

WEEKLY GUIDE

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

1 ATTEND!

SUNDAYS
(IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

BIBLE READINGS:

Proverbs 4:25; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 5:25-27; Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:40-47; John 13:34-35; Ephesians 2:19-22

PROVERBS 4:25 (MSG)

Keep your eyes straight ahead; ignore the sideshow distractions.

MATTHEW 16:18

On this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

EPHESIANS 5:25-27

Just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

HEBREWS 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

ACTS 2:40-47

All who believed were together. They continued in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

JOHN 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

EPHESIANS 2:19-22

You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

2 TALK!

DISCUSS THE
LESSONS

3 PRAY!

MAKE YOUR
REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD

4 DO!

PUT THE
LESSONS INTO
PRACTICE

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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? How would you measure the fullness of the Spirit in your life? On empty or full? What areas did you invite God's Holy Spirit into your life? Comfort and assurance, fruit or gifts, power and ability, courage and boldness?
2. What is your view of the Church? What words best describe the Church of Jesus Christ? The Bride of Christ, a family, the body of Christ, a household, flock, etc.
3. How does the local church fulfill Christ's mission? How is the local church relevant today? What adjectives would you use to describe your church? Inviting, welcoming, authentic, loving, relevant, kind, real, relational, community-minded, worshipful, sincere, caring, etc.? What do you contribute to your local church? How could you better participate in and serve your church?
4. Why is important that we don't neglect meeting together? What are the primary reasons Hebrews 10:25 gives for meeting together? Why is it so important to receive encouragement? Why does this become more important as Jesus' return draws nearer?
5. What substitutes are being offered for meeting together? Why would the enemy want to keep you from meeting together? Is there anything keeping you from meeting together with a local group of believers regularly? How can you become a better champion for your church?
6. Why is it so important that we love one another? How will others know we are Jesus' followers? What do you think non-believers think when Christians don't speak well of the church? How can you love other Christians unconditionally, especially those in your church?
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 the peace and prosperity of our city (Jeremiah 29:7).
3. Pray for our leaders to humble themselves, and pray, and seek God's face (2 Chronicles 7:14).
4. Pray for your neighbors, friends, and families, that God would draw them to Himself.
5. Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you to testify of Christ and be a witness this week.
6. Pray for students and teachers as schools start back up, for everyone's safety and health.
7. Pray for the Church to rely on the demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

THE REST OF THE WEEK:

1. Read God's Word and allow His Spirit to reveal, correct, and encourage you.
2. Practice intentional acts of kindness. Love without prejudice. Be merciful.
3. Take time for yourself. Do something that brings you joy and refreshes you.
4. Reach out to someone. Share your faith with others. Encourage someone!
5. Do something outside your comfort zone. Let God use you this week!
6. Let God continually fill you with His Holy Spirit this week.
7. Invite someone to church with you!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY!

