

## 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, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> – 2 Samuel 6:1-11 & 1 Chronicles 13 -14:7**

This week as we read chronologically, we see that the first part of 6 comes before what happened in 5 and then 6 resumes. The Chronicler is ordered more sequentially. Start by reading 2 Samuel 6:1-11. What was David attempting to do and why (vss. 1-4 and 9)? What happened during the journey (vss. 4b-7)? What was David's response to God's response (vss. 8-9)? So what does David decide to do (vss. 10-11)? Now let's turn to 1 Chronicles 13. What is similar about the Chronicler's story and what is different? Did you notice who was invited to come and join David? It was just 30,000 troops was it? Why do you think the Chronicler included everyone in Israel as part of this notable event? After deciding to leave the Ark of the Covenant, what does the Chronicler tell us about David (14:1-7)? Consider God's response to his rules and the fact we have learned that God is unchanging? What do these texts reveal about God and his unchanging nature? What does this action by God stir in you? Do you feel fear, awe, or do you feel like you want to debate God's response? What does this reveal about humans? Consider David's response to God's actions. There was anger and then fear. There was great rejoicing over bringing the Ark to Jerusalem where the Tabernacle would be found. How does this point to Jesus and those who rejected and plotted against him? These folks had anger and fear against Jesus. How does Jesus overcome our anger and fear? What anger and fear do you sometimes feel towards God? How might you resolve that today?

### **Tuesday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 2 Samuel 5:17-25 & 1 Chronicles 14:8-17**

We pick-up today remembering that the Philistines had defeated Saul and conquered some of Israel. They are still Israel's enemy. Today David, as King of Israel, is going to have to deal with the Philistines. As we start in 2 Samuel, what prompts the Philistines to start up again (vs. 17)? How does David respond (vss. 18-21)? But you know, it is hard to keep a Philistine down. What happens next (vs. 22)? And again, how does David respond and what is the result (vss. 23-25)? Note the Lord directs David on how the battle will go down. God speaks to David because David has practiced prayer where he asks and listens for an answer. David recognizes God's voice. Now let's turn to the Chronicler's version of this story. Read 1 Chronicles 14:8-17. For the most part the two stories are identical. What is added at the end of the Chronicler's version (vss. 16-17)? David knows it is God who won this battle but who got the credit and fame (vs. 17)? Consider David and God's relationship, what do these texts reveal to us about God and his desire to work with us and in us? What does it reveal about humanity's ability to be this connected to God? How does this text point to Jesus and his relationship with God (listening and obeying) and how Jesus made a way for all who believe to have this ability and relationship with God? Spend some time in prayer today asking God to work in you and through you so that you may have this kind of relationship with God.

### **Wednesday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1 Chronicles 15:1-24**

Today we look at the second attempt to move the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. What did David do differently this time from last time (vss. 1-2)? We see in verse 3 all of Israel is summoned but the Priests and Levites will resume their appointed responsibility in carrying and caring for the Ark. Who and how many Priests and Levites will be serving in this capacity (vss. 4-12)? To prevent another event like last time, what does David instruct the Priests and Levites to do and why is he following this protocol (vss. 13-14)? When all was completed, what did they do (vss. 15-24)? Today, take some time to imagine all the days of getting this ready. The cleansing process, selecting musicians and assigning roles. This did not happen overnight but over a period of time. Imagine the journey to Jerusalem with all this music accompanying the Ark. What does this reveal to you about God and His ways? What does this reveal to you about humanity and our ability to please God through loving obedience? How does this point to Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem – the even we celebrate on Palm Sunday? How does this support the need to celebrate with song and joy each Palm Sunday?

### **Thursday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – 2 Samuel 6:12-16 & 1 Chronicles 15:25-29**

Today the Ark will arrive home and it will arrive in style. Read both passages back to back. What things do these passages have in common? Where are there differences? There are little differences such as who went with David, the number of animals sacrificed and information regarding the music. But both stories mention all these things. One major difference is 1 Chronicles 15:26. Why do you think this verse was added? What is significant about this information? Also, Chronicles adds the story of Micah's reaction to what she was watching. How does all this strike her? You know, some people just cannot be happy about pleasing God in certain ways. Consider what these texts reveal to you about God. What do they reveal about humanity? Consider David, the Priests and Levites, and Micah. Again today, consider Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The Pharisees in the Gospel of Luke act much like Micah. What is Jesus' response to them in Luke 19:40? What is your take-away from these texts?

### **Friday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> – 2 Samuel 6:17-19 & 1 Chronicles 16:1-6**

We will finish the story of the moving the Ark today. Let's start by reading the 2 Samuel text. When the Ark safely arrived in Jerusalem, what kind of celebration was there (vss. 17-18)? Note, the celebration was in gratitude to God as it was sacrificial in nature. What parting gifts did each participant receive (vs. 19a)? Now let's turn to our 1 Chronicles text. As you read, verses 1-3 is a repeat of our 2 Samuel text. But what was added in verse 4-6? How was the celebration enlarged and what additional things do we learn about this celebration? Considering this text was written as an encouragement for the returning exiles from Babylon, how would this additional information be encouraging to them and inspiring to praise God with all the work that was ahead of them in rebuilding the Temple and reestablishing Jerusalem. What do these texts reveal to you about God? Consider His faithfulness in all He had promised. What do these texts reveal to you about humanity? Consider our need to worship with gratitude and joy for all God has given us. How can these texts be an encouragement to us today? Finally, how do these text point to Jesus and the uniting of heaven and earth? How do these texts encourage us through God's faithfulness? How do they help us to keep on keeping on when things seem hopeless? Spend time in private worship today celebrating all that God has done in your life and in the life of His church.

### **Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read 2 Samuel 7:22-24**