

WEEKLY GUIDE

AUGUST 16, 2020

1
ATTEND!

SUNDAYS
(IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

BIBLE READINGS:

Genesis 30:10, Psalm 51:1-4, Lamentations 3:22-23, Isaiah 6:5, Isaiah 64:6, Matthew 3:8-11, Matthew 18:28, Mark 1:4, Luke 3:3-14, Luke 18:13, Luke 19:8, Luke 23:41, John 3:17, Acts 2:36-38, Acts 3:19, Romans 2:1-11, Romans 14:10-12, Philippians 2:9-11, 2 Peter 3:8-10, Revelation 2:2-6

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

2
TALK!

DISCUSS THE
LESSONS

PSALM 51:1-4

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight.

3
PRAY!

MAKE YOUR
REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD

REVELATIONS 2:4-5

Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

ROMANS 2:4

Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

4
DO!

PUT THE
LESSONS INTO
PRACTICE

2 PETER 3:9

9 The Lord is not slow concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is patient toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

MATTHEW 3:8

Therefore produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

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TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. How are you doing? How did the week go for you? How did the lessons from last Sunday come into play during the week? Did you have any situations where you were silent and reserved judgment? Were there any opportunities for you to be merciful to others?
2. When you hear the word "repent" what words come to mind? Why are some people put off by the idea of repenting of their sins? How can you define repentance in more practical or meaningful terms? How is repentance relevant to today's world? How can it be applied?
3. Is it hard to change? How is one's behavior connected to their thinking? Why is it so important to change our mind? Why is this often the hardest thing to do? Is it easy to admit you are wrong?
4. What are some true signs of repentance in a person's life? Why is it important that you produce fruit in keeping with repentance?
5. Do you tend to keep a list of the things you are doing right or the things you are doing wrong? Why is it important we are honest with ourselves? Why do we often not like to hear the truth? How can we make sure we see our "planks" and not become focused on other's "splinters"?
6. Take some time to read Psalm 51. What stands out to you? How can you apply it to your life? Why did David ask God for a willing spirit? Is there any area of your life where you have lost the joy of your salvation? How could this relate to leaving your first love? How does repentance help restore what has been lost or forsaken?
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 America would repent of it's sin and wrongdoing.
2. Pray for our leaders to lead with humility and to look to God for wisdom
3. Pray for God's presence and peace to be felt by your neighbors, friends, and families.
4. Pray for revival and awakening among our children and students.
5. Pray for our local businesses and all who are experiencing financial hardship and uncertainty.
6. Pray for people to come back to God and put their faith in Christ.
7. Pray for the Church to represent Christ by extending compassion and mercy to others.

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. Spend time in God's presence -- in prayer, worship, and the Word of God.
4. Practice intentional acts of kindness. Love without prejudice. Be merciful.
5. Take time for yourself. Do something that brings you joy.
6. Reach out to someone. Share your faith with others.
7. Apply and practice the Word of God in your life daily.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY!

