

WEEKLY GUIDE

SEPTEMBER 13, 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 READINGS:

Luke 10:38-42; Luke 21:34; Mark 4:19; John 12:1-3; 1 Corinthians 7:35; Proverbs 4:25

LUKE 10:38-42

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.

LUKE 21:34

Jesus says, "Take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing (partying), drunkenness (intoxication), and cares (distractions) of this life."

MARK 4:19

Then the cares and anxieties, the distractions of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the Word, and making it unfruitful.

JOHN 12:1-3

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:35

I say for your own benefit, not to put a leash on you, but for what is proper, and that you may serve the Lord without distraction.

PROVERBS 4:25 (MSG)

Keep your eyes straight ahead; ignore the sideshow distractions.

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TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. Did you have the opportunity to reflect on last week's lesson? How were you able to apply it to your life? Are there any relationships that need mending? Was there anywhere you needed to experience reconciliation?
2. When is the last time you practiced hospitality? Is this something you do often? Is this something you do well or do you struggle to practice it? Is there anyone you would look to as an example of hospitality or that does it well? What can you learn from them?
3. What are some of the big distractions in your life currently? What do your distractions keep you from doing? How do your distractions negatively impact your life?
4. What would you say is the greatest priorities of your life? Does how you actually spend your time reflect these priorities? How can you make time for the most important relationships in your life? How can you make time for others?
5. Does busyness keep you from some of the more important things in life? What areas of your life are adversely affected because you are busy? Do you think this is because of lack of time, time management, or priorities? How can you manage or prioritize your time better?
6. Do you find yourself struggling with anxiety? Do you compare yourself with others? Do you feel like you are often serving alone? How does this connect with the choices you are making daily? Why is it so important to spend time at Jesus' feet?
7. What are your favorite insights from the lesson today? How will you apply it to your life?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for our nation, that America would experience revival and awakening
2. Pray for our leaders to humble themselves, and pray, and seek God's face.
3. Pray for your neighbors, friends, and families to make God a priority in their lives.
4. Pray that God would use you to practice hospitality on a regular basis.
5. Pray for our local businesses and all who are experiencing financial hardship and uncertainty.
6. Pray for children, youth, and teachers as schools start back up, for everyone's safety and health.
7. Pray for the Church to represent Christ by extending compassion and mercy to others.

THE REST OF THE WEEK:

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

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY!

