

Week 191 w/c 5/7/20

Monday: John 10:22-42 Why do you think the Jewish opponents so violently rejected Jesus' claim that "I and the Father are one"? Jesus describes himself as a shepherd. He loves his sheep, he cares for his sheep and he makes sure none of his sheep gets lost. How can you follow your Shepherd more closely this week?

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 8:1-20 Moses is warning the Israelites to not become proud. He is encouraging them to look back to how God has blessed them and looked after them in the wilderness. In times of abundance it is easy to forget God, or at least to no longer seek him with the urgency we do in times of trial. How do you remain humble? What spiritual disciplines do you use to keep focused on God?

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 2:1-18 Solomon may be best known for his wisdom, his riches or his proverbs but the Chronicler focusses on Solomon building the temple. This was most important because it was most relevant to a community of returning exiles who struggled to build a new temple and to make a place for Israel among the nations again. What would you most like to be remembered for?

Thursday: Psalm 119:169-176 This psalm ends with the writer stating that he has strayed like a lost sheep. He realises his fragility and sinful tendencies. Jesus is our Good Shepherd who will leave his flock to search for the lost sheep. God comes to us and seeks us through his Word. How is God speaking to you through this passage? Praise God for his unfailing love and care for us.

Friday: Daniel 9:1-27 When Daniel learned God's truth through the vision, the experience humbled him and moved him to worship and to pray. Daniel came to God pleading for mercy and forgiveness for himself and his people. Daniel prepared himself to pray. In what ways do you prepare yourself to pray? What kind of things keep us from confessing our sins, as individuals and as a nation?

Weekend: Hebrews 10:19-39 See verses 24-25. We have a responsibility to encourage one another towards love and good deeds. The emphasis here is not what the individual can get from fellowship but what they can bring to the fellowship. How can you be an encouragement to your church friends today when it is more difficult to meet due to lockdown?