

# WEEKLY GUIDE

JULY 19, 2020

**1**  
**ATTEND!**

SUNDAYS  
(IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

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**2**  
**TALK!**

DISCUSS THE  
LESSONS

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**3**  
**PRAY!**

MAKE YOUR  
REQUESTS  
KNOWN TO GOD

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**4**  
**DO!**

PUT THE  
LESSONS INTO  
PRACTICE

## **BIBLE READINGS:**

### **READ ALL OF ESTHER 3 AND 4**

#### **PROVERBS 1:29**

*They hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord.*

#### **PROVERBS 3:31**

*Do not envy the oppressor (violent) or choose any of their ways.*

#### **PROVERBS 8:10**

*Choose My instruction rather than silver and gold.*

#### **PROVERBS 12:26**

*The righteous choose their friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.*

#### **1 PETER 4:3**

*For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in lewdness, lust, drunkenness, sexual forays, carousing, partying, and idolatry.*

#### **JAMES 4:4**

*You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.*

#### **JOSHUA 24:15**

*And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...*

#### **HEBREWS 11:24-27**

*By faith Moses chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt.*

#### **1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31**

*Not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called, but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise. God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.*

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## TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. How are you doing? How did the week go for you? How did the lessons from last Sunday come into play during the week? Did you have a sense that God was with you? In what ways did you experience His presence throughout the day?
2. Have you ever felt invisible, insignificant, or unimportant? How does living in obscurity impact your sense of purpose and the way you view others? Why do the choices you make in obscurity matter?
3. Can you relate to Esther? Do you enjoy it when your comfort and ease is upset? Have you ever had a "such a time as this" moment? Have ever missed such a moment? Are you still waiting for such a time as this? How can you live a "such a time as this" life?
4. What is your attitude toward responsibility, duty, and obligations? Why is a vibrant relationship so important in fulfilling your responsibilities before God and others? How does the adage, "Rules without relationship breeds rebellion" figure in here?
5. Why should a Christian not live with an "end justifies the means" outlook on life? How does it establish wrong expectations? Have you ever said to God, "If You do this for me, then I will obey?" What is a better approach to serving God?
6. Do you you have any privileges that others do not? How does this make you feel? Is it wrong to to be thankful for God's blessings? How should this affect the choices you make?
7. What are your favorite insights from the lesson today? How will you apply this to your life?

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for our nation, that God's tangible presence would transform hearts, families, churches, and communities.
2. Pray for that our leaders would spend time in God's presence seeking Him for wisdom.
3. Pray for your neighbors, friends, and families. Pray for God's presence to rest on every home.
4. Pray for our all of our students, our children, and the younger generation.
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 experience the presence of God and to walk in boldness and strong assurance.

## THE REST OF THE WEEK:

1. Make time for prayer, praise, and worship. Proclaim Psalms of praise and sing spiritual songs.
2. Invite someone to take in a Sunday service with you next week, in person or online.
3. Spend time in God's presence -- in prayer, worship, and the Word of God.
4. Take time for yourself. Do something you enjoy that makes you smile.
5. Practice intentional acts of kindness. Love without prejudice.
6. Reach out to someone. Boldly share your faith with others.
7. Apply and practice the Word of God in your life daily.

**HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY!**

