

WEEKLY GUIDE

DECEMBER 13, 2020

1
ATTEND!

SUNDAYS
(IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

BIBLE READINGS:

1 Corinthians 16:22; Revelation 16:15; Matthew 24:42-44; Psalm 134:1; Philippians 3:20; Luke 24:12; Titus 2:11-13; Mark 16:15

1 CORINTHIANS 16:22

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

REVELATION 16:15

Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame..

MATTHEW 24:42-44

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

2
TALK!

DISCUSS THE
LESSONS

PSALM 134:1

Come, bless the Lord. All you servants of the Lord. Who by night stand in the house of the Lord.

PHILIPPIANS 3:20

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

3
PRAY!

MAKE YOUR
REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD

LUKE 24:12

But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

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

4
DO!

PUT THE
LESSONS INTO
PRACTICE

MARK 16:15

Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.

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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 live with a "Maranatha Mindset" in expectation of Christ's return?
2. Do you ever grow tired of Christmas narrative? What is your favorite part of the biblical account of the first Christmas? Do you have a favorite character? What part of the Christmas story speaks to your heart the most? Why?
3. Were there any aspects of the account of the shepherds from this week's message that you had not heard or considered before? What stood out to you the most from their story in Luke 2? Why? What did you learn from the shepherds that will help you live in anticipation of Christ's soon return? What did you learn that will help you develop a Maranatha mindset?
4. What is the significance of shepherds in the Bible, and the Old Testament specifically? Why do you think God choose shepherds as the first witnesses of Christ's birth? How does this relate to you?
5. How is "a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger" a sign? Was it expected? How does it parallel Christ's death? Why might we miss God if we are only looking for signs?
6. How are to be like the shepherds with regard to the Gospel message? Why can't we be like the shepherds and tell people after Jesus comes again? Why is it so important to tell people now? How is joy a part of the Christmas story? What does the Good News and joy have in common? Why should someone with a "Maranatha Mindset" be joyful?
7. What impacted you the most from the lesson today? What were your big takeaways? Which one of the lessons applied most to you? How will you put it into practice in your life this week?

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!

VISIT OUR KINDNESS TREE THIS WEEK! SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY!

