

## 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, May 21<sup>st</sup> – John 16:7-11**

This week we will take time to examine our lives to see if we have the Holy Spirit working in us and if we don't, how we can begin to open ourselves up to him. We start with Jesus telling the disciples about the Holy Spirit. Jesus' leaving will usher in an era of the Holy Spirit (comforter/advocate/counselor) in the world. What are the three things Jesus says that the Holy Spirit will do (vs. 8)? Notice the order that they are in. What sin does the world need to be convicted of (vs. 9)? Do you live your entire life as a believer or a part-time believer? When we refuse to obey and love as Jesus does, we fail to believe. Are you allowing the Spirit to convict you of your sins? Are you sharing this with your Life Groups, so that they can pray for you? What does Jesus say about righteousness (vss. 8 and 10)? Who is righteous? How does that tie to our sin? Who makes us righteous before God? What is the final thing the Holy Spirit will do (vs. 11)? Who do you believe has already been judged? Who is the ruler of this world other than God (think sin and evil)? How does the first and second work of the Holy Spirit affect the third work? Conviction of sin leads to repentance and being made righteous through Jesus. How does this address the judgment? Where are you putting up walls before the Spirit? Spend some time today in prayer, opening yourself up to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life. Let the convictions and righteousness making begin.

### **Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Acts 2:38; Acts 8:14-17; John 14:16-17; Romans 8:9 and 1 Corinthians 6:18-20**

Yesterday's study of the work of the Holy Spirit had to do with coming to the saving grace of Jesus. We Methodists call the work leading to salvation prevenient grace and the act of salvation justifying grace. We also know that once one becomes a believer, they are to be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. How does Peter sum it up on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:38)? As we move a few chapters further on, what does Peter add and pray for (8:14-17)? Our baptism is the invitation for the indwelling work of the Holy Spirit. Read John 14:16-17. What does Jesus say about the work of the Holy Spirit in verse 14:16? Where does the work of revealing all truth take place? How does this tie into the work of conviction/repentance and the righteousness of God? Who in this text will probably face judgment? So once baptized with the Holy Spirit, where does the spirit reside and what should our lives look like (Romans 8:9)? Conviction and transformation from sinful living is the work within the believing person. Therefore, as believers, what should our response be to the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19-20)? What is the specific sin that Paul writes about (vs. 18)? How would other sins affect the body? Lust? Gluttony? Sloth? Greed? Having been baptized in the Holy Spirit, how well are you doing at living in the Spirit? How are you using your body? Is it a temple for the Holy Spirit? Or is it still a den of iniquity grieving the Holy Spirit? Spend some time today asking the Holy Spirit what He thinks.

### **Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13-15 & 1 Corinthians 12:1-3**

Today we will look at some more work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Let's go back to John 14:17. What will the Holy Spirit do? As Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?" We live in a culture where truth is relative to individuals and not absolute. So what truth will the Holy Spirit bear (15:26)? Why do you think this is important? What truths do you think the Spirit will bear (16:13-15)? How will we know who has the Holy Spirit truth (1 Cor. 12:3)? How is this different than before? Consider what you hear about Jesus in the world. How many times has His name been used with curse words or how many times have we misused His name? If we are moving in the Spirit, what will change in our speech patterns? How does this change in our speech patterns lead us into truth and speaking truth in the Spirit? How is it both loving and corrective at the same time? Consider what declaring Jesus as Lord really means? Is this what you believe? Is this what you say? Is this how you live? Is this the truth?

### **Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; 1 Peter 4:7-11**

We continue our look at the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Thus far we have seen the work that convicts and leads to salvation, the righteousness of God, and judgment. Conviction for transformation in how we live continues so that our bodies are temples for the Holy Spirit. The work yesterday was revealing truth to us. And today we will look at the Spiritual Gifts given to us for the work of the Spirit in the church and in the world. Read our texts for today. What are the various gifts that are given? Which ones are yours? Everyone who is baptized in the Spirit has a gift. If you don't know what yours is, ask Pastor Shirley and she will help you discern your gift. In Peter 4:10, how are we to use our gifts? Are you using your gifts to build up the church? Saint James? How can you be better connected in serving? How do you think the Spirit uses these gifts to not only build up the church, but also to be the light and truth in a world of darkness? Spend some time in prayer today, asking the Spirit to confirm your gifts and to show you how to use them most effectively while you are here at Saint James. Again, if you need help, please feel free to ask Pastor Shirley. She would be delighted to help you discover and discern your Spiritual gifts.

### **Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Galatians 5:16-26**

We will close this week with the final piece of the Holy Spirit work in our lives. Today we will look at the Fruit of the Spirit. Today we will contrast our sinful nature to our Holy Spirit life, so as to discover where the Lord is working in our lives now. What does vs. 16 tell us to allow and why? So how do we know whether we are living in the Spirit or in our sinful state? Which life are we living in when we are actively participating in verses 19-21? We have all been there and some of us are still there. What is it like to be living in the Spirit (vss. 22-23)? Can we live with one foot in each camp? Why or why not? How is the Spirit convicting your heart today to stay in the Spirit and not in your sins? What changes and truths will you need to face in order for that to happen? Stop and consider what you learned about the work of the Holy Spirit in your life and the life of Saint James. Where do you see the work happening? Where has it stalled out? What will be different now that you have stirred the Holy Spirit within you?

### **Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Exodus 31:1-11.**