

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, Nov 9th – 2 Samuel 15:13-37

As you recall, a couple weeks ago we left off with Absalom lying and politicking to get power over Israel. We pick up today with the results of Absalom's activities. What has happened and what is the result for David (vss. 13-18)? Who was left behind and why (vs. 16)? Why was this decision made (vs. 14)? As you read verse 18, notice who is with David. Ittai is from Gath. Gath as you may recall was part of Philistia. What else do we learn about Ittai (vss. 19-20)? Why does David want to send him back? How does Ittai respond (vs. 21)? Does David allow this (vs. 22)? How does the writer of Samuel describe the scene from this point (vss. 23-27)? The people are not happy. What does David instruct the priest to do (vs. 25)? David realizes that the Ark belongs with the people of God. How do we know this for certain (vs. 26)? But David is still David and as we know, David always has a plan. What is David's plan (vss. 27-37)? Note the signs of mourning that takes place in this scene (vss. 30 & 32). Summarize for yourself David's plan. It is important to do this so the end makes sense. What does this reveal to you about God? Consider God's statements at the Bathsheba incident. God is faithful to His word whether we like what he says or not. Consider what this reveals to us about ourselves? Consider David's mourning and humiliation at having to leave the kingdom because of his son. Also consider the repentance and wisdom of David. Finally, what does this reveal about Jesus? Consider the walk carrying his cross to calvary.

Tuesday, Nov 10th - 2 Samuel 16:1-14

As we move forward in the story today, we are going see insult added to injury. First read verses 1-4. Who provides the blessing? Where does the insult come to play? Now read 5-14. What is the insult and who is throwing it (vss. 5-8)? How do David's commanders and dear friends want to handle it (vs. 9)? How did David respond (vss. 10-14)? Do you think David is right in his analysis? If so what does this reveal about God? If not, what is revealed? What do we learn about ourselves in this text? Who are you? Ziba? Shimei? Abishai? David?

What part of ourselves do each point to? How does this point to Jesus? Consider when they tried to stone him or when he was before the Sanhedrin or Pilate on trial? Who did he act like? What can we learn from this text about how we respond to things?

Wednesday, Nov. 11th – 2 Samuel 16:16 – 17:14

Today we will see how David's plans are going to work. Once Absalom returns to Jerusalem, whom does he seek advice from and what is the advice given (vss. 16-21)? Does Absalom take the advice (vss. 22-23)? So far things don't seem to be going that well. Not only does Absalom take Ahithophel's advice, but he violates the Lord's law regarding sleeping with those whom his father slept. What is the next advice Ahithophel give Absalom (vss. 1-4)? While Absalom thinks this is a good idea, what does he actually do next (vss. 5-6)? What is Hushai's opinion (vss. 5-13)? So which advice does Absalom follow (vs. 14)? Why does he take that advice? Who gets the credit for this decision (vs. 14)? Consider David's prayer in 2 Samuel 15:31. Is God answering this prayer?

What does this reveal to you about God? About yourself? Whom do you take advice from? Do you seek out the wisdom of others? How does this point to Jesus? How did the religious folks of Jesus' time miss his advice and consultation? What drove them to seek the wrong answer rather than Jesus? Are we guilty of the same thing?

Thursday, November 12th – 2 Samuel 17:15-29

Well, with the advice having been given, it is time to inform David. How does it happen and what difficulties arise (vss. 15-20)? It is a good thing that not all of Israel is behind Absalom. When Jonathan and Ahimaaz are able to go to David what do they tell him and what does David do (vss. 21-22 & 24-29)? What had Absalom been doing as well? Now let's go back to verse 23. Why do you think Ahithophel did this? Was he just mad that Absalom did not follow his advice? What did Pastor Shirley say on Sunday? Why do you think this was important to add to the story? What does it reveal to you about God? What do these texts reveal to you about ourselves? Who are we in the story? What are we willing to risk for God and others? How does this point to Jesus? Consider his last night in the Garden of Gethsemane when the Temple soldiers arrested him. None of his followers risked themselves for Jesus did they? They all ran. Would you? Where do you draw the line on Jesus?

Friday, Nov. 13th – Psalms 3 & 63

We close this week with two Psalms written by David in this time of exile and being hunted. As you read Psalm 3, what strikes you about David's reality and faith? What phrases give you hope today as you face your enemies and troubles head on? Now turn to Psalm 63. Consider where we left off yesterday and the weariness of David and his men. How does this Psalm express that weariness? Is it just for food, water and rest or is it deeper than that? Despite all that is going on, how is David's soul doing (vss. 3-8)? Could you be that calm? Yet, David does not stray from the reality of the situation. How do we know that (vss. 9-11)? What do these Psalms reveal to us about God? What do they reveal to us about us and what we need to meet our deepest needs? How do these two Psalms point to Jesus, his life, his death, his glory? Spend some time reading these Psalms throughout the day. Meditate on them. Read them again tomorrow. Let the wash over you and strengthen you in the love of God.

Saturday, Nov 14th – In preparation for tomorrow's worship, please read 2 Samuel 18:6-13