

WEEKLY GUIDE

APRIL 26, 2020

WATCH!

SUNDAYS
@ 10 AM

TALK!

DISCUSS THE
LESSONS

PRAY!

MAKE YOUR
REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD

DO!

PUT THE
LESSONS INTO
PRACTICE

BIBLE VERSES:

READ JUDGES 13:1-5; 16:1-31

HEBREWS 11:2, 33-34

"For by faith the elders obtained a good testimony... who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong..."

JEREMIAH 1:5

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you! Before you were born, I set you a part!"

PSALM 139:13-14

"You formed my inward parts. You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made! Marvelous are your works, and that my soul knows very well."

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

PROVERBS 4:23

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

"My strength is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will gladly boast in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ can work through me."



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TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. When the Psalmist reflected on the miracle of his own life, what was his response? Why do some take the gift of life for granted? Do you think reflecting on your own life should bring you back to God and provoke praise, gratefulness, and a sense of awe and wonder? Why?
2. Where does your sense of purpose come from? Why do some people lack purpose in their life? The Westminster Catechism states that the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. How does this relate here? How does a relationship with Christ give a person a sense of purpose that isn't temporal?
3. Max Lucado said, "Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter." How does this apply to the story of Samson's life? What does this mean to you personally? How have the current circumstances made this more real to you?
4. The word 'worship' comes from an old English word 'worthship', which meant to give worth to something considered precious and supremely valuable. What did Sampson worship? Why is it so important to guard your heart and your affections?
5. What does it mean to take God's grace for granted? How did Sampson do this? What are some ways people do this today? How can you make sure this doesn't happen to you? How can you keep yourself morally and spiritually strong?
6. What are the three things that sin does? When your strength is gone, what should you do? Where does our strength ultimately come from? What should we boast in? Why?
7. What was your favorite lesson from today? Why? How will you apply it to your life this week?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for our community, those most at risk, and all those serving on the front lines, especially our local healthcare workers.
2. Pray for our leaders at every level, for wisdom, discernment, and protection.
3. Pray for your neighbors, friends, and families. Pray for God's peace to reign in every home.
4. Pray for our students, and especially for the class of 2020.
5. Pray for our local businesses, those who are out of work, and all who are being impacted financially. Ask God to help us as we re-open all sectors of our community.
6. Pray for people to come back to God and put their faith in Christ.
7. Pray for the Church to be a source of help and encouragement.

THE REST OF THE WEEK:

1. Check in and encourage someone.
2. Practice intentional acts of kindness. Love without prejudice.
3. Reach out! Invite someone to visit us online!
4. Apply what you are learning every day.
5. Join us for our online Bible study this Thursday at 7 pm.
6. Pray daily! Check out www.unite714.com/weekly-prayer.
7. Take time for yourself. Get outside. Go for a walk.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING NEXT SUNDAY! DON'T MISS IT!

