

WEEKLY GUIDE

MAY 3, 2020

WATCH!

SUNDAYS
@ 10 AM

TALK!

DISCUSS THE
LESSONS

PRAY!

MAKE YOUR
REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD

DO!

PUT THE
LESSONS INTO
PRACTICE

READ LUKE 22:14-24 AND 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-18

"Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse. For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you."

GENESIS 1:31

"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."

LUKE 18:19

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone."

REVELATION 21:2

"Then I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully adorned for her husband." cf. Revelation 19:6-8 and Ephesians 5:25-27

ISAIAH 61:3-4

"To give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will repair the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations."

ECCLESIASTES 3:11

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

PHILIPPIANS 3:8

"Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ."

PURSUE THE BEAUTIFUL!



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TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. How does Communion reset our focus? Why do you think Jesus chose such common elements? Do we have to wait until Communion Sunday to remember what Jesus did for us? Explain.
2. Genesis 2:7 says God made man from the dust of the ground. Isaiah 61:3 says God gives beauty for ashes. God makes beautiful things out of us. In what ways has God made something beautiful out of your life? Out of your failures? Your brokenness? Your worthlessness? Your despair? Your weakness? Your shame?
3. Everything God made was very good (Genesis 1:31). Why do we see so much in the world today that isn't good? How does sin figure in here? In what way are we responsible for the evil we see in the world?
4. Jesus said, "No one is good except God alone" (Luke 18:19). Do you agree with the statement that you can't pursue good without pursuing God? Is it possible to be good without God in your life? What was Paul willing to throw away in order to gain Christ? Why?
5. How are you allowing God to prepare you as a bride beautifully adorned for her husband? How are you making yourself ready for the marriage of the Lamb (see Rev. 19:7)? Are you using the time wisely? What are you pursuing?
6. How will you look back on 2020? What memories and emotions will it evoke? What hard things will remind you of the beautiful? How will this year shape you as a person? In what ways will you allow God to make beautiful things from your life this year?
7. What was your favorite lesson from today? Why? How will you apply it to your life this week?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for our community, those most at risk, and all those serving on the front lines, especially our local healthcare workers.
2. Pray for our leaders at every level, for wisdom, discernment, and protection.
3. Pray for your neighbors, friends, and families. Pray for God's peace to reign in every home.
4. Pray for our students, and especially for the class of 2020.
5. Pray for our local businesses, those who are out of work, and all who are being impacted financially. Ask God to help us as we re-open all sectors of our community.
6. Pray for people to come back to God and put their faith in Christ.
7. Pray for the Church to be a source of help and encouragement.

THE REST OF THE WEEK:

1. Attend the National Day of Prayer on May 7 at Noon. Visit our website for details.
2. Check in and encourage someone.
3. Practice intentional acts of kindness. Love without prejudice.
4. Reach out! Invite someone to visit us online!
5. Apply what you are learning every day.
6. Pray daily! Check out www.unite714.com/weekly-prayer.
7. Take time for yourself. Get outside. Go for a walk.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING NEXT SUNDAY! DON'T MISS IT!

