

WEEKLY GUIDE

JUNE 7, 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

BIBLE VERSES:

2 CHRONICLES 20:6-7, 12, 15, 22

Jehoshaphat said: "O Lord God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You? Are You not our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?

"Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

And Jahaziel said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the Lord to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's.'"

Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

EPHESIANS 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

JOHN 12:32

Jesus said, "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."

PSALM 2:1-4 & 12

Why do the nations conspire [rage] and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles." The One enthroned in heaven laughs... Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

WE WORSHIP. HE FIGHTS.



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TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. We are living in interesting times. Every day there is something on the news that is cause for concern. How are you doing with all that is going on? It's important to take a personal inventory of your heart. What are you grateful for? Where are you doing well? Even the smallest victories are worth celebrating. Where are you struggling? Give those burdens to the Lord.
2. Why is it important to remember that our struggle is not against flesh and blood? Spiritual battles can not be won in the flesh. The battle belongs to the Lord. Do you ever feel like you're responsible to fight every battle? Why is it so hard to trust God to fight for us?
3. Is it okay to acknowledge that often times we don't know what to do? Why is this so hard? What can we do? Why is it so important to keep our eyes on God? How does fear figure in?
4. Is worship something that only happens once a week during a certain part of the church service? What role does worship play in your daily life? Read Ephesians 5:19. Go to Biblegateway.com and do a search with the keywords "sing" and "praise." Review the results and make note a some of your favorite verses.
5. Is it our job to draw people to Jesus? Who is responsible for this? What happens when Jesus is lifted up? How can we lift up Jesus?
6. What do you think the "beauty of holiness" is referring to? Holy means "set apart." When something is beautiful it is set apart. How is Jesus best put on display in our lives? See Matthew 5:16 for some insight.
7. What are your favorite insights from the lesson today? Why? How will you apply this to your life?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for our communities, especially those impacted by the recent surge in violence.
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 for the graduating class of 2020.
5. Pray for our local businesses and all who are being impacted financially.
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. Apply what you are learning daily.
2. Practice intentional acts of kindness. Love without prejudice.
3. Set aside some time to take a personal inventory of your heart.
4. Reach out to someone. Check in on a friend. Encourage a stranger.
5. Take time for yourself. Do something fun! Laugh! Read a book. Go on a walk.
6. Invite someone to take in a Sunday service with you next wee, in person or online.
7. Make time for prayer and worship. Proclaim Psalms of praise and sing spiritual songs.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY!