

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. 28th – Joshua 22:1-9

This week we finish the Book of Joshua. What does Joshua acknowledge today (vss. 1-3)? Remember, their warriors are still in the Promised Land, even though their land is on the east of the Jordan River. What does Joshua tell them to do (vss. 4-6)? What does Joshua send them back home with and what are they to do with it (vs. 8)? So, what happens (vs. 9)? We tend to forget that these two-and-a-half tribes are still in the Promised Land even during the land distribution process. Why do you think they stayed so long (vs. 4a)? They made a covenant with Moses, Israel and God to stay this long, that's why. Note the call to faithfulness as well (vs. 5). What does this reveal to you about God? About the abilities of humanity? How does the call to faithfulness reflect and reveal Jesus? How did Jesus live faithfully into Joshua's command and serve as a reminder to these Eastern Tribes? How might you live more faithfully today as you go about in your sphere of influence? Ask God to help you.

Tuesday, Oct 29th – Joshua 22:10-34

Today we see our first concern in the Promised Land about not worshipping God. What is happening to cause this concern (vss. 10-11)? How do they plan to resolve the issue (vs. 12)? Before they go to war, what do they do (vss. 13-16)? What is the actual accusation (vs. 16)? What is the concern about this abuse and what it would bring (vs. 17-18)? What is the offer they make to the tribes on the East of the Jordan and what is the rationale for the offer (vss. 19-20)? What is the response to these accusations (vss. 21-29)? What was the intent of the altar (vss. 26-27)? Do you think their concern is valid based on what we have learned so far in previous books? How do Phineas and the other leaders respond to the defense (vss. 30-31)? How does the story resolve itself (vss. 32-33)? What does this reveal about God? Consider how all this work with Israel may finally have worked Egypt out of Israel. What does this reveal about us as humans? How we react to things – How we can make good decisions – How we can live in a way that worships God. What about Jesus? How is Jesus like the altar? How is Jesus the witness to whom God is? Are you a witness to who Christ is in your life? Is your life an altar for Him in the world?

Wednesday, Oct 30th – Joshua 23

Today we will look at Joshua's farewell speech. We will see that it is much shorter than Moses' speech. How does this all begin (vss. 1-2)? What reminders does Joshua give Israel (vss. 3-5)? This reminder exists for what is going to come. Based on this, what warning does Joshua then give to Israel (vss. 6-10)? What seems to be Joshua's greatest concern for Israel going forward (vs. 12)? What would be the result if they failed to obey (vs. 13)? What is another reason they should trust and obey God (vs. 14)? But what will happen if they do fail (vss. 15-16)? Notice how Joshua proves God's faithfulness in ALL of His promises to us (vs. 16)? Consider how this promise ties into the one in this text – Genesis 2:16-17. What does this all reveal about God today? How is God faithful in all things? How will God be faithful in the future? What does this reveal about us as humans? Why do you think we need so many warnings? Now consider how these texts point to and reveal Jesus. If Jesus is God in the flesh, do you think He will be faithful to promises like this – Matthew 7:15-23; Matthew 13:36-43; Luke 13:22-30? Pray asking the Holy Spirit to make you sensitive to all of God's promises, those you like and those you may not like. Ask for the power to live your life in a way that is honorable and loving and relational with God, so that you don't have to worry about being left out. Consider whom you might know that needs help understanding. Be concerned for those who may fail. Offer them the solution – Jesus!

Thursday, Oct. 31st – Joshua 24:1-28

As with Moses in Deuteronomy, we see that before Joshua passes, there is a covenant renewal. And we start the covenant renewal with a reminder of how we got here. Read the recap in verses 1-13. How far back does the recap go (vs. 2)? Notice it does not start with Abraham, but with whom? Which battles do you remember? Which had you forgotten? Now it is time to renew the covenant. What charge does Joshua present to Israel (vss. 14-15a)? What is Joshua's response to this charge (vs. 15b)? How did the people respond (vss. 16-18)? Sounds like the right answer. But look at how Joshua responds to them (vss. 19-20)? Why do you think he responds this way? What past information do you think he is basing his answer (vs. 23)? What is the response from Israel to Joshua's comments (vs. 21)? To this Joshua makes the following statement with the Israelites committing to serve God (vss. 22-24). In other words, you made this choice of your own free will and it will be held against you when (not if!) you fail to live into it. From here the covenant will be renewed. Read verses 25-28. What will stand in witness to the covenant renewal against Israel should they break the covenant and why (vs. 27)? When it is all completed, what happens (vs. 28)? This sets the stage for the next part of Israel's history. What does this reveal to you about God and what God expects from us? What does this reveal about us (vs. 23)? Have you considered what gods you are worshipping over the one true God? Remember, seldom is it little statues, but rather idolatry is loving or serving something above your relationship with God. How does this point to our need for amazing grace from Jesus and a life filled with the Holy Spirit? What might need to change in your life?

Friday, Nov. 1st – Joshua 24:29-33

Today we finish the book of Joshua and see the end of the second generation. Who dies first (vss. 29-30)? Note the summary statement of the epitaph for Joshua and this second generation (vs. 31). But before we end this chapter, note there is one detail of moving into the Promised Land that needs attending to. What is it (vs. 32)? Remember, Joseph asked that he be buried with the family, not left in Egypt. So they have been carrying his bones with them this whole time. This concludes the chapter of Abraham and his immediate descendants. Who is the last one mentioned to die and who will take his place (vs. 33)? And this ends this part of Israel's life. In two weeks we will begin life in the Promised Land with the third generation forward. What new things have you learned about God in this book? What things were brought up about us as human beings? What did we get right? What did we get wrong? How has this revealed and tied into Jesus? Spend some time in prayer and thanksgiving to God for all that He has shown you about Himself, yourself, and Jesus. Ask God to help you remember this going forward. Congratulations, you have finished the book of Joshua!

Saturday, Nov. 2nd – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Revelation 21:1-8.