

WEEKLY GUIDE

JULY 5, 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:

ACTS 4:12-20

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. "What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name." Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

ROMANS 13:1

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

1 PETER 2:15-17

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men— as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

1 PETER 3:13-14

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened."

LET FREEDOM RING!

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TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. How are you doing? How did the week go for you? Did you practice last week's message? Is there any fear you confronted? Did you get out of your boat? What steps did you take to get closer to Jesus? Were you able to keep your eyes on Jesus throughout the week?
2. Have you ever experienced persecution from doing the right thing? How did you handle it? How did God use this experience in your life? Was it a positive or a negative thing? Why or why not?
3. What does it mean to subject yourself to governing authorities or ordinances? Does this mean you are not free? How do the freedoms you enjoy under the constitution relate to the freedom you experience as a Christian? Are these ever in conflict? Why is the freedom in Christ the greatest freedom a person can ever experience?
4. What one command were the apostles not willing to follow? Why? How does this apply to your life?
5. What does it mean to suppress the truth? Why do you believe people attempt to suppress the truth or exchange it for a lie? Does the truth set you free or does it make you mad?
6. What specific area of your life needs transformation? Your heart, your family, your church, your community? How does recognizing God's sovereignty and prayer make a difference? How will you commit to seeing this transformation take place in any or every area of your life?
7. What are your favorite insights from the lesson today? How will you apply this to your life?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for our nation, that God would transform our hearts, our families, our churches, and our communities.
2. Pray for our governing authorities for wisdom, discernment, and protection.
3. Pray for your neighbors, friends, and families. Pray for God's peace and prosperity to reign in every home.
4. Pray for our all of our students, our children, and the younger generation.
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 return to Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-35 community.

THE REST OF THE WEEK:

1. Make time for prayer, praise, 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. Break free from any ruts. Get out of your comfort zone. Challenge yourself!
4. Take time for yourself. Do something you love or that makes you smile.
5. Reach out to someone. Check in on a friend. Encourage a stranger.
6. Practice intentional acts of kindness. Love without prejudice.
7. Apply and practice the Word of God in your life daily.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY!

