

DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

As the people of God we should be committed to reading Scripture every day. Here are daily readings and questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and we would be honored to provide one. 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, Oct. 14th – Joshua 15:1-19

This week we will read the details of the land distribution. The map will help a lot in seeing where the boundaries are located. Who is the first one who will receive land today (vs. 2)? Now read where the boundaries are located using the map as a reference. What city is mentioned to help us get our bearings (vs. 8)? Notice that the east and west boundaries are bodies of water. Within this territory land is given to someone else. Whose land is found here (vs. 13)? If you remember, Caleb knew that he was going to have to fight even at age 85, to finish conquering his land. What did Caleb conquer first (vss. 14-15)? How does Caleb arrange for more territory to be conquered (vss. 16-17)? What does Caleb's daughter want (vss. 18-19)? Notice that the daughter has inherited land for her and her husband who is of the same tribe. This fulfills the instructions of Moses when daughters inherit land. What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about yourself and God's call on your life? How does this point to the grace of God through Jesus being for both men and women?

Tuesday, Oct 15th – Joshua 15:20-63

Today we see more detail in Judah's inheritance of land. Read through verses 20-62. Check the map occasionally to see if you can find any of these cities marked. If they inherit these cities, this means the people are gone, but some of the structures are probably still standing. Remember also that Judah is one of the larger tribes. Judah had done well in conquering the rest of the land with one exception. Whom were they unable to drive out and where did they live (vs. 63)? What does this reveal to you about God's ability to deliver and in abundance? What does this reveal to you about us and our abilities (vs. 63)? Consider in your life the abundance of what God has given you. What have you been unable to conquer in your own power? How does your need for Jesus and the Holy Spirit become revealed in this understanding? Spend some time in prayer today, asking the Holy Spirit to deliver you from what still is in your way in the name and power of Jesus.

Wednesday, Oct 16th – Joshua 16-17

As we move on with the land distribution, we see that Joseph's tribes will be next. Who are these two tribes (vss. 16:1-4)? Note that these are tribes on the west side of the Jordan River. Whose land distribution is first and what land do they receive (vss. 5-10)? Don't forget to review the map. As we move to chapter 17, whose land distribution is described (vss. 1-2)? Who within this tribe receives a land distribution and why (vss. 3-6)? Again, we see faithfulness to Moses commands and promises to Zelophehad's daughters. As we read verses 7-10, we see there are more twists in the land distribution between Manasseh and Ephraim. There is another crossover distribution with two other tribes. What other tribes are affected (vs. 11)? What is Manasseh's problem with these towns? What is their issue altogether (vss. 12-14)? What is Joshua's resolution (vss. 15-18)? Is Joshua's resolution a good one? Do you remember what God said when He told Joshua that he was getting old? Who was going to clear the rest of the territory? Consider the difference between Caleb compared to Manasseh and Ephraim? What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about us as humanity? What lessons can we learn from this text about how not to be?

Thursday, Oct. 17th – Joshua 18:1-10

Now if you have been keeping count, you realize that there are 7 tribes that still have no land assigned to them. That is where we start today, but this land distribution is not like the others. How will this land be distributed (vss. 1-4 and 8-10)? Who are the tribes not included in this effort (vss. 5-7)? Did you notice in verse 6 how the land was being distributed? This is a fulfillment of Num. 26:52-56; 33:50-54; 34:1-15. Read through these verses to refresh yourself. Why do you think Judah, Manasseh and Ephraim were not included in the casting of lots? Some say it was that they were all large tribes. Tomorrow we will finish the distribution. Spend some time today in prayer, thanking God for His faithfulness and Israel's obedience. Ask God to provide you with a heart to obey Him in all things.

Friday, Oct. 18th – Joshua 18:11-28

We end this week with the beginning of distribution for the remaining tribes. Who is the first tribe in casting lots that receives land (vs. 11)? Where does this territory lay (vs. 11)? Some scholars believe they are given this land to keep the larger tribes apart from each other. As you read verses 12-28, you see the boundaries of the land and the cities Benjamin inherits. Look at how small the territory is, compared to Judah and Manasseh. What things have you learned this week about the land distribution and how it is going so far? Who seemed happy? Who was upset? Why did Joshua fuss after the remaining 9 tribes? Why didn't they go after the land? In pondering the answers to these questions, we see how much we are like Israel. Some of us are happy with what we have received. Others want more. Others are less interested in securing what is theirs. What do we learn about ourselves from this? Who are you most like?

Saturday, Oct. 19th – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Joshua 19:49-51.

