year. Where is it that you need to seek God? What gifts are you going to bring to the table this year? How will thinking about this now, help you to actually execute it later in the year?

### **Wednesday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 24**

The Psalmist is rejoicing in the God that saves – the One Who is mighty – creator and owner of all things. The Psalmist also claims who are the ones that are truly able to seek God. What criteria does the Psalmist use to describe those who can truly seek God and worship him? Why would this be the case? What does this teach us about how our hearts need to be when seeking God? Should it be to bring us comfort, wealth, and health? Why would seeking God solely for these reasons leave us as those with dirty hands and lying hearts? Consider how you seek God today. What in your heart might need to change over the year so that you seek God with pure intentions?

### **Thursday, Jan 10<sup>th</sup> – Hebrews 11:1-6 and then read all of 11**

When we seek God out, we are to also act. The writer of Hebrews shows throughout history what those acts might look like. Faith was not stagnant, just mere words, but faith actively sought to seek God's will and then acted on it. We need to know that God seeks us out and invites us to seek Him. But the process includes our need to act in faith. What looks impossible is to be challenged because God is the God of the impossible, making the impossible possible. Where do you need to act on faith? Where do you need to stop saying no to what God has for you and start saying "YES, LORD!?" Today, spend some time considering how seeking God through active faith can change your life. Where will it be frightening? Where will it be healing? How can it change and transform you into the image of Christ? What will be the cost? Is obedience to Christ worth the cost? What would be the benefit?

### **Friday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – Luke 19:8-10**

How important it is to remember that Jesus (God incarnate) seeks us out first. He seeks the lost. He seeks those who need transformation. Even those who are content and don't think they need any more of Jesus, are sought out, because even the most educated, wealthy, competent, self-assured person still needs Jesus. And because he searches for us, we have that sense that there is more out there, and so we begin to seek. But our seeking is intentional, even if unfocused. Take time today and consider what part of you Jesus is seeking out. Where do you feel that nudge? Pray and ask God to help you find him there. Then continue to narrow your focus to find God in the lostness of your heart.

### **Saturday, Jan 12<sup>th</sup> – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read 1 Peter 3:18-22.**