

WEEKLY GUIDE

JUNE 14, 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 VERSES:

2 CHRONICLES 20:22, 25

Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much.

1 PETER 2:9-10

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4

I delivered to you first of all that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

PSALM 56:8

You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.

ROMANS 12:19

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

ISAIAH 42:3-4

A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till He establishes justice on the earth."

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TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. How are you doing? How did the week go for you? Any battles? Did you practice last week's message of praising God and allowing Him to fight for you?
2. Remember, a set apart life is a beautiful life. In what ways did you worship God in the beauty of holiness this past week? How did you practice living a set apart life?
3. God calls us to be a holy priesthood and a "kingdom of priests." What do you think this means? How might this apply to your everyday life? What does it mean to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God? Read 1 Peter 2:4-10 and Romans 12:1-2.
4. Did you know God is aware of your injustices and sorrows? What does it mean to you to know that God collects all your tears?
5. Why should we not take revenge? Why should we lay down the "burden of anger." What happens when we lay down the burden of vengeance? Who does vengeance ultimately belong to? Who alone is responsible for righting all wrongs and establishing justice?
6. Will anything keep God from bringing forth justice on the earth? Do we get justice in the Gospels or something better? What is better than justice? HINT: See the quote below
7. What are your favorite insights from the lesson today? Why? How will you apply this to your life?

"God in the Gospel treated us better than we deserve. That's not justice. We don't get justice in the Gospel. God got justice in the Gospels. We got grace!" –John Piper

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for our communities, especially those impacted by the recent surge in violence.
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 all of our students, and for those who recently graduated.
5. Pray for our local businesses and all who are being impacted financially.
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. Make time for prayer and worship. Proclaim Psalms of praise and sing spiritual songs.
2. Invite someone to take in a Sunday service with you next week, in person or online.
3. Take time for yourself. Do something fun! Laugh! Read a book. Go on a walk.
4. Reach out to someone. Check in on a friend. Encourage a stranger.
5. Set aside some time to take a personal inventory of your heart.
6. Practice intentional acts of kindness. Love without prejudice.
7. Apply what you are learning daily.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY!

