

WEEKLY GUIDE

OCTOBER 18, 2020

1 ATTEND!

SUNDAYS
(IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

BIBLE READINGS:

Proverbs 4:25; Romans 12:1-2, 11-12; Matthew 6:5-13; Psalm 89:26; Romans 8:15; 1 John 3:1; Matthew 7:9-11; John 6:46; Acts 17:22-31; Hebrews 11:6

ROMANS 12:11-12

Not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer.

2 TALK!

DISCUSS THE
LESSONS

MATTHEW 6:5-8!

When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

3 PRAY!

MAKE YOUR
REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD

ACTS 17:23B-27

...the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

4 DO!

PUT THE
LESSONS INTO
PRACTICE

HEBREWS 11:6

Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

READ THE LORD'S PRAYER IN MATTHEW 6:9-13

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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? Why is it so important that love be without hypocrisy? How does hypocrisy hurt our testimony with others? Were you successful in ridding yourself of any hypocrisy this past week?
2. What is prayer? How would you define it? What are some key facets of prayer? Do you pray regularly? What does this look like for you?
3. Do you ever feel like your prayers aren't answered? Why or why not? What kinds of things do you think hinder your prayers or make them ineffective? How can you pray more effectively?
4. Read Matthew 6:5-8. Underline each time Jesus says, "When you pray." What key thoughts or principles are mentioned in each of these references? What can you learn from this to apply to your life and times of prayer?
5. Why is prayer an act of faith? Do you find it difficult at times to pray to an unseen God? What should you assure yourself of when it comes to prayer? How does prayer acknowledge God's existence? In what ways does God promise to reward us when seek Him?
6. If God knows what we need, why do we have to ask? How does prayer express our dependency on God? What ultimately is God asking from us? How does the Lord's prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 serve as a model prayer? What is at the heart of it? How can this help you in your daily prayers?
7. What are your favorite insights from the lesson today? What are the big takeaways? How would you summarize everything in one or two key thoughts? 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 the peace and prosperity of our city (Jeremiah 29:7).
3. Pray for our leaders to humble themselves, and pray, and seek God's face (2 Chronicles 7:14).
4. Pray for your neighbors, friends, and families, that God would draw them to Himself.
5. Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you to testify of Christ and be a witness this week.
6. Pray for students and teachers as schools start back up, for everyone's safety and health.
7. Pray that the Church would advance the Kingdom with power and authority.

THE REST OF THE WEEK:

1. Read God's Word and allow His Spirit to reveal, correct, and encourage you.
2. Practice intentional acts of kindness. Love without hypocrisy. Be merciful.
3. Take time for yourself. Do something that brings you joy and refreshes you.
4. Reach out to someone. Share your faith with others. Encourage someone!
5. Do something outside your comfort zone. Let God use you this week!
6. Allow God to continually fill you with His Holy Spirit.
7. Invite someone to church... online or in person!

MAKE TIME FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY!

