

WEEKLY GUIDE

FEBRUARY 14, 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:

Joshua 1:9; 1 John 4:7-19; Romans 5:6-8; John 3:16, 10:14-18; John 15:12-13; Ephesians 5:1-2; 1 John 3:11-18; Isaiah 53:7-8; 2 Timothy 1:7; Acts 4:31; Psalm 56:3-4

READ JOHN 4:7-19

JOSHUA 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

ROMANS 5:8

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

JOHN 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only (only begotten) Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

EPHESIANS 5:1-2

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

JOHN 15:12-13

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

PSALM 56:3-4

Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God, I will praise His word. In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

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TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. Take time to reflect on last week's lesson. Which lessons did you find most useful? How did you apply these lessons to your life? Did you have any opportunities to put them into practice?
2. Do you agree that it requires courage to love others, especially those who you feel are unlovable? What are your reasons for your answer? Did it require courage for Jesus to die on the cross for sinners? How did Christ's death demonstrate God's love for us? Why is it important that true love be made manifest in some tangible way?
3. What is the only true source of love? What does it mean that God is love? What difference does it make that God loved us first? Where do you find the strength to love others?
4. Why is it so important that we love one another? What does our love for others tell us about our love for God? In what ways is loving others akin to eternal life? Why should love be more than just words and seen with actions?
5. Where does fear ultimately originate? What is at the root of all earthly fears? Why is there no fear in love? What is meant by "perfect love"? How does "perfect love" cast out all fear? Why should Christians be the most bold and courageous people alive?
6. When you stand at the water's edge, what do you discover about yourself? What do you learn about your relationship with God? Is there any area of your life where you are fearful? Why? How might that fear be a reflection of your understanding of who God is and His love for you?
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?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray that you will have courage to be loved unconditionally by God and to love others.
2. Pray that our country would turn to God and experience national revival and awakening.
3. Pray for the peace and prosperity of our cities (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 to trust in God again, like our national motto states.
7. Pray that the Church would advance the Gospel courageously without fear.

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 unconditionally. Be merciful!
4. Take time for yourself. Do something that brings you joy. Be thankful!
5. Spend time with God in prayer. Let God fill you with His Holy Spirit.
6. Do something outside your comfort zone. Be courageous!
7. Invite someone to church... online or in person!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY!

