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EXTRA

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.

Psalm 20, Mark 1, 2

1. Why do you think the Spirit sent Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted (Mark 1:12)?

2. What can we learn from Jesus going off to a solitary place to pray (Mark 1:35)?

3. What do you think Mark 2:17 means? What is the significance of Jesus saying this?

4. How can you better understand the Sabbath and Sabbath practices through Jesus' teaching about the Sabbath (Mark 2:23-28)?

Psalm 21, Mark 3:1-6, Genesis 20-23

1. What can we learn about Jesus' understanding of God's law by his healing of the man with the withered hand on the Sabbath (Mark 3:1-6)?
2. How does Abimelek's reaction to God's instruction reflect his character?
3. How is the faithfulness of God demonstrated through the birth of Isaac?
4. Why do you think Abraham chose to obey God in Genesis 22? How can this encourage your own obedience?

Psalm 22, Genesis 24:1-27:29

1. How can the prayer of Abraham's servant be an example for us?
2. Why do you think the Lord blessed Isaac during the famine?
3. What is the significance of the names of the different wells Isaac dug?
4. What are the implications of favoritism in the story of Jacob and Esau?

Psalm 23, Genesis 27:30-28:9, Romans 1, 2

1. How does Paul describe his calling? Using his example, how would we describe our own calling?
2. How can we live in a way that shows we are “not ashamed of the gospel” (Romans 1:16)?
3. What is the nature of God’s judgment as shown in Romans 2?
4. How can Romans 2 change how you view others and understand their actions?

Psalm 24, Romans 3:1-5:11

- 1.** What is the purpose of the law according to Romans 3?
- 2.** What does it mean to you that righteousness does not come through works, but through faith? How can this understanding impact how you live out your faith?
- 3.** How can Abraham's belief in God be an example to us?
- 4.** What is the meaning of God's love being "poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5)?

Psalm 25, Romans 5:12-21, 1 Samuel 19, 20, 23, 24

1. How does the contrast between Adam's sin and Christ's gift impact your understanding of grace and salvation?
2. Why do you think Jonathan intervened between Saul and David?
3. How does David demonstrate his trust in God throughout these chapters of 1 Samuel?
4. What is revealed about David by his reaction to cutting off a piece of Saul's robe?

Psalms 26, 1 Samuel 25-30

1. Describe the contrast between the character of Nabal and the character of Abigail. How can Abigail be an example of peacekeeping?

2. Why do you think David spared Saul's life a second time? What can we learn from David?

3. How do we see Saul's desperation in 1 Samuel 28? Have you ever felt desperate to hear from God? What are the dangers of seeking spiritual guidance outside of God?

4. What did David do before he pursued the Amalekites? How can this inform our decision-making?

Psalm 27, 1 Samuel 31, Acts 12:25-14:7

1. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the ministry of Barnabas and Saul? How can this inform our understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in ministry today?
2. What can the confrontation and its result between Elymas the sorcerer and Barnabas and Saul teach us about opposing God's work?
3. Reflect on Acts 13:38-39. Does this impact our understanding of justification and freedom?
4. What can we learn from the boldness of Saul and Barnabas, amidst their persecution?

Psalm 28, Acts 14:8-15:41

1. What do you think it means that Paul “saw that he had faith to be healed” (Acts 14:9)?
2. What can we learn from the response of Barnabas and Paul (when they are mistaken for gods) when we face excessive or disproportionate praise?
3. What is the significance of Peter pointing out that the Holy Spirit did not discriminate between uncircumcised believers and circumcised believers?
4. What lessons for ministry can we learn from the disagreement with Paul and Barnabas?

Psalm 29, Acts 16, Isaiah 14, 22, 24, 25

- 1.** Why do you think the Holy Spirit was keeping Paul from preaching in Asia? How did Paul's vision demonstrate a change?

- 2.** How can the contrast between the outcomes of the faithful Israel and the proud king of Babylon encourage us to live faithful, humble lives (Isaiah 14)?

- 3.** What can we learn from the consequences of ignoring God's calls for repentance (Isaiah 22)?

- 4.** In what ways is the sovereignty of the Lord shown in Isaiah 24-25?

Psalms 30, Isaiah 26, 27, 29, 32, 33

1. How can you keep your mind 'steadfast'? What does 'perfect peace' mean? (Isaiah 26:3)?
2. How does the prophecy in Isaiah 27 demonstrate the faithfulness of the Lord?
3. What are ways you can make sure you do not become like the people the Lord is speaking of in Isaiah 29:13?
4. What does Isaiah 33 teach about the justice of God?

Psalm 31, Mark 14:1-65

1. What does the action of the woman who anointed Jesus teach us about devotion (v. 3)?
2. How can Jesus' vulnerability in prayer be an example for us (v. 36)? How can Jesus' willingness to follow God's will, despite petitioning for a change in plans, be an example for us?
3. What is the significance of the disciples continually falling asleep, despite Jesus asking them to stay awake and pray for him (vv. 32-42)?
4. What can we learn from Jesus' silence amidst the accusations of the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin (v. 61)?

Psalm 32, Mark 14:66-15:15

- 1.** How can Peter's denial of Jesus and ensuing remorse serve as a warning for us today?

- 2.** Why do you think the servant girl kept insisting that Peter was a follower of Jesus?

- 3.** What do you think is the reason Jesus only answers Pilate "You have said so" (Mark 15:2) instead of explaining who he is?

- 4.** Why did the crowd of people choose to release Barabbas and not Jesus?