

# WEEKLY GUIDE

AUGUST 30, 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; Psalm 51:1-19; 2 Samuel 12:1-15; Luke 18:9-14; Mark 11:25; Romans 5:1; Galatians 2:16, 3:11

### **PSALM 51:1-4**

*Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.*

### **2 SAMUEL 12:13**

*So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."*

### **LUKE 18:9-14**

*Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

### **MARK 11:25**

*Jesus said, "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive them, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."*

### **GALATIANS 2:16**

*knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.*

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## TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. Did you have the opportunity to reflect on last week's lesson? Were you able to apply it to your life? Where were there any areas of your life that you examined under the light of God's Word? Any false beliefs you exposed?
2. Why do you think David was blind to his own sin? What kind of lies do we tell ourselves to justify sinful behavior? What do you think is at the root?
3. Are there any fallacies you have bought into? What is the basis of right and wrong for you? Yourself, others, the Bible? Do you ever see yourself as being wrong? Is there any area of your life that you might be blind to?
4. What role does pride play in your life? In what ways do you compare yourself to others? Do you take pleasure in feeling superior to others? Do you have any enemies in your life?
5. Are you quick to see the faults in others? Are you aware of your own faults? Do you think you try to conceal your own faults? Are you quick to say, "I was wrong?"
6. Why is it important to be honest about your spiritual condition and need before God? How does God's mercy, forgiveness, and humility make a difference in your life? Which one do you most relate to from Jesus' parable? How can you make sure you are the one who goes home justified?
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 America would repent of its sin and wrongdoing.
2. Pray for our leaders to lead with humility and to look to God for wisdom.
3. Pray for God's presence and peace to be felt by your neighbors, friends, and families.
4. Pray for revival and awakening among our children and students.
5. Pray for our local businesses and all who are experiencing financial hardship and uncertainty.
6. Pray for people to come back to God and put their faith in Christ.
7. Pray for the Church to represent Christ by extending compassion and mercy to others.

## THE REST OF THE WEEK:

1. Spend time in God's presence in prayer, praise, and worship.
2. Read God's Word and allow His Spirit to reveal, correct, and encourage you.
3. Invite someone to take in a Sunday service with you next week, in person or online.
4. Practice intentional acts of kindness. Love without prejudice. Be merciful.
5. Take time for yourself. Do something that brings you joy and refreshes you.
6. Reach out to someone. Share your faith with others. Encourage someone!
7. Do something outside your comfort zone. Let God use you this week!

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

