

Bible Readings week 109 – w/c 9/12/18

Monday: Luke 2:21-40. See v33 We can imagine Joseph and Mary's combination of joy and surprise to see how God has touched the hearts of others with an understanding of their Son. No matter how well you know Jesus, there is something special about seeing someone else come to know Him. Pray for your non Christian friends that they will have a new understanding of Jesus.

Tuesday: Leviticus 7:22-38. v22-27 state that the Israelites shouldn't eat the fat or the blood of animals. The fat speaks of what is good and abundance, the blood speaks of life. These belong to God and should be given back to God. Praise God for your abundant blessings and the hope of eternal life we have through the blood of Christ.

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 23:8-39. The 37 warriors in this passage were the foundation of the greatness of David's reign. 1 Samuel 22:1-2 says that these men came to David as men in distress, in debt and discontented. God used David's leadership to turn these men into mighty warriors. Pray for Alan, the elders and your cell group leaders as we aim to become an army of passionate disciples.

Thursday: Psalm 84:1-12. On a normal journey we usually go from strength to fatigue. This is not true of our Christian walk. Through the grace and mercy of God we go from strength to strength. See Isaiah 40:31. Praise God for his grace and pray for strength as you walk with God today.

Friday: Jeremiah 36:1-32 Jehoiakim didn't like the words that Jeremiah had written so he cut them off the scroll bit by bit and burnt them. This practice of "cutting" God's word still happens. We don't like what we read so we disregard it or don't read it at all. The Bible is the inspired word of God, see 2 Tim 3:16-17. Which passages do you struggle with? Ask God to soften your heart in these areas.

Weekend: Ephesians 4: 17-32. When we accept Christ as our Lord and Saviour we become a new creation. Paul refers to this as changing our clothes, taking off the old self and putting on the new self. Have you completely changed your old self or are you holding on to your old way of life? Ask God to change the attitude of your mind so that you can become more Christ like.