

WEEKLY GUIDE

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

1 ATTEND!

SUNDAYS
(IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

BIBLE READINGS:

Lamentations 3:22-23; Isaiah 11:6; Matthew 5:21-26; Luke 12:58; Acts 7:23-29; Romans 5:10-11; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Ephesians 2:13-18; Colossians 1:20-22

MATTHEW 5:24

First be reconciled to your brother, and then come offer your gift.

ACTS 7:26-27

And the next day he appeared to two of them as they were fighting, and tried to reconcile them saying, 'Men, you are brethren; why do you wrong one another?' But he who did his neighbor wrong pushed him away, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?'

ROMANS 5:10-11

For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

2 TALK!

DISCUSS THE
LESSONS

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-19

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

3 PRAY!

MAKE YOUR
REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD

COLOSSIANS 1:20

By Him to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

4 DO!

PUT THE
LESSONS INTO
PRACTICE

EPHESIANS 2:14-16

He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

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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 areas of your life that are not in alignment with God's Word? Was there any where you were wrong?
2. What is the importance of Communion? What did Jesus mean when He said, "Do this in remembrance of Me?" What does Communion remind us of? Why is it important that we approach Communion with the right heart?
3. Worship is essential to the Christian. Why does it matter that we have a right relationship with God and with others as a prerequisite for worship?
4. Reconciliation is a big deal. Why should we make every effort to settle any wrongs with others quickly? What has to happen for true reconciliation to take place? Why can't it be forced or coerced? What is the ultimate goal of genuine reconciliation?
5. Is it possible for enemies to become friends? What makes this possible? Why can the world only offer the false hope or promise of peace? Where does lasting peace come from?
6. How can we help others be reconciled to God? What is your part in the ministry of reconciliation? What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ? How will you commit yourself to seeing people reconciled to God? Why is this so urgent today?
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 be reconciled to God.
4. Pray that God would use you as Christ's ambassador, to be salt and light where ever you go.
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. 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!

