



Devotional Guide for August 5-11, 2019

These devotional thoughts are prepared each week by Pastor Kevin to use for your own personal devotions with the Lord, and are designed to prepare you for the message next weekend.

Monday, August 5TH “Hunger and thirst for righteousness”

Scripture: Matthew 5:6

At the start of His beloved Sermon on the Mount, Jesus shares a list of beatitudes with those listening. This verse’s beatitude reveals that “those who hunger and thirst for righteousness” will “be filled” (v.6). Righteousness is defined in the dictionary as “the quality of being morally right or justifiable.” As followers of Jesus, we are never completely morally right, but we are justifiable—that is, we are declared as righteous through the work and love of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Question: What is your hunger/thirst level for righteousness in life?

Tuesday, August 6TH “The righteousness of God is revealed”

Scripture: Romans 1:16-17

As the apostle Paul begins his letter to the church at Rome, he makes this bold statement: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes” (v.16). This gospel—this good news of Jesus Christ—brings with it the righteousness of God, enabling followers of Jesus to be the righteous who “live by faith” (v.17).

Question: How has the power of the gospel enabled you to boldly and righteously live out your faith?

Wednesday, August 7TH “His righteousness endures forever”

Scripture: Psalm 111:1-10

This psalm extols “the works of the Lord” (v.2) as great, glorious, majestic, and shows that “His righteousness endures forever” (v.3). As the followers of God come to understand the greatness of our God, this wisdom enables us to discover “the fear of the Lord” which indeed is “the beginning of wisdom” (v.10).

Question: How has the wisdom of ‘fearing’ God helped you grow?

Thursday, August 8TH “Righteousness delivers from death”

Scripture: Proverbs 11:3-10

King Solomon, as he writes down his faith legacy for his son (and for all future generations of God’s people) reveals the dichotomy between upright and unfaithful people. Integrity and righteousness guide God’s faithful on the right path in life; duplicity (deceitfulness), worldly wealth and wickedness lead the unfaithful astray. Solomon points out that one of the benefits of God’s righteous people is that “the city rejoices” (v.10). Becoming wise with a healthy fear of the Lord is the start to living a righteous life in the eyes of God and of His people.

Question: How have you found new life by pursuing righteousness?

Friday, August 9TH “A word to the wise on righteousness”

Scripture: Proverbs 11:11

As our passage in Proverbs concludes with verse 11, Solomon simply lays out a Godly truth: “through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is destroyed” (v.11). A glimpse of this blessing is seen when God’s people are sincere in prayer, wise in their thoughts, and faithful in their walk of integrity. Not only is a righteous life the proper focus for the Christian disciple, it also brings about joy in the heart of our God and also benefits others as we become a beacon of light and faith in a dark and seemingly faithless world.

Question: How can your righteousness from Jesus help others today?

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for hearing the Word of God in worship by reflecting on these devotions this week.

**Worship services are Saturday evenings at 7:00 pm
and Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 10:45 am.**

**Saturday and Sunday,
August 10 and 11, 2019**

Scriptures: Psalm 111:1-10 NIV
and Proverbs 11:3-11 NIV

Pastor’s message:

“A Word to the Wise on Righteousness”

