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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.

Mark 15:16-47

1. Why do you think Jesus quotes Psalm 22 from the cross?

2. Why was the curtain torn from the top to the bottom when Jesus died?

Mark 16:1-20, Proverbs 5, 6, 8, 9, Mark 3:7-19

1. Why do you think the disciples did not believe that Jesus rose from the dead when they were told so by Mary (James' mother), Mary Magdalene, and Salome?
2. What is the significance of Jesus sitting down at the right hand of God when he ascended into heaven (Mark 16:19)?
3. Consider the seven things that Proverbs 6 says are detestable to the Lord. Why do you think these are the 7 things included on this list?
4. How can you distinguish between the invitations of Wisdom and Folly in your own life (Proverbs 9)?

Psalm 33, Mark 3:20-5:43

1. Why do you think Jesus says that blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is the only unforgivable sin?
2. Reflect on the parable of the sower. Where do you see yourself among the areas where seed is sown? Are you along the path where the bird eats it right away or on the rocky ground, among thorns? Or are you in the good soil?
3. When Jesus' disciples are in the storm, they panic. Why do you think they are still fearful, despite witnessing miracles that Jesus has performed and hearing his teachings?
4. In the story of Jairus' daughter, what significance do the words, "Don't be afraid; just believe" hold? What do these words mean in your own life?

Psalm 34, Exodus 17:1-21:11

- 1.** What can we see about the faith of the Israelites as they are quarreling? How can we relate to their complaining when faced with our own difficulties?
- 2.** How does Jethro's advice for Moses reflect the wisdom of God? How can we make sure that we are open to receiving advice full of wisdom, like Moses?
- 3.** What can we learn about the holiness of God in Exodus 19?
- 4.** In Exodus 20:20, Moses says, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning." What do you think this means? How can this be applied to your life today?

Psalm 35, Exodus 21:12-24:18

1. Why do you think God gave the Israelites such specific laws for societal living?
2. How do the laws concerning foreigners, widows, and children go against social norms in their context?
3. What can we learn from the laws regarding Sabbath? How can we implement the practice of Sabbath rest into our lives?
4. How did the events in Exodus 24 demonstrate God's glory and power to the Israelites?

Psalm 36, Hebrews 1-3

1. What does it mean that God spoke to the ancestors through prophets, and now he speaks through his Son (Hebrews 1:1-2)?
2. What does Hebrews 1 teach us about the power of Jesus?
3. Hebrews 2:10 tells us everything was made for, and through, God. How does that change the way you live?
4. Why does it matter that Jesus not only was tempted, but suffered when he was tempted (Hebrews 2:18)?

Psalm 37, Hebrews 4-6

1. What does it mean that “the word of God is alive and active” (Hebrews 4:12)?
2. How can you approach God’s throne with confidence as the author of Hebrews instructs in Hebrews 4? What does the author say is the result of that confidence-filled approach?
3. How can we ensure that we do not fall away like the author of Hebrews warns against in Hebrews 5? How can we ensure that we continue to mature in the faith?
4. What is the hope that we have as an anchor for the soul (Hebrews 6:19)? How can we live in that truth?

Psalm 38, Joel 1-3

1. Joel calls the people he is prophesying to into repentance. How can we apply that call to repentance to our own lives?
2. Why do you think God chooses to identify himself as “gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity” (Joel 2:13)? Does understanding God like this change how you may think about or approach God?
3. How does Joel 2:28-32 relate to the pouring out of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost?
4. What does the book of Joel teach us about God’s sovereignty?

Acts 2:1-21, Isaiah 35, 40-42

1. What can we learn about the power of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2?
2. Where do you see the transformative power of God in Isaiah 35?
3. Why do you think it is important that we learn and know fully that none compare to God (Isaiah 40)?
4. How can we be a light to those who do not know God just as God instructs his people to be a light to the gentiles (Isaiah 42:6)?

Psalms 40, Isaiah 45:9-25, Romans 6:1-8:17

1. What does it mean to you that you will be united with Christ in a resurrection like his (Romans 6:5)?
2. Do you currently live like you are set free from sin (Romans 6:7)? If no, how would your life change if you did?
3. What can you do to bear fruit for God (Romans 7:4)?
4. How does Paul identify the differences between living through the law and living through the Spirit?

Psalm 41, Romans 8:18-11:24

- 1.** Reflect on what it means that the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ intercede for you. How can you lean into that knowledge this week?
- 2.** How can it be true that nothing can separate us from the love of God? Are you allowing anything to stop you from believing God's love for you? If so, spend some time in prayer asking God to help you see yourself as God sees you.
- 3.** How can we ensure that we do not pursue God by works as Paul warns against in Romans 9:30-33?
- 4.** What was the role of the law to the nation of Israel in the Old Testament? What was the role of the law to the people in the New Testament? What is the role of the law today?

Psalms 42-43, Romans 11:25-36, 2 Samuel 1-3, 5, 6

- 1.** Read the doxology in Romans 11:33-36. What does this teach us about God?
- 2.** What can we learn about David's character in that he mourned for Saul's death even though Saul had been trying to kill him?
- 3.** David sought the Lord before moving to Hebron. What does that reveal about David's faith?
- 4.** How does David's capturing Jerusalem despite doubt from the Jebusites show us about the power of God?

Psalm 44, 2 Samuel 7

1. Why do you think God did not let David build him a temple?

2. What does 2 Samuel 7 teach us about God?