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A GUIDE FOR MEETING GOD DAILY IN HIS WORD

# Welcome to *EXTRA*

*EXTRA* was created as an additional resource to use with Scripture Union's daily devotional *Encounter with God*. It is an excellent tool for small group Bible study and can also enhance your own individual Bible reading. These questions will encourage you to dig deeper into the meaning of the Scripture passages you have read during the week.

**2 Kings 4:1-6:23**

1. Why do you think it is important to Elisha to not accept a gift from Naaman?
2. In a broken world needing many miracles why do you think Elisha finds the axe head? What does this say about God's care?
3. As Elisha's servant needed his eyes to be opened to see "the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha" (2 Kings 6:17), what may the Lord need to open your eyes to see?
4. Why do you think Elisha sent the Arameans away with a feast instead of letting the king of Israel kill them?

**Psalm 112, 2 Kings 6:24-8:29, Ecclesiastes 1-3**

1. How do you see God's faithfulness throughout Elisha's prophetic life? Do you see God's faithfulness in the lives of those around Elisha? If so, how? If not, why not?
2. What do you think the Teacher means by "For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief" (Ecclesiastes 1:18)?
3. According to the Teacher, what allows a person to experience joy? What is vanity?
4. When the Teacher compares man to beast, what does he say is the same? Where does the difference lie? What do you think of this comparison?

**Psalm 113, Ecclesiastes 4:1-11:10**

1. How can Ecclesiastes 5:1-3 guide us in our daily conversations with God?
2. What can we learn about the divinity of God and the limitations of humans in Ecclesiastes 6:10-12? How should that impact our daily lives?
3. What does the Teacher mean by “meaningless life” and “meaningless days” in Ecclesiastes 9:9?
4. Throughout this section in Ecclesiastes, what does the Teacher say will bring a person joy? Does this resonate with your own view of what brings joy?

**Psalm 114, Ecclesiastes 12, Mark 5:1-6:29**

1. How does Psalm 114 describe God's power and magnificence?
2. What does the Teacher say in Ecclesiastes 12 is the point of all he has written?
3. What can we learn about faith in Mark 5, where we encounter both Jairus and a woman who are seeking healing? How does this compare with the lack of faith in Mark 6? How can our faith or lack of faith influence our lives?
4. How does the crowd's reaction differ with each miracle? What does that show us about the public perception of Jesus at that time? What is the public perception of Jesus today in your context?

**Psalm 115, Mark 6:30-8:21**

1. What can we learn about Jesus by the calming of the wind when he got in the boat in Mark 6?
2. How does Jesus redefine defilement and purity in Mark 7? How does this impact us today? What do you need to be purified of today?
3. How do you reconcile Jesus' response to the Syrophoenician woman with Jesus' character? What can we learn from her faith?
4. Why do you think the disciples struggled to understand what Jesus meant by the yeast of the Pharisees and Herod? How can you guard against false teaching today?

**Psalms 116-117, Mark 8:22-10:12**

1. What can we learn from the two-step healing of the blind man at Bethsaida?
2. How do Peter's confession about Jesus, his rebuke of Jesus, and Jesus' rebuke of Peter coincide? What do we discover about Peter? What do we discover about Jesus?
3. What is the significance of Moses and Elijah appearing during the Transfiguration? How does the Transfiguration influence your understanding of Jesus' divinity?
4. Why does Jesus use a child to illustrate greatness in the Kingdom of God?



**Psalm 119:1-24, Mark 10:13-52, Isaiah 22-23**

1. What does Jesus' experience with the rich young man in Mark 10 reveal about wealth and discipleship?
2. In what ways does Isaiah 22 demonstrate the consequences of unrepentance? How can this be applied in your life today?
3. How does Isaiah 22 illustrate divine justice?
4. After God restores Tyre in Isaiah 23, why do you think the wealth is dedicated to God?

**Psalm 119:25-48, Isaiah 24-29**

1. How can Isaiah's praise in Isaiah 25 influence your expressions of gratitude to God?
2. In Isaiah 26:3 it is written, "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." What does perfect peace mean here? How can this be applied to your own life?
3. What does the cornerstone represent? How does this impact our interpretation of Isaiah's prophecy?
4. How do we see God's mercy in the woe to David's city, Ariel?

**Psalm 119:49-72, Isaiah 30-34**

1. What does Isaiah 30 teach us about rebellion and obedience?
2. In Isaiah 31, what does the Lord say about relying on Egypt? Is there any area of your life where you are relying on an “Egypt”? If so, what can Isaiah 31 teach you about this reliance?
3. How does the righteous king in Isaiah 32 relate to our understanding of Jesus as our King?
4. What can we learn about God’s wrath in Isaiah 34? How can we reconcile that with the love and mercy of God?

**Psalm 119:73-96, Isaiah 35-39**

1. How is the transformative power of God's redemption illustrated in Isaiah 35?
2. What is the role of faith and trust in God during times of affliction, as demonstrated in Isaiah 36?
3. What can we learn from Hezekiah's prayer in response to the letter from Sennacherib king of Assyria in Isaiah 37?
4. How do Hezekiah's prayer in verse 3 and writing in verses 9-20 in Isaiah 38 differ? What do these differences reveal to us?

**Psalm 119:97-112, 1 John 1:1-3:10**

- 1.** How do we have fellowship with God? How do we have fellowship with one another?
- 2.** In 1 John 2:6, John instructs the readers to walk as Jesus walked. How do we do this?
- 3.** What does it mean that we have “an anointing from the Holy One” in 1 John 2?
- 4.** What are the reasons John gives that sinning is incompatible with a relationship with God in 1 John 3?

**Psalm 119:113-128, 1 John 3:11-5:21, 2 John**

1. Why does John say that the one who hates his brother is a murderer in 1 John 3?
2. What does it mean that there is no fear in love in 1 John 4?
3. In 1 John 5:7-8, John explains that there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water, and the blood. What represents each of the three? What does it mean that they each testify?
4. In 2 John, John indicates how he is joyful to find some of the lady's children walking in truth (v. 4). He later instructs the reader to walk in love (v.6). What does it mean to walk in truth? What does it mean to walk in love? How do we walk in truth and love?

**Psalm 119:129-176, 3 John, Matthew 1-2,  
Habakkuk 1-3**

1. Why do you think it is important to Matthew to include Jesus' genealogy? Is there anything interesting to you about Jesus' lineage?
2. What can we learn from the Magi's search for Jesus?
3. What is Habakkuk's view of God?
4. What can we learn from the way Habakkuk prays?  
What can we learn from the way God answers Habakkuk?