

WEEKLY GUIDE

MAY 17, 2020

1
ATTEND!

SUNDAYS
(IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

2
TALK!

DISCUSS THE
LESSONS

3
PRAY!

MAKE YOUR
REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD

4
DO!

PUT THE
LESSONS INTO
PRACTICE

LUKE 21:5-7

Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said, "These things which you see—the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down." So they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?"

LUKE 21:25-28

"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

LUKE 21:34-36

"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

ROMANS 13:11

"Understand the present time... because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."



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TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. Why does Jesus tell us hard truths? What is God trying to get us to realize? Ultimately, God wants to locate our heart and reveal where our trust and hope are. Where do you put your trust? What would be hard for you to give up?
2. What have the last few months revealed to you? What have you learned about yourself? In what ways are you stronger? Have you seen any areas where you are weak?
3. Do you serve God from your excess or your lack?
4. The temple represented the place where people worship. Jesus said it was going to be destroyed? Do you see any similarities between Jesus' words and what the Church is experiencing today? Why did the disciples want to know when these things would happen? Why is time such an important consideration? Why does the immediacy of Christ's return matter?
5. What does Jesus mean when He says, "Your redemption draws near?" When you ask Jesus into your heart, He saves you, but you are still awaiting your liberation day. Why is this so important to reflect on and anticipate?
6. Do you find your life is filled more with excitement in anticipation of Christ's return or with anxiety because of fearful expectations of things to come? In what ways can you set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth? How can you keep looking up?
7. What is the most important or favorite lesson today? Why? How will you apply it to your life?

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. Reach out to someone. Check in and encourage someone.
2. Take time to think about Christ's return. Get excited!
3. Practice intentional acts of kindness. Love without prejudice.
4. Apply what you are learning every day.
5. Pray daily! Check out www.unite714.com/weekly-prayer.
6. Take time for yourself. Get outside. Do something fun!
7. Take in a Sunday service next week, in person or online.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY!

