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5 Tips for Focused Bible Study

In our parenting class we are discussing the importance of making the study of scripture a priority in the life of our young people. As we all know, a study of God's will is a vital part of any faithful walk with Him. Here are a few suggestions of what you can do when we come together to make our worship service and Bible study more effective.

Make sure you have your Bible with you. A soldier with no sword is at a distinct disadvantage.

Always turn to every scripture that is mentioned. Remember the Christians in Berea (Acts 17:11). You will remember more when you hear it and see it. You may also want to make a note for future reflections.

When you are in a class or series make notes about what you can read before coming to class/worship. A larger context is always nice in any study of God's word.

Read and reread scriptures. I have loved reading the sermon on the mount time and again and again this year. It continues to unfold in depth and application. The Psalmist tells us there is value in meditating on it day and night (Psalm 1:2). Try focusing on the same chapter everyday for a week and see what it does for your heart.

Make sure you read it with a heart to act on it. James 1:22 tells us to make sure we are not only putting into our heart but into our actions. If we do this he says we will be blessed in what we do.

I pray that every action at South Gate is always based on a faithful study of God's revealed word for it is the only foundation that will last. If our lives are being built on His teachings we will be able to weather any storm and will be waiting for Him when He returns. Lord come quickly!!!

John

The Fourth Woe

Matthew 23:23 Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices - mint, dill and cummin. But you neglected the more important matters of the law - justice, mercy and faithfulness.

One of the expectations of the Israelites was to tithe. They gave a tenth of everything. One of ten calves, one of ten lambs and one of ten pieces of silver were given to God. Many of the religious leaders gave a tenth of their spices although this was not specifically stated in the law. Mint, dill and cummin all produce a very small seed. While most people would not consider the production of herbs as income, these Pharisees made sure to separate one tenth of the tiny seeds into a pile in order to give it to the treasury of Israel. These men were very conscientious about their giving but lacking on so much more.

Jesus said they neglected justice, mercy and faithfulness. These qualities were to be exhibited by faithful followers of the law. Instead they were unkind, greedy, unforgiving and abusive towards others. Specific commands were presented in Scriptures concerning these qualities but they were ignored. Their practices were twisted. Jesus said, "You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel." The gnat was the smallest unclean insect while the camel was the largest of the unclean animals. Some Pharisees would suck their drinks through the gaps in their teeth in order to strain out the gnat but if humanly possible they would have swallowed a whole camel. The insignificant was magnified whereas the important was minimized or completely ignored. Jesus' warning to the Pharisees is also a warning for us today. Let's strive to do all that the Lord has commanded us.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Alice Bolton - chemo
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- JoAnn Coleman - cataract surgery Aug 24
- Athaleen Cox
- Vera Daniels
- Corrine Goetz
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Jimmy Quirk
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Barney Roland
- Melissa Stutts - chemo & radiation
- Donald White - radiation completed
- Elaine Whitehead

Deepest sympathy is extended to Boyd Wood and his family in the death of his aunt Lillian Hayes of Summertown. She was also a cousin to Sherry Brown.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Greg Grissom, Ann Lamar, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Darrell Brown - cancer, Ralph Gilmore, Vonda Hoeye - friend of Kayla Kirtley, Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Charles Wilkins - Tracey's dad - home, Jane Wells, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, James Garner-uncle of Terry Burgess, Wanda Nix, sister of Debbie Massey, Dot Martin, sister of Linda Weaver - NHC Columbia, Rm. 138-A, David Phillips, Laurie Ann Beever - cousin of Kim Fitzgerald and Baileys Christensen - friend of Kim, Tracy Worley, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long - uncle of Phillis Churchwell, Joyce Runions, Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Debbie Spears, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Dora Bolton - mother of James, Ginger Chesnut, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John Mayberry, Katherine Jones - mother of Alice Bolton, Mike Primm, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219 - 901-0280, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker - sister/Benny Bolton, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8, Sanai Pettus, 5th grade student at CA - cancer - 8041 Fenwick Lane, Spring Hill, TN 37174.

WORSHIP LEADERS AUGUST 14, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
 Prayer.....Jerry Wilson
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Chris Mobley
 Barry Cross Jason Kelley
 Tommy Hight Dustin Stutts
 Jim Pollard Tracey Wilkins
 Trent Hill Gary Boyd
 Read: Leviticus 23:22.....Donnie G. Davis
 Sermon: Taking Care of the Poor.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson
 Prayer.....Jacob Pollard
 Read: Phillipians 3:17-21.....Sam Quirk
 Sermon: "BEWARE".....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Greg Gray
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....David Thomas

Ushers: Blair Keeling, Jerry Barber, Ryan Massey
 Greeters: Richard & Rhonda Farris, Byran & Rachel Farris
 Visual: Jerry Thornton

Security Team: A.M. Cheyenne McNeese, Jeremy Britt P.M. Cheyenne McNeese, Jeremy Britt

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 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.

NURSERY CARE

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

A.M.....Kim Morgan, Elizabeth Hargrove
 P.M.....Dana & Jessica Daniels

Song LeaderTrent Thomason
 Prayer.....Randy Jones
 Announcements/Sppeaker.....Jerry Ballard