

## 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 provided for 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, November 21<sup>st</sup> – 1 Timothy 6:12-16**

This week we will look at texts that offer us time to reflect on the truth of Jesus being the King of kings and Lord of lords and what that means to us in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We begin with Paul's instructions to young Timothy. What is the charge that Paul gives Timothy (vs. 12)? Paul then follows it up with another charge to him. What is that (vs. 13)? If Timothy (and we) fulfill these instructions, what will be the result (vs. 14)? What follows in verses 15-16 is why these charges are given. What will Christ be revealed as and by whom? As you read verse 16, let the description wash over you. Close your eyes for a few moments and imagine what that would look like. Do you need to shade your eyes? What about the warmth? This is whom we testify about – the truth we hold to. This is the one who gives eternal life no matter what happens today. This is whom we fight the good fight for, the foundation of our true faith. In light of the all that has occurred this month, how does this text encourage us to live fighting for the true faith? How can this excite us no matter what the rest of the world thinks? What promise awaits us when we live this out every day in the world? Spend time praying today for those who you know fight for the faith every day. Pray asking God to show you how to fight and not be afraid, but to trust in the King of kings and Lord of lords. Now live that way today. Note what changes occurred in you and others because you did.

### **Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Matthew 25:31-46**

Today we turn to Jesus' teaching about his return at the end of time. How do we know Jesus returns as the King (vs. 31)? What will happen once he sits on his throne (vss. 32-33)? What does he tell the sheep on his right (vss. 34-40)? Now read verses 41-45. What does he tell the goats on his left? What was the difference between the goats and the sheep? There is an attitude difference in addition to an action difference. In fact, one's attitude determines the action. What is the difference in attitudes (vs. 45)? One way to see it is that the goats had the attitude: "Well, if we knew it was you, we would have done it." What is Jesus trying to say to us? There is another interesting point here. Notice the sheep themselves did the acts of mercy. They did not cry out to the government to do their job. They did it. The goats on the other hand failed to serve the needs of others. As we face our future in the United States, what if we, Saint James, became less reliant on the government to do the serving and justice and we did what we could for whomever we can, trusting that God will supply all we need to meet the needs of "the least of these" in our communities? What if we offered refuge, healing, food, comfort, visitation? Much of these we already do. And look at how we have been blessed by serving. Spend some time today dreaming of what it might look like if the church did the work of the church, without always trying to get someone to do it for us. What might be different in our communities? What might be different in us?

### **Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Colossians 1:15-23**

Now we turn back to Paul and his letter to the church in Colossae. This passage reminds us why Jesus Christ is King (ruler) over all. This is a magnificent description of Christ. What is the first point Paul makes about Christ (vss. 15-16)? Why was everything created (vs. 16b)? Read verses 17-18. Who do these verses say Christ is? What does Christ do? How does that relate to us today and the world we live in? Now read verses 19-20. What assurance do these verses give you as you face the future? How do we know this includes us (vss. 21-22)? Since what Paul says is true, then what are we—those made holy and blameless in God's presence—called to do (vs. 23)? What if we truly believed this and clung to this truth? What if we lived this peace out in the church, in our families, in our communities? What kind of an impact do you think we could make? Decide on one way you can go in the peace of God and live it out fully. What words would you say? What actions could you take? Who might need to hear that you are not afraid, because you know the One who existed for it all and holds it all together. Then journal how your day went.

### **Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – Revelation 19:11-16**

We have looked at who the King is, what the work of the King is, and what is expected of us in response to the King's identity and his work on our behalf. We will end this week looking at when the King is no longer challenged by worldly rulers or the powers and principalities and dominions of the nether world. Today is the description of the King winning the final battle. This scene opens with a description of a horse and his rider. What is the rider's name in verse 11 and why? What is a "righteous" war? In verse 12, what other descriptions are given? What do you think the symbolism is for fiery eyes and many crowns? The fiery eyes mean Jesus can see through the façade of people and the many crowns represent his royalty. What do we learn in verse 13 about this rider? Verse 14 tells us about his army. The white robes stand for purity. Verse 15 tells us how he will fight the battle and win. In verse 16, he has his title written out. What is it? This chapter tells us who the winner in the end really is. We may need to go through difficult times between now and then, but we can do so because we know who has the last word, the winning team, and who secured the right ending for all who believe. It is important from time to time, to examine our understanding of how we are on the winning side. It is not because of what we have done or who we are, but who our King of kings is and what he has done for us. To end today, go back to verse 1 and read through verse 10. Use these verses as a way to praise God for the victory you get to share through Christ.

### **Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> – Revelation 22:1-21**

We conclude our look at our King to see what awaits each of us who love, believe and follow Jesus. As you read this, let your imagination create this scene for you in your mind. Imagine a world where the nations were healed of hate, war, disease, sin and all things wicked and evil. Imagine standing in the presence of the throne and the Lamb. What does it look like? How does it feel? What promise and encouragement does Jesus give in verse 7? Look at verses 11-12. What is to continue (vs. 11)? How does this apply to today? Can you change anyone? How will Jesus deal with it (vs. 12)? Who gets to enter (vs. 14)? Does everyone get in (vs. 15)? Jesus tells John why he is to write this. What does he say (vs. 16)? What does that mean to us? What is the invitation made in verse 17? John issues warnings about this book of prophecy. What do we need to be careful not to do (vss. 18-19)? Read verses 20-21. Make them your prayer and benediction today. Now spend the day relishing what awaits you as you pray all day, "Come, Lord Jesus, come!"

### **Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Isaiah 9:6-7.**