

WEEKLY GUIDE

MARCH 7, 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; Psalm 56:3-4; John 8:1-11, 31-36, 59; Ephesians 4:15; 1 Peter 3:1-6; Acts 4:32; Mark 9:42; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, 10:23-33; Luke 11:33-36; 2 Peter 1:1-11; Deuteronomy 31:6; Isaiah 41:10

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.

JOHN 8:1-11

"Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

1 PETER 3:1-6

...if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by your behavior, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. Your beauty should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight... do what is right and do not give way to fear.

ACTS 8:32

He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

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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. Who are a few people in the Bible that you think were courageous? Is there anyone in more recent history that stands out to you for their courage? What is it that made these people courageous? Why do you consider them brave? What do they have in common?
3. Are you a courageous person? Do you consider yourself brave? Why might physical acts of courage be seen as reckless without moral courage? How do self-interested insecurities inhibit the development of moral courage?
4. Can you think of a time when you covered moral cowardice with physical, outward acts? Why is it necessary to resolve any inner conflict between self and truth? Why does moral courage often require going against the crowd? Why is it important to know who you are?
5. What is the best way to affect change? Why do we often think physical actions and words are effective? If you had to pick prayer or many words which would you choose and why? Why does it take courage to be silent? What does our silence say about where our trust is?
6. Have you ever felt singled out? Have you ever singled out others? Why is it cowardice to label and categorize people? Why is cancel culture devoid of moral courage? How can the followers of Christ set a better example? How can you avoid being a stumbling block and instead point people to Jesus?
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 God would raise up morally courageous leaders who abandon self-interest.
2. Pray that our country would turn to God and experience national revival and awakening.
3. Pray that God's people would humble themselves and seek God's face (2 Chronicles 7:14).
4. Pray that the Holy Spirit would convict of sin, righteousness, and the judgment to come.
5. Pray for the peace and prosperity of our cities and towns (Jeremiah 29:7).
6. Pray for your neighbors, friends, and families to come to know Christ personally.
7. Pray that the Church would advance the Gospel courageously without fear.

THE REST OF THE WEEK:

1. Reach out. Share your faith. Encourage someone. Pray through your neighborhood.
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!

