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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 *Discovery*. 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.

Genesis 1-3

1. Reflect on the first 6 days of creation. In what ways does the process of creation reflect the nature of God?
2. What does it mean to be created in the image and likeness of God?
3. Why do you think God walked in the garden with Adam and Eve? What does this indicate about God's desire for proximity with people?
4. Why do you think God responded to the sins of Adam, Eve, and the serpent the way he did?

Psalm 120, Genesis 4-9

1. Why do you think the Lord “looked with favor on Abel and his offering” (Genesis 4) but not on Cain and his offering?
2. What do you think it means that Enoch “walked faithfully with God” (Genesis 5:24)? Why do you think this detail is mentioned in the lineage?
3. How do you interpret the combination of God's feelings of mercy and grief in Genesis 6?
4. What is the significance of the covenant that God made with Noah in Genesis 9?

Psalm 122, John 2:1-4:42

- 1.** Why do you think Jesus' first miracle was turning water into wine? Why do you think he chose to have the servants be the only witnesses?
- 2.** Does Jesus' zeal for his father's house (John 2) impact how you view your place of worship? Why or why not?
- 3.** What can we learn from Nicodemus' conversation with Jesus? What can we learn from his curiosity? From his approach to Jesus?
- 4.** What does it mean to "worship in the Spirit and in truth" (John 4:24)? How can you apply that to your own personal worship?

Psalm 123, Joshua 1:1-4:9

1. In Joshua 1:8 it says to meditate on the Book of Law day and night. What does that mean to you?
2. What can we learn from the faith of Rahab?
3. Why do you think it was important that the ark of the covenant lead the way across the Jordan River?
4. The Israelites made memorials to remember God's faithfulness (Joshua 4:7). What can you do to remind yourself of how God has been faithful to you?

Psalm 124, Joshua 4:10-6:27, Joshua 23-24

1. God dried the Jordan River for the Israelites to walk across “so that all peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God” (Joshua 4:24). What does it mean to you that the hand of the Lord is powerful?
2. What can we learn from Joshua's encounter with the commander of the Lord's army?
3. Joshua was obedient to God's commands to destroy Jericho even though the Lord's commands were unusual. How does the obedience of Joshua to the Lord's commands impact your understanding of obedience to God?
4. Why does Joshua remind Israel of their idolatry in Joshua 24?

Psalm 125, John 4:43-6:24

1. How does the faith of the royal official and his household in John 4 impact your own faith?
2. What is the impact of Jesus' healing on the Sabbath?
3. Jesus says, "The Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does" (John 5:19-20). What does this mean?
4. What can we learn about Jesus from the feeding of the 5000 and him walking on water?

Psalm 126, John 6:25-7:39

- 1.** What does it mean to you that Jesus is the bread of life (John 6)? How does this impact your understanding of Communion/Eucharist?
- 2.** Why do you think many disciples deserted Jesus after his teaching on the bread of life (John 6)? Why do you think the twelve disciples remained?
- 3.** Jesus did not go to the festival until halfway through. Why do you think he ultimately went after not going with his brothers?
- 4.** How does Jesus' teaching in the temple highlight his authority (John 7)?

Psalm 127, Jonah, Nahum

1. Can you relate to Jonah's first response to God's command? Are there times you have tried to run away from what God has asked you to do?
2. What does the reaction of the sailors during the storm tell us about their understanding of God?
3. What does Jonah's prayer tell us about his understanding of God? Are there ways you relate to his prayer?
4. What can we learn from the plant, the worm, and the wind in Jonah 4? Why do you think God provided the plant and then took it away?

Psalm 128, Zephaniah

1. What is the “Day of the Lord” that Zephaniah 1 describes?
2. What can we learn from God’s punishment for the nations practicing idolatry? Are there forms of idolatry in our culture today that relate to these depictions of idolatry in Zephaniah?
3. What is the problem with Assyria declaring “I am the one! And there is none beside me” (Zephaniah 2:15)?
4. Zephaniah 3:16-17 says, “On that day they will say to Jerusalem, ‘Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.’” What do these verses demonstrate about God’s love for his people despite their disobedience?

Psalm 129, John 7:40-8:47

1. In what ways does Nicodemus' defense of Jesus show courage and integrity (John 7:51)?
2. How can we understand sin and judgment from the account of Jesus and the adulterous woman in John 8?
3. What does it mean that Jesus is "the light of the world" (John 8:12)?
4. Jesus says, "the truth will set you free" (John 8:32). What does this mean to you? How does this impact your life?

Psalm 130, John 8:48-10:21

WEEK 12 3/16-3/22

1. What is the significance of Jesus using the term “I am” (John 8:58) to refer to himself? Where else do we see that in the Bible?
2. What can we learn from Jesus’ healing the man born blind and his teaching on spiritual blindness in John 9?
3. John 10:10 says, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” What does Jesus mean by this? How does this impact how you live?
4. What does Jesus calling himself “the good shepherd” teach us? How can it impact our understanding of salvation?

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Psalm 131, Galatians 1:1-4:7, Psalm 132

1. Paul says, “If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ” (Galatians 1:10). Does this challenge how you do ministry? Has there ever been a time when the way you were trying to serve God was actually focused on pleasing people?
2. What is the significance of Paul’s statement, “If righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!” (Galatians 2:21)?
3. Galatians 3 focuses on faith and the law. After reading this, what is your understanding of the relationship between faith and the law?
4. What does it mean to be an heir of God (Galatians 4:7)? How does this shape your understanding of your identity?