

## 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, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 39**

This week our Psalms will touch on two themes – sin and betrayal. As we have been doing, let us start by reading through Psalm 39. Now going back to verses 1-3, what situation did David find himself in? He doesn't want to sin and is doing his best to control his tongue and what happened (vs. 3)? Have you ever been there like David? I would guess all of have done this. After the sin is committed, what reality does David return to (vss. 4-5)? Seems like a shame we waste our brief time here on sinning, doesn't it? How does David describe the way we live our lives (vs. 6)? Which of these are you guilty? David then repents of his sin. How does he describe it (vss. 7-13)? David clearly acknowledges that it is God's discipline leading him to this moment and yet he reminds God that he is just a breath and asks God to stop the punishment. How does David end his request (vs. 13)? How does this statement strike you? Bold? Desperate? After reading this Psalm, what does it reveal to you about God? Does God just accept our sin and turn a blind eye? What does it reveal to you about us? And how does this Psalm point to our need for Jesus?

### **Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 40**

Today will kind of tie into the how our lives are like a breath and so, if we need to wait on the Lord for things to happen there are things we can do. Let's not waste time. Let's read Psalm 40. We are going to study this in a little different order today. We are going to start with the problem. What is the problem and what is David asking of God (vss. 11-17)? There were too many troubles. Sins were piled so high they outnumbered David's hairs. Then there were those who were trying to destroy him. So, what did David ask God to do (vss. 14-15)? Now let's move to what happened during and after the waiting on the Lord. For these activities we turn to verses 1-3? Make a list of what God did for David? What did David do? Verses 4-10 then tell us what to do during the waiting period for God's response. Make a list of things we can be doing while we wait on God and following our rescue. What does this reveal to you about God? What does it reveal and teach you about yourself? Do you wait on the Lord this way? Do you respond this way? If not, why not? Consider how just having a "pity party" while waiting on God is a waste of our time. How does this point to Jesus and our need for Him? How did Jesus practice these things in verses 4-10?

### **Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 41**

Psalm 41 is a prayer for mercy when feeling sick or abandoned, something we have all experienced at one time or another in our lives. Let us begin by reading through Psalm 41 and then come back to dig deeper. In verses 1-3, David is declaring God's goodness. To whom is this goodness shone to (vs. 1)? When these folks find themselves in times of trouble, what is the goodness God bestows upon them (vss. 2-3)? It is at this point David describes his current situation. What is going on with David (vss. 4-8)? Note that according to David the sickness is caused by sin. Sin can make us sick physically, emotionally, and mentally. Sin, unchecked, can cause serious problems. But besides being sick from sin, what is the other problem? Have you ever visited someone and thought and shared with someone else that you thought that was going to be the for the person you visited? David would call us enemies if we did that to him. In verses 10-13, we see David's prayer and petition to God. What does David ask and what are his reasons for God's reply? The end of this Psalm is what is called a doxology. It is a song of praise and thanksgiving. Why do you think David ends this Psalm that way? What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about humanity and specifically yourself? How does this point to Jesus? Consider how many of his enemies whispered and gossiped behind his back. Where do you need to confess your sin today in some of these things? Remember, unchecked sins can lead to illness.

### **Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 53**

As discussed on Sunday Psalm 53 is almost an exact duplicate of Psalm 14. Go ahead and read Psalm 53 and then review Psalm 14 quickly. The overarching theme for Psalm 14 was what a foolish life looked like. This theme is extended to Psalm 53 too. And if we live foolish lives, we are also living sinful lives. So, let us recap what fools say and how they live (vss. 1-5a)? Notice that David points to the fact that all of us live like this at one time or another and maybe even too much. It is in verse 5 we begin to see the difference between to the two Psalms. In Psalm 53, David goes on to describe what will happen when these fools actually encounter the living, holy God. They will experience true terror. Their bones will be scattered. They will be put to shame and rejected by God. These are some very harsh reminders about God, are they not? In fact, it seems so desperate, What does David ask about in verse 6? How does Jesus answer David's question? So, what was revealed to you today about God? About humanity? About Jesus? What will be different because you have read this Psalm?

### **Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 55**

We close this week out with a Psalm of deep dismay and sorrow over the betrayal of a trusted friend. Some scholars believe this Psalm was written early in the Absalom rebellion where Ahithophel, David's closest counselor and friend, chose to follow and partner with Absalom. Let's start by reading through this Psalm. We see in verses 1-8 David is distraught and overwhelmed by the troubles he is experiencing. What are some of the descriptions David gives that clues us in on how serious the situation is (vss. 4-8)? What does David ask God to do and why? Where is the problem (vss. 9-11)? In verses 12-14, we read David's description of the betrayal. How does he describe it? How close was this person to David (vss. 13-14)? Returning to the bigger problem, what does David ask for (vs. 15)? But in the meantime, what will David do (vss. 16-18)? Then in verse 19, we see a contrast between David and his enemies. What is the contrast? We now return to the betrayal of David's friend. What has this betrayer done and how was it done (vss. 20-21)? Facing the worst, what does David remind himself so he can move forward (vss. 22-23)? Have you ever been betrayed by a dear friend? How did you feel? Consider how our sin and rebellion must feel like betrayal towards God? David declares God will take care of him and he trusts God to save. What will happen to the wicked (vs. 23)? Some scholars believe verses 12-14 point to the betrayal of Jesus by Judas. Read these verses again and see if you can see why they believe this to be true? Do you agree? Why do you agree or disagree? Spend some time in prayer today asking God to forgive you when you have betrayed Him.

### **Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – For tomorrow, please read Psalm 61**