

WEEKLY GUIDE

JANUARY 24, 2021

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:

Philippians 1:9-28; Genesis 48:3-11, 50:15-21; Romans 8:28; 2 Corinthians 1:20; Colossians 1:28-29; Psalm 33:11, 78:6, 79:13; Luke 1:50

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-14

Now I want you to know that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-28

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit,[e] striving together as one for the faith of the gospel 28 without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God.

GENESIS 48:11

Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face again, and now God has allowed me to see your children too."

GENESIS 50:20

You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

ROMANS 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

COLOSSIANS 1:28-29

All the promises of God in Christ are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

READ PSALM 33:11, 78:6, 79:13, AND LUKE 1:50.

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TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. Did you take some time to reflect on last week's lesson? Which lessons from last week did you apply to your life? How did it go? Did you encounter any difficulty? Any areas of victory?
2. What does it mean to advance? How does the analogy of the smith hammering out a piece of metal relate? Who is on the anvil, being hammered and tempered? Who is doing the hammering? In what ways does this apply to your life at present? How does God use circumstances in life to make you stronger and help you advance? What encouragement can you find in Philippians 1:6?
3. What are signs that you are advancing in life? How can you measure your spiritual progress? Why is it important that you are abounding in love and constantly growing in knowledge and discernment? Read Philippians 1:9-11 for more insight.
4. How does the life of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob relate to Sunday's message? Why was it important they didn't lose heart and give up? How did God assure them of His promises and purposes? How can God use what happens in your life to advance the Gospel? Do you believe God can use difficult things to advance His purposes and bring His promises to pass in your life?
5. How should we view the next generation? Do you agree that light shines brightest when its darkest? How can we ensure that we don't miss our moment of opportunity? Why should we remain optimistic? What happens if we give up?
6. What are some practical ways to advance the Gospel? How will you live out your faith more earnestly this week? How will you contend for the faith? Is there any changes you need to make to live a life worthy of the Gospel? Are you willing to make those changes?
7. What impacted you the most from the lesson today? What were your big takeaways? How will you put it into practice in your life this week? Also, it's not too late to visit our website at www.therockchurchwrv.org and complete your "Hopes and Dreams" list.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray that you will grow spiritually regardless of what happens in the year 2021.
2. Pray that our country would 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 your neighbors, friends, and families to come to know Christ personally.
6. Pray for our nation would live lives worthy of the Gospel and bear fruit of righteousness.
7. Pray that the church advance the Gospel in both word and deed.

THE REST OF THE WEEK:

1. Reach out. Share your faith with others. Encourage someone. 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!

MAKE 2021 YOUR BEST YEAR YET! HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

