



75th Anniversary Weekly Devotionals

Week 4 (Oct 9 – 15)

Each week, we will provide 5 days of Bible reading to guide you as you pray and meditate on the Bible passages and topics we're studying together as a church family. You can use the S.O.A.P. method (S.O.A.P. journals available at the Info Center) or any method you choose.

On Mission with God

God's mission is to reveal his glory by proclaiming the gospel to all people. God calls all Christ-followers to join him on mission (Acts 1:8). That means every Christ-follower is a missionary, by definition. How is God calling you to live on mission?

DAY ONE: Read Ephesians 3:7-13. Focus on 3:7-8. Just like Paul, by God's grace you were saved and called to follow Christ. You are a "servant of the gospel." What "perceived shortcomings" hold you back from living on mission? Pray about how you can begin living on mission today. Write down at least one step you can take to "serve the gospel."

DAY TWO: Read Ephesians 3:7-13 again. Focus on 3:9-11. Paul's general assignment was "to shed light for all" about the gospel. What are some ways you can be light to the people in your world? Ask God for wisdom. Maybe God will give you guidance about reaching your "one." Maybe you can be light in your neighborhood or at work. Write down one way you can serve those around you with the love of Christ this month.

DAY THREE: Read Luke 19:1-10. What do these verses tell you about Zacchaeus? Probe beyond the external characteristics. What do you think was happening in Zacchaeus' heart? What do you see in Jesus' response to Zacchaeus that teaches you how to respond to people around you? How does this connect to what we learned from Sunday's message? Write down your observations and pray about them.

DAY FOUR: Read Acts 8:26-40. Wouldn't you agree that Philip was someone who lived on mission? Why? Read the passage a second time and write down your observations about how Philip lived. What do you learn from Philip about living on mission? Pray that God would help you to be alert to his guidance each day.

DAY FIVE: Read Acts 16:16-40. We learned on Sunday how Paul lived on mission. Read slowly through these verses again. Write down any insights you see about the sacrifices we might need to make in order to live on mission. What do you learn from how Paul and Silas respond to a very difficult situation? What might this tell you about sharing your faith today? Write out a brief prayer that expresses to God your heart for people in your life who don't know Jesus.