

WEEKLY GUIDE

DECEMBER 6, 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:

1 Corinthians 16:22; Titus 2:11-13; Matthew 24:12; Mark 8:38; James 4:4; 2 Timothy 4:8; Romans 8:23; Philippians 3:20; James 5:8-9; Revelation 22:12-20

1 CORINTHIANS 16:22

If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be [a]accursed. O Lord, come!

TITUS 2:11-13

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW 24:12

Because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

JAMES 4:4

Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

2 TIMOTHY 4:8

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

ROMANS 8:23

Not only that, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

PHILIPPIANS 3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

JAMES 5:8-9

You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!

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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 remember to pray for our nation, homes, and churches?
2. What kinds of things do you do to get ready for Christmas? Do you have any yearly traditions that help you reflect on the meaning of Christmas? What is the essence of Christmas to you?
3. Christmas and Advent celebrate the first coming of Christ, God coming into the world, Immanuel, God with us. How does Maranatha speak of all these things? How does Maranatha also speak of Christ's second coming? Why are both essential to our faith?
4. Why is it so important we live in anticipation of Christ's return? What impact does this have on the way we live in the world? How do those who believe Jesus could return at any time live differently than those who do not? What is a "Maranatha Mindset?" What are some of the qualities that a person with this mindset exhibit?
5. What is the word for love that Paul uses in 1 Corinthians 16:22? What is the significance of the meaning of friendship in our relationship with Christ? What does it mean to be a friend of God? Why is it impossible to be both a friend of the world and God?
6. Are you living with a Maranatha mindset? Do your day to day choices reflect the reality of an expectant attitude of someone eagerly awaiting Christ's return? Does your mind return frequently to the truth of Christ's appearing? Do you long for and look for the blessed hope? Does your heart want it—is there an eagerness to see your Beloved? Do you pray "Maranatha!" for His coming?
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 that the Holy Spirit would develop a Maranatha mindset in you.
2. Pray for our country to turn to God and experience national revival.
3. Pray for the peace and prosperity of our city (Jeremiah 29:7).
4. Pray for our leaders to humble themselves, and pray, and seek God's face (2 Chronicles 7:14).
5. Pray for the hearth of your neighbor's, friend's, and families' homes to burn with the fire of God.
6. Pray for families and individuals to be awakened to their need for God this Christmas season.
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!

