

Week Eleven

Wrap-up

Why did God give the commandments?

You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days. Deut. 4:40

Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever! Deut. 5:29

You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess. Deut. 5:33

You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you. And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you. Deut. 6:17-18

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good? Deut. 10:12-13

1. God has given us the law to lead us into _____, not to set us up for failure.

What command did Jesus give on repeat during His ministry on earth?

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19

And Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead." Matthew 8:22

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. Matthew 9:9

And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Matthew 10:38

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24

Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Matthew 19:21

2. Because of the accomplishing work of Christ on the cross, we're no longer a people who follow

the _____ . We're a people who follow a _____ .

Suggestions for your Summer Bible Study

Friends! Our study of James has come to an end but your study of the Bible has not! We want to encourage you to continue on in your study of God's word this summer. Gather a group of ladies and get at it! Or study individually. But either way, KEEP STUDYING!

1. Ruth Study

This is a 6 week study by Jen Wilkin {free and ready to download} that Tia will send out.

2. Pick a Bible Reading Plan

There are so many good Bible Reading Plans out there! Pick one that fits your needs and stick with it! Here's a few to choose from: {Tia will email these links out as well!}

90 Day Overview of the Bible:

https://www.alextran.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Zondervan_-_90_Day_Overview_of_the_Bible.pdf

The New Testament in 90 Days:

<http://www.cwccs.org/filerequest/2209>

The Old Testament in 90 Days:

https://s3.amazonaws.com/churchplantmedia-cms/pathway_community_church_elmhurst/read-through-the-old-testament-in-90-days.pdf

The Entire Bible in 90 Days:

<https://images.template.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/13170252/90-Day-Chronological-Bible-Reading-Plan-Free-PDF-Template.pdf>

3. Pick a book {any book!} of the Bible and READ!

Five Questions for a better understanding of your Bible

Pick a book of the Bible. Study the book by answering these 5 questions for every chapter you read.

- 1. What does this passage teach me about God?** {Who is He? What is He like? What does He do?}
- 2. What does this passage teach me about people?** {Who are we? What are we like? What do we do? How are we like God in each of these things? How are we unlike God in each of these things?}
- 3. What does this passage teach me about the nature of the relationship between God and man?** {As it currently is? As it was originally designed to be?}
- 4. What truth does this passage illuminate? What lie does this passage uncover?**
- 5. What conviction, correction, instructions encouragement, or promise does this passage offer me?**