

March 2023 bible reading



Greet one another

March 6-11

Monday Scripture 1 Peter 5

Contemplation: What is the significance of greeting others? How do we view greeting others today in our present context? What differences does a greeting have in other cultures and other contexts?

Tuesday Matthew 5

Jesus turns our attention in these verses, not to the way we treat and acknowledge our friends or family, but our genuine interactions with those who offend us. How are we made perfect or complete in our attitude and actions towards our enemies? How does the practice of greeting people that we would not typically greet make us more like Christ?

Wednesday Romans 16

Apostle Paul and his team go through a list of greetings to the readers and from the team. Paul's communal approach to his ministry gave value to each person and each part they played. How does the practice of greeting give value to people?

Encourage One Another

Thursday 1 Thessalonians 5, 2 Thessalonians 2 In these two verses Paul correlates the two actions of encouraging and building up one another. What is Paul's intentions behind the instructions on the way we interact with each other's heart? (2 Thes 2:17)

Friday Hebrews 3 & 10

What urgency does the author of Hebrews stake for the need to encourage one another? What dangers does the author see for discouragement? What value does the author place on meeting regularly with other believers? How can we take heed to the author's belief today?

Saturday Romans 15

In vs 4 and 5 we see the Greek word *hypomone* which means cheerful endurance or patient continuance. Paul teaches that both come from God through the Scriptures and of being of the same mind with one another. What are some ways we can encourage or build up one another? What are some things that we may need strengthening to persevere?

Weekly Questions

- Review the daily reading verses together and reflect on the daily question with one another.
- When reading the Bible as a unified story that points us to Jesus Christ consider these questions; How do these verses point to one another? How do they differ? What picture do they portray when reviewing them side by side?
- Share an example from your own experience on how you have experienced these truths worked out in your community. What lessons did you learn from that? How would you navigate through a similar situation in the future?

Admonish One Another

March 13-18

Monday Colossians 3

The concept of admonish is a loving attempt to correct others' attitudes. Note the character traits that we read about in these verses, How would these character traits help in admonishing one another?

Tuesday 1 Thessalonians 5

What would a community of people, that made admonishing one another natural and welcomed, look and feel like? Do I/ we really want this? Why or why not?

Offer Hospitality to One Another

Wednesday 1 Peter 4

Webster's Dictionary 1828 defines hospitality as, receiving and entertaining strangers with kindness and without reward. The phrase "love covers a multitude of sins" means that love repeatedly forgives (Proverbs 10:12). How would you describe what loving one another earnestly and showing hospitality, looks like?

Thursday Luke 10

What does the story of Mary and Martha tell us about the balance between making preparations for hospitality and being hospitable?

Friday Matthew 15 & Hebrews 13

How does Matthew 15:32 and Hebrews 13:2 define the definition of hospitality?

Saturday 1 Peter 4:1-11

What are some of the barriers that keep us from being hospitable?

Weekly Questions

- What is the greatest gift given to us to be able to live out the one another commands, and how do we engage it?
- Can you comprehend this gift? Explain
- Has you experienced difficulty receiving God's greatest gift? How has this impacted the way you interact within a community?

Serve One Another

March 20-25

Monday Galatians 5

To serve is to wait on others as if you decided to be their slave. It means giving up yourself in a sacrificial manner. How does serving relate to freedom?

Tuesday Matthew 20

What is especially important for a leader to become a servant?

Wednesday John 13

What does it look like to apply Jesus' instructions in v. 12-17 in our lives today? When we look at our lives, do we see it?

Carry Burdens for One Another

Thursday Galatians 6

The word for *burden* can be translated as fault, infirmity, weakness, ignorance, pressure, tension or grief. In light of this, consider the instructions in Galatians 6. How does carrying one another's burdens relate to what Jesus has done for us?

Friday John 19 & Luke 14 How does carrying my load and taking up my own cross relate to bearing one another's burdens?

Saturday Ephesians 4:29 - chapter 5

What are the marks of someone who is grieving the Holy Spirit? What does v. 4:29-5:2 say about how to "carry" one another's burdens?

Weekly Questions

- Think of a time when you were served by fellow believers. How did this affect you?
- How can we begin to build a community that makes serving one another a regular practice?
- What specific things can we do to help each other carry each other's burdens so we can all keep in step with the Spirit?

Stir Up One Another

March 27- April 1

Monday Hebrews 10

Tuesday John 14

Wednesday Acts

Wash One Another's Feet

Thursday John 13

Friday Luke 22

Weekly Questions

- Notice how the writer uses the plural pronoun we as opposed to the singular “I” throughout Hebrews 10:19-25. Why do you think the writer does this? What is the point that he is trying to drive home by using the plural over and over again throughout these verses?
- Many object to living in community as described in Acts 2:42-47 on the basis that it is communism. Do you agree with this criticism or not? Explain your position.
- Note how John 13:2 tells us how Satan had convinced Judas to betray Jesus. Immediately after this, beginning in v. 3, we find the story about how Jesus washed all His disciples feet. Why, do you think, John wants to first tell us about Judas intention to betray Jesus and then next tells us about Jesus washing the disciples feet?
- What are some practical ways we can spur one another to love and good deeds?