

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, Feb. 11th – Numbers 34:1-15

This week we will complete the final chapters of Numbers. As we approach entering into the Promised Land, God is going to lay out the borders of the land Israel will occupy. Note, this is not vacant land. There are tribes (distant relatives) living on this land. Read verses 1-12. We included in your bulletin yesterday a map of the territory given to them. As you read, compare it to the map. This is a vast piece of property. How is the land to be distributed amongst the 9 ½ tribes (vs. 13)? Who will not be there and why (vss. 14-15)? What does this reveal about God's ability to provide? Note that while God provides, we need to receive and act. Spend some time today taking an inventory of all the things God has provided to you. What has been offered that you have chosen not to act on? What might you have missed, because you weren't paying attention? Consider what it means that God provides all we need and yet we own nothing. What kind of shift would that make in you if you lived this way?

Tuesday, Feb. 12th – Numbers 34:16-29

Yesterday we saw the land that was being given to Israel. Today we see who the representatives from each tribe will be to divide up the land as they enter. Who are the first two names and why are they first (vss. 16-17)? Verses 18-28 gives you the list of the leader of each tribe who will be in on the decision making. The name in verse 9 should be familiar. If you are not sure who this is go back to Exodus 13:25-33. Notice that God was faithful to his Word that two of these who had spied on the Promised Land would enter in and those who refused to enter died in the wilderness. What does God charge these men to do (vs. 29)? While this is a straightforward text listing names and the job they will accomplish when they cross over the Jordan, what does God reveal to us about Himself? What do we learn about ourselves? How does this point to Jesus?

Wednesday, Feb. 13th – Numbers 35:1-24

In Chapter 34, we spoke of the land that would be inherited by the twelve tribes. But what about the Levites? Where will they live? After all, they do not inherit land, but they need to stay somewhere. God has not forgotten his holy set-apart tribe and addresses this matter. How does God provide for the Levites (vss. 1-5)? The fact they will be given towns means that they will inherit and be assigned towns that will have been conquered. So, there will not be the need to build towns, just mark them off for their needs. However, the Levites will not own the land. How many towns in all will be given to the Levites (vs. 7)? What makes up these towns (vs. 6)? Who will give the towns and how many will they give (vs. 8)? We saw in verse 6 that six towns were to be cities of refuge. What is a city of refuge and where will they be located (vss. 9-15)? Notice that this city is for accidental kills. How does God define murder (vss. 16-21)? How is accidental killing described (vss. 22-25)? What is the difference between accidental killing and murder according to God? What does this reveal about God's understanding of our predicaments? What does this reveal about His ability to differentiate between murder and accident? What does this reveal about us, humanity? What does this say about Jesus' death? Spend some time in prayer asking where our hearts may not be right towards other people. Ask for forgiveness and the Holy Spirit to help you have a change in heart.

Thursday, Feb. 14th – Numbers 35:25-34

Yesterday we read about the Levite towns and how six were to be refuge cities for those who were part of an accidental killing. We also learned what constituted a murder and an accidental killing. Today we address the rules of those who flee to a refuge city, because of an accidental killing. There is a trial so that the community can discern if this was murder or an accident (vs. 24). If the community determines that the death is an accidental killing, what does the community need to do (vs. 25)? How long must the slayer stay in the refuge city? What could happen if the slayer leaves the refuge city (vss. 26-27)? Notice the avenger is not guilty, but rather this death is the consequence of his not following the rules. So, when can the slayer leave the city of refuge (vs. 28)? How long do these regulations stand in place (vs. 29)? Now we look to the regulations and punishments and warning regarding murder. What is the punishment of those who have murdered (vs. 30)? What is the requirement in order for one to be found guilty of murder (vs. 30)? Why do you think it is important for there to be more than one witness? Next comes two instructions/warnings regarding murders. What are they (vss. 31-32)? Why can there be no ransoms for murderers or accidental killers in a refuge city (vs. 33)? Why is it important to keep the land purified (vs. 34)? What does this reveal to us about God? Remember the charts in Leviticus that demonstrated God = holy/life, but declining to obey God is unholy, equating to death? How does the understanding of Holy/unholy play into this understanding of murder and purification of the land? What does this reveal to us about God? What does this reveal about ourselves? How does Jesus' death and resurrection point to unholy becoming holy?

Friday, Feb. 15th – Numbers 36

We complete this week with the regulations regarding women and inheriting property. Back in Numbers 27, we met the daughters of Zelophehad, who were the only offspring of Zelophehad. They requested that their father's name not be wiped out by giving the land to someone else and God agreed. So, a decree was made that if there are no male heirs, then the daughters shall inherit the land. If there are no daughters, then the brothers shall inherit the land. But as we see today, that raises another issue. What is the matter at hand regarding daughters inheriting land (vss. 1-4)? What does Moses have to say about this (vss. 5-8)? In following these instructions, what will happen (vs. 9)? How do Zelophehad's daughters respond (vss. 10-12)? What is the summary of this chapter and book (vs. 13)? Congratulations, you have finished the book of Numbers. What have you learned about God from this book? What have you learned about yourself? How has this book pointed to Jesus? Spend time today in prayer and thanksgiving for God's powerful words in the book of Numbers.

Saturday, Feb. 16th – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Deuteronomy 1:19-26.