

Holy Week Devotional

Memory Verse: Ephesians 1:7 - for the week*

Monday:

1. Scripture: John 12, 13
 - a. Why was it necessary for Jesus to come into the world, to take on flesh and walk among us? (12:44-50)
 - b. Are you more like Mary who gave up her treasure because she loved Christ OR more like the Israelites who were afraid to even confess Christ? (12:3, 41-43)
 - c. Why was it significant that Christ washed the disciples' feet? What does his act of washing feet reveal about his character? (13:1-20)
 - d. Jesus washed the feet of the one who would betray him. Who is someone that is difficult for you to love and how can you love them? (13:14-17)
2. Prayer:
 - a. Lost souls would be redeemed (co-workers)
 - b. Evangelism opportunities with <names of co-workers>
 - c. The hearts of our people to be set apart for the Lord
 - d. Praise God for delivering you from specific sin issues
 - e. For the Church to share the Gospel faithfully

Tuesday:

1. Scripture: John 14, 15
 - a. Why is salvation only through Jesus Christ? (14:6) How would you patiently and graciously explain this to a loved one who believes otherwise?
 - b. If we truly love Jesus, how will we respond to his Word? What is your heart posture towards His Word? (hardened, apathetic, doubtful) (14:21-24)
 - c. What has troubled your heart? Bring these things before our Lord who knows and cares for you (14:25-31)
 - d. What is the greatest example of love in the history of eternity? (15:12-17) How can you lay down your lives for others? (15:12-17)
2. Prayer:
 - a. Lost souls would be redeemed (family members)
 - b. Evangelism opportunities with <names of family>
 - c. Spiritual strength and endurance for the leaders in the Church
 - d. Praise God for purchasing us from sin by the blood of His Son
 - e. The Church to magnify the glory of Christ

Wednesday:

1. Scripture: John 16, 17
 - a. What should we expect from the world if we are faithful in our followership of Christ? (15:20-16:4)
 - b. In what way has Christ overcome the world? How is that good news for the true follower of Christ, related to redemption? (16:25-33)
 - c. What are some ways Jesus prayed for his current and future disciples? In what ways has his prayer been answered? (John 17)
 - d. What does it mean to *know* God? If someone were to examine the desires of your heart, private time, etc. would they believe you *know* God? (17:20-26)
2. Prayer:
 - a. Lost souls would be redeemed (friends)
 - b. Evangelism opportunities with <names of friends>
 - c. The Word to produce in us Biblical convictions
 - d. Praise God for your salvation and sanctification
 - e. For people to be liberated from sin struggles

Thursday:

1. Scripture: John 18
 - a. What does Jesus' response to his arrest and trials reveal about his character? How does this relate to God's sovereignty in suffering? (18:1-24)
 - b. Peter denied the Lord three times. How do we deny our Lord Jesus Christ, in word, thought, or deed? (18:25-27)
 - c. Pilate declared that Jesus was not guilty; why is that significant? How does that relate to him being an efficacious sacrifice? (18:28-40)
 - d. What has distracted you from worshiping Christ this week? Repent of anything that would hinder your adoration of Christ this weekend.
2. Prayer:
 - a. To grieve over souls that are alienated from God
 - b. Every aspect of each service to glorify Jesus
 - c. God to speak through Pastor Kurt as he preaches
 - d. Praise God for what Christ has done on the cross
 - e. Our hearts to be tender, ready to worship

Friday:

1. Scripture: John 19
 - a. What was accomplished when Jesus died? (redemption, reconciliation, etc. - there are multiple things listed in the NT)
 - b. How do we know for certain that Jesus died and this wasn't just a show or that the Roman soldiers failed? (19:31-42)
 - c. What unrepentant, specific sins in our lives caused our Savior to be crucified? Specifically list these sins and repent.
 - d. Meditate upon the horrific details of Jesus' crucifixion. Because of our sin, an innocent man had to die (19:18, 20)
2. Prayer
 - a. Pastor Kurt's preaching to be faithful and clear
 - b. God's will be done, even in the most difficult circumstances
 - c. The Word to produce in us godly grief over sin
 - d. Overflowing thankfulness for what Jesus has done
 - e. To understand the true cost of our salvation

Saturday:

1. Scripture: John 20
 - a. Why must there be a physical resurrection of Jesus Christ - as in, this is a real historical event? (*hint: 1 Cor 15*)
 - b. What is accomplished by Christ's resurrection? (*hint: look up "resurrection" in the New Testament - regeneration, redemption, the believer's resurrection, etc.*)
 - c. How does God command all people everywhere to respond to what Christ has done in his death and resurrection? (20:30, 31)
 - d. Is there any sin that you believe is unforgivable? Confess that to God and receive His forgiveness.
3. Prayer
 - a. Lost souls would be redeemed (who you are seeing on Sunday)
 - b. Worship filled with hearts of adoration
 - c. Lives transformed by the power of the Gospel
 - d. For people to know the magnitude of God's love
 - e. Our hearts to have greater reverence for Christ

Sunday:

1. Scripture: John 21
 - a. How did the disciples change after seeing the resurrected Christ? (*Hint: think about the book of Acts*)
 - b. How has your life changed since Christ saved you? Where would you be if he never rescued you?
 - c. Jesus told Peter how he would suffer for his name (21:18, 19). Is there any suffering you are anxious about that you need to confess?
 - d. Meditate upon the hope of the resurrection to come. What burdens, sins, struggles, trials will be gone when Christ returns?
2. Prayer
 - a. Lost souls would be redeemed in the service
 - b. Praise God for the ways He has rescued you from sin
 - c. Confess doubts, struggles, fears to Him
 - d. People would set their hope in Christ
 - e. The Church would be holy and blameless