

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, Nov 16th – 2 Samuel 18:1-18

We will start this week with where we left off, the great battle between Absalom and David's armies. How does David prepare to go head to head with Absalom (vss. 1-2)? What objection comes up and the rationale behind it (vs. 3)? What is the final decision (vs. 4)? What does David tell his three commanders in verse 5? Why do you think he does this? How does the battle go down (vss. 6-10)? What happened to Absalom (vs. 10)? Read verses 11-15. How did Joab respond? Do you remember Joab's response against Abner? Joab seems to have a difficult time submitting to the King. Read verses 16-18. Why was the battle over? What did they do with Absalom? Why do you think verse 18 was added? Would it have been added if there were heirs? What does this reveal to you about God? As you answer this, consider his promise to David and his prophecy about David's future after Bathsheba. What does this reveal about us as humanity? How are we like Joab when it comes to following the instructions and requests of our King, Jesus? How does this point to Jesus?

Tuesday, Nov 17th - 2 Samuel 18:19-33

Well that battle is over, and David will return home as king. But today is not a good day for David. Who wants to share the news of victory with David and why does Joab tell him no (vss. 19-20)? Whom does Joab send instead (vs. 21)? But Ahimaaz is not done yet. What happens next (vss. 21-30)? What happens when the Ethiopian arrives (vss. 31-32)? What was David's response (vs. 33)? How does this reveal God's heart at the death of Jesus? How did Ahimaaz miss the point that not all good news is good news for some? What does this reveal about us? We will just leave it here for today. Spend some time in prayer for those who have lost children.

Wednesday, Nov. 18th – 2 Samuel 19:1-30

We left off yesterday with David weeping over the death of Absalom. While we can be sympathetic, even empathetic for his loss, it does not go over well with everyone. Read verses 1-7. Does Joab have a point? If you had been one of the victorious warriors, how would you have felt if the king seemed only to care about his son who had stolen his throne? How did David respond to the rebuke by Joab (vs. 8)? But as we continue reading, there seems to be much confusion. Who is confused and why (vss. 9-10)? What also seems out of place and how is David offering to fix it (vss. 11-14)? Who helped on the way home (vss. 15-18)? Remember the guy who kept throwing insults and stones at David as David was leaving Jerusalem? What happens to him now as David returns (vss. 18b-23)? Now remember what Ziba said about Mephibosheth? What more do we learn about this now (vss. 24-30)? What does this reveal to you about God and his mercy? What does this reveal about humanity and our capacity for mercy? How does this point to Jesus and his mercy on us?

Thursday, November 19th – 2 Samuel 19:31-43

We start today by reading further about David's return to Jerusalem and his encounters along the way. Whom does David meet today and what happens (vss. 31-37)? How old do you think Kimham is considering his father Barzilai is 80? We are not certain, but Kimham may not be a young man. What does David say to taking Kimham back with him (vss. 38-40)? Why do you think this story was added? How is Barzillai a reflection of the blessings of God towards David and us? We end today with bickering between the tribes. What is the bickering about (vs. 41)? Why do you think this is important to the various tribes? What does each side get from bringing the King back across the Jordan? How does this end (vss. 42-43)? Seems sort of childish, and yet we do the same thing, don't we? What was revealed to you about God and his blessings towards us in this text? What is revealed to you about ourselves? How does this point to Jesus?

Friday, Nov. 20th – 2 Samuel 20; Psalms 7

We close this week with the results of all that bickering yesterday. And of course, the problem today starts with a troublemaker. Who is he and what does he do that stirs up trouble (vss. 1-2)? We see in verse 3 David took care of some housekeeping but then turns his focus on Sheba. What does David tell Amasa to do and what happens (vss. 4-5)? With the delay, David has to do something, so what does David do and how does it go (vss. 6-13)? Why do you think Joab did this? Was he right or ruthless or both? Why do you think he felt this way about Amasa? As we continue, we get an update on where Sheba is. Where is he at and where is he heading (vs. 14). What happens when Joab, Abishai and the troops find Sheba (vs. 15)? Who interrupts this entire scene and what is the deal that is struck (vss. 15-21)? Did it work (vs. 22)? Verses 23-26 are a recap of David's trusted captains, priests, and advisors. With all the troubles we have seen David encounter stemming from his decision to stay home from war, which led to sin, we end this week with a Psalm about all these things. As you read verses 1-9, what is the theme and how does it fit what we have read for the last few weeks? As you read verses 10-16, how do they apply to today's text from 2 Samuel and the story of Sheba? A common practice for David is to end his psalms with something positive about God. What is David's positive thought today (vss. 17-18)? What if, after pouring out our laments to God in prayer, we began to practice ending our prayers with something positive about God? What might change in us because of it? What has been revealed to you about God today? What has been revealed to you about ourselves? How do these texts point to Jesus? To close this week, pray Psalm 7 to God. Own the words and the praise as you offer it up to the Holy One.

Saturday, Nov 21st – In preparation for tomorrow's worship, please read 1 Chronicles 20:4-8.