

# WEEKLY GUIDE

AUGUST 2, 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:**

### **LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23**

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.*

### **PSALM 59:16**

*I will sing of Your power; Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning; For You have been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble.*

### **PSALM 86:5**

*For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.*

### **PSALM 90:14**

*Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!*

### **PSALM 103:8**

*The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.*

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

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*

### **HEBREWS 4:16**

*Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

### **EPHESIANS 2:4-5**

*God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).*

### **TITUS 3:5**

*(He saved us) not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us...*

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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. Read Lamentations 3:1-20. What are some of the things the prophet Jeremiah is dealing with? In what ways can you relate to how Jeremiah felt?
3. What turns the tide for Jeremiah? What does he recall to mind? How does Lamentations 3:22-24 make a difference in his perspective?
4. Why is it important to reflect on God's mercies every day? Why does it matter how you begin your day and end your day? What should be the first thing on your mind when you wake up in the morning? How does ending the day in right-standing with God affect how you begin the next day?
5. Read Psalm 136 in the New King James Version. What is the refrain for each verse? What stands out to you from the 26 verses? As an exercise, take some time to write out your own Psalm reflecting on God's mercy in your life.
6. How can reflecting on God's mercy help you to live in the Coram Deo ("the presence of God")? How does communion help you to reflect on God's mercy?
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. 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!**

