

WEEKLY GUIDE

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

1
ATTEND!

SUNDAYS
(IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

BIBLE READINGS:

Psalms 2:1-3, 9:17, 33:12, 118:1-9; 133:1-3; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Romans 1:18-23; Colossians 3:12-17; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 3:17-19; 2 Chronicles 7:14

PSALM 118:1-4

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron now say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord now say, "His mercy endures forever."

PSALM 33:12

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

COLOSSIANS 3:15

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

ROMANS 1:21

although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

REVELATION 3:17-19

You say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent."

JEREMIAH 9:23-24

This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord.

2
TALK!

DISCUSS THE
LESSONS

3
PRAY!

MAKE YOUR
REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD

4
DO!

PUT THE
LESSONS INTO
PRACTICE

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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? How did it go? Did you do everything without complaining? Did you remember to add thanksgiving?
2. Psalm 118 begins and ends with the exhortation to "give thanks to the Lord." What are the two basic reasons for giving thanks to God. Hint: He is good! His mercy endures forever!
3. What basic social units does the Psalmist list (Psalm 118:2-4)? What is the significance of each? Why is it important that these different levels of society express thanks to God? How do each influence one another? Which is the most important... nation, church/home, individual? Why?
4. Why is it important that praise goes beyond a church service? In what ways can you practice public, priestly, and personal praise? How does this relate to last week's message of doing all things without complaining? In the context of this week's message, what does it mean to do everything with thanksgiving? How does this apply to work, recreation, family, private, etc.?
5. How does giving thanks unite people? How does corporate worship help build unity among believers? How do holidays such as the 4th of July, Memorial Day, or Thanksgiving help unite us as a nation? What similar kinds of things can you do in your personal life and home?
6. What is ingratitude a sign of? Why is the lack of thankfulness an indication of forsaking God? How do we reverse this? What does it mean to turn to God? What role does repentance play here? What does it mean to trust in God and not put confidence in man? How can this make a difference when we are facing distress?
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 country to turn to God and experience national revival.
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 the hearth of your neighbor's, friend's, and families' homes to burn with the fire of God.
5. Pray that the Holy Spirit would remind you to praise God at all times, in public and in private.
6. Pray for families and individuals to be awakened to their need for God.
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. Praise God!
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!

