

WEEKLY GUIDE

DECEMBER 20, 2020

1 ATTEND!

SUNDAYS
(IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

BIBLE READINGS:

Matthew 2:1-16, 1 Corinthians 3:11-14, Revelation 22:12, 2 Timothy 4:8, Hebrews 11:1-3, 2 Peter 3:9, 1 Thessalonians 2:19, Psalm 100:2, Psalm 49: 6-9; John 12:3

1 CORINTHIANS 3:14

If anyone's work which they have built on it endures, they will receive a reward.

REVELATION 22:12

And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to their work.

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.

HEBREWS 11:1-2

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.

2 PETER 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:19

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

PSALM 100:2

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

PSALM 49:6-9

Those who trust in their wealth and boast of their great riches? No one can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for them—the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough—so that they should live on forever and not see decay.

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? Which lessons from the shepherds did you put into practice this past week? How did it go?
2. Why did wise men make the 800 mile trek? What was in it for them? Why is worship so fundamental to the Christian faith?
3. In what ways were the magi intentional in their worship? Who did they believe Jesus to be? What do the gifts say about who they came to worship? Do you live your life with intentionality? How can your worship of God be more purposeful and deliberate? Do you consider what you will present to Jesus at the end of your journey?
4. Why does worship require faith? How does Hebrews 11:1-2 apply here? How far are you willing to travel to worship Jesus? How long are you willing to wait to behold the One you know from afar as the One has come near? Why do some think God is slow in keeping His promise? Why is it more accurate to say God is patient? Why is God patient?
5. Why should worship always include joy? Why can you be joyful despite what is going on in the world? Does joy depend on your circumstances or emotions? Why or why not? How does this apply to your worship of God?
6. What does it mean that worship is "worth-ship?" In what ways should worship be costly? What does that mean to you? How does this translate to your daily life? Why must our worship recognize who Jesus really is and what He has done for us?
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 help you develop a Maranatha mindset.
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 ONLINE! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

