

WEEKLY GUIDE

NOVEMBER 22, 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 READINGS:

Psalms 118:1; 1 Corinthians 10:10; Ephesians 5:19-20; Philippians 2:12-16, 4:6-7; Colossians 4:2-6; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Hebrews 12:1-3

COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

PHILIPPIANS 2:14-15

Do everything without complaining and arguing, that you may become blameless and innocent, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:10

Nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

EPHESIANS 5:19-20

Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PSALM 118:1

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

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TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. Did you take some time to reflect on last week's lesson? How were you able to apply it to your life? Did you have any opportunities to shine light on any situations this past week? How did it go?
2. List the top ten things you are thankful for in the year 2020. What are you most grateful for this Thanksgiving? How would you categorize your list? Did you list people, things, health, etc.?
3. With so much for which to be thankful, why do we find ourselves ever complaining? What kinds of things do you complain about? How would you categorize some of the things you complain about? Do you feel you complain about the same things over and over? What is at the root?
4. How do you feel when you complain? How do you feel when you are thankful? How can you use these feelings to gauge the condition of your heart? Do you think your life is characterized by gratefulness and thanksgiving or grumbling and complaining? What should you do when you don't like what you see or hear?
5. Why is it not enough to stop complaining? What must we do in addition to not complaining? What will happen if you don't replace grumbling with being thankful? Why is it important we are thankful in all things? Why should this apply to everything we do? Why must thankfulness not depend on our circumstances? How did Jesus model this for us?
6. What is God's will in Christ Jesus for you? Why is God's will more about "how" we walk through life than the "what" of our life? Which do you think brings God pleasure, complaining or being thankful? What does complaining say about our relationship with God. How about being thankful?
7. What are the most impactful 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 we would stop complaining and be thankful.
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 light and salt this week.
6. Pray for students and teachers, for everyone's safety and health.
7. Pray that the Church would advance the Kingdom in the demonstration of the Spirit and power.

THE REST OF THE WEEK:

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

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY!

