

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 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, April 16th – Exodus 15:22-27 (John 4:7-14)

We resume our Journey Through the Bible this week in what follows the Great Escape through the Red Sea. All the praise is finished, and it is time to move again. Where are they headed and what is the dilemma they are facing (vss. 22-23)? What is the response or the reaction to the dilemma (vs. 24)? How was the dilemma resolved (vs. 25a)? What is the difference between Moses' response and the people's response? Why do you think there is a difference? Now that they are free from Egypt's hold on them and the first dilemma has been resolved, God begins to lay out what it means to be God's people. Some people have said God has taken His people out of Egypt, but now it is time for Him to get Egypt out of His people. To start that process, what are the expectations of God (vss. 25b-26)? If they follow God's directions, what will God refrain from doing? What is the indication about what will happen if they do not obey? At the end of verse 26, what attribute does God claim? What does this reveal about God to you today? We finish with verse 27. Where do the Israelites travel to and what do they find there? If God had to heal the waters at Marah, why didn't He lead the people to where there was drinkable water? Now read the John text. How does Jesus provide healing water? Where do you need spiritual or physical healing today? Spend time in prayer and drink deeply of the living water and be healed.

Tuesday, April 17th – Exodus 16:1-18

Let us start today by remembering what we have seen the Israelites experience over the last couple of weeks. They have been passed over by the angel of death, collected the wealth of the Egyptians, crossed the Red Sea and witnessed their enemies drown, had bitter water made drinkable and were led to the oasis of Elim where there were 12 springs of good water and 70 palm trees. It is from here the Israelites are to head out again and this time they will go into the wilderness of Sin (Sinai). Once there who are they complaining about and what is their complaint (vss. 2-3)? What is the Lord's twofold response to their complaint (vss. 4-5)? Read verses 6-10. Notice in verse 7 that Moses tells the people that their complaint is against God, not him or Aaron. The people are gathered before the Lord and what does God promise to do (vss. 11-12)? What are His instructions (vss. 13-18)? How much should each family take of the manna each morning? What was for dinner each night? What does this reveal about God to you today? How does this bread (manna) point to Jesus? Where do you find yourself in this story? When things start getting bumpy, do you complain? Are you a whiner? Do you blame others? If so, today would be a good day to confess and to turn back to God with a grateful heart and thank Him for providing what you need today.

Wednesday, April 18th – Exodus 16:19-36

We continue the story in the Sinai desert today. God has provided what the people desired, meat and manna, but there are instructions on how to gather the manna. Read verses 19-26. He tells them to just get what you need. There are always the few, though, who think they know better and keep some overnight. What happened to their "extra" that they picked up (vs. 20)? Why do you think they did this? What is the only day they are allowed to collect more and why (vss. 22-24)? What happened to the extra on the seventh day? Verses 25-26 reiterate the rules of double on day six, none on day seven. Notice God takes the concept of a day off very seriously. However, not everyone did. Now read verses 27-30. What happened and what is God's response? Can't you almost hear God asking, "Seriously!?!?" What does Moses say Sabbath is (vs. 29)? Now read verses 32-34. Why do you think God wanted them to save some manna for posterity's sake? What have we learned so far about our human memory? We finish with verses 35-36. How long was quail and manna their food choices while in the wilderness? When would it stop? What does this reveal to you about God's ability to meet your needs? How does this point to Jesus? What have you learned about yourself in this text? When are you most like the Israelites? Spend time in prayer asking God to help you be more grateful and dependent on Him to provide your needs.

Thursday, April 19th – Exodus 17

Chapter 17 has two sections to it. Let's read verses 1-7. What are the Israelites complaining about again and who are they blaming? How does God address the whining? Is lack of water a major or minor issue for humans? What might have been a better way to ask God for help other than whining and blaming? Now read verses 10-16. This is the first battle that the Israelites will have to fight on their own. Who does Moses charge to form an army (vs. 8)? What will Moses do (vs. 9)? Notice the action in verses 11-13. Joshua and his band of warriors were fighting and successful, as long as Moses could hold up the staff. But when Moses got tired, it took help from 2 others to keep his arms up. The battle was won by God but took a team of humans. Teamwork is a core value at Saint James and teamwork is a biblical principal. Who won this battle and what was the result (vss. 13-15)? What does this reveal about God? What does this reveal about us? How does this point to Jesus (think arms stretched out)? Pray, thanking God for His many victories.

Friday, April 20th – Exodus 18

We close this week with a visit to the camp by Jethro, Moses' father-in-law. As we read verses 1-5, what are the reasons for Jethro's visit? How did the family reunion go (vss. 7-11)? This is a typical family reunion, where everyone shares what has happened to them since they last saw each other. What is Jethro's response to what he has heard about Moses' adventures and God (vs. 12)? What observations does Jethro make the next day and what is Moses' response (vss. 13-16)? Are you like Moses, trying to do it all yourself? What is Jethro's advice to Moses (vss. 17-22)? Moses should do his job, but allow others to help. What will be the result if Moses' takes this advice (vs. 22)? What does Moses do (vss. 23-26)? And we're back to working in teams. This is why we have a leadership team to work alongside the pastor. It's biblical. What does this teach us about being leaders? What does this teach us about God's ways? How does this point to Jesus, with us being on His team? Pray today, asking God to empower you to serve on a team at Saint James this year.

Saturday, April 21st – Prepare for tomorrow by reading Exodus 19:16-20.