

## 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, May 31<sup>ST</sup> – Psalm 32**

Today's Psalm is one of a couple that will deal with sin, confession and forgiveness and the effect each has on us. As has become our practice, let's start by reading through all of Psalm 32 and then come back to dig deeper. Let's go to verses 1-2. What are the perks of being forgiven? In contrast, what is the downside of sin (vss. 3-4)? What does David do in Verse 5 and what happens? As we move on, we see that David is now addressing all the godly people. What does David tell them to do and why (vs. 6-7)? David seems to continue to speak to the godly, giving them instructions. What is it that David instructs them and why (vss. 8-11)? As you read this Psalm, did you see the connection that a pure heart and obedience comes through confession? What does this Psalm reveal to you about God? What does it say or reveal to you about yourself? How does this Psalm point to Jesus? Consider your forgiveness is signed, sealed, and delivered through Jesus with no animal sacrifice required.

### **Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Psalm 35**

Have you ever done something good for someone and then had them throw it back in your face and try to harm you instead? That is what David is praying about in this Psalm. Let's start by reading through the Psalm. Ok let's start back at verses 1-8. David is under attack and calls on the LORD to get ready and come to his aid. As you read through these verses, notice how David wants God to win this battle. Notice that he doesn't ask for them to be smitten off the face of the earth but rather things like disgraced, their paths made dark and slippery, etc. Why is David turning to God (vs. 8)? When the matter at hand is resolved, what does David say he will do and to what extent (vss. 9-10)? In verses 11-16, we see a contrast between David's behavior and that of his enemies. What stands out to you in this contrast? Which category do you fall in? Would God agree? As we move on to verses 17-21, we see again David's plea as to what he wants God to do. What does David ask of God (vss. 17-21)? In verse 22, David points out that God knows and sees everything happening. What requests does David ask of God based on God's knowledge of what is happening (vss. 23-26)? We end this psalm with information that some folks have come to David's defense. What does David ask of God for these who defended him (vs. 27)? When God acts, how will David respond? What does this reveal to you about God? Consider that even though God seems distant, David is fully aware of what God can do. What does this reveal about humanity? What does David teach us about how to handle our enemies (and we all have them!)? How does this text describe the life of Jesus? How did he handle it?

### **Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Psalm 36**

Today we will shift gears and see the contrast between humanity's sin and God. Read through Psalm 36. For this Psalm, I would get a piece of paper and make two columns. Title column one, "Humanity's Sin," and column two, "God." Now read through verses 1-9 and put each concept under the appropriate column. This may take some time, but the effect and information will be well worth the extra effort today. As you read through the list of what humanity's sin looks like, which applies to you? What does this reveal to you about humanity, a/k/a yourself? Now review God's list. How vast is the difference between God and us? Does God still provide as David wrote? In light of the contrast of humanity to God, what petitions does David lift up (vss. 10-12)? How does this Psalm point to Jesus? Which set of characteristics did Jesus possess? Who does this tell you that Jesus is?

### **Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Psalm 37**

Today will be another compare/contrast Psalm, so I encourage you to get a sheet of paper, create two columns, labeling one, "Wicked people will," and the other, "Righteous people will." Now let's go ahead and read through Psalm 37. David starts out with a call for people to do certain things. What does he call them to do (vss. 1-8)? It is very difficult to be still and trust in God when wicked people are after you, is it not? It is at this point, David contrasts those who are wicked with those who are righteous. (Righteous people are those who trust in the Lord in this Psalm.) Now get your prepared paper and as you read verse 9-40 again, write down what David says about the people in each category. What repeated phrases were there for each group? Which list on your paper was longer? Why do you think that is? In reading through these verses, what was revealed about God and His actions towards both groups? Which group is the one to which you want to belong? We have seen what it reveals about humanity and what it reveals about God. What does this reveal about Jesus? Where do you see the work and teachings of Jesus in this Psalm?

### **Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 38**

Today we return to the theme of confession of sins and forgiveness. Let's begin by reading through Psalm 38. Returning to the beginning, verses 1-11 are a picture of a life wracked with sin. What are some of the marks that you are being taken over by sin (vss. 1-11 and 17)? Notice that David's descriptions have a lot of physical parts to them. How does David describe God's reaction to sin (vss. 1-3)? Does this sound like a God who just accepts unrepentant sin? But in addition to David's physical and mental distress, there are other problems because of sin. What are they (vss. 12-16 and 19-20)? In the end what does David do (vss. 18 and 21-22)? What does this reveal to you about God when it comes to our sins? What does it reveal to you about how sinfulness left unconfessed and unrepented of can affect your life? What does Jesus call us to do (Mark 1:14)? Consider in your life the effects you felt when you continued to sin? When did you get convicted to repent? What sin is popping up in your mind now, of which the Holy Spirit is convicting you? Take time to respond to the conviction through repentance and confession. This will open you up to receive the forgiveness of sins and a restored relationship with God. Remember, if you are sinning and you know it, you have turned your back on God. It's time to come home...

### **Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – For tomorrow, please read Psalm 40.**