

Week 199 w/c 30/8/2020

Monday: John 13:18-38 Judas wasn't a true believer, he was a hypocrite (John 6:64-71). After Judas left the gathering Jesus focuses on the glory of God. We can glorify God by faithfully doing what He calls us to do. In what ways does our loving one another demonstrate that we belong to Jesus? What can you do this week to show your love for another?

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 16:1-22 For the first Passover unleavened bread was a necessity because there was no time to allow dough to rise. But the Feast of Unleavened Bread, following Passover, continued to be important. Leaven (yeast) was a picture of sin and corruption, because of the way a little leaven would influence a whole lump of dough. How can you stop the spread of sin? Read 1 Corinthians 5:6-8.

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 9:1-31 Jesus used the example of the Queen of Sheba as someone seeking God in Matthew 12:42. If the Queen of Sheba sought Solomon and the splendour of his kingdom so diligently, how much more should people today seek Jesus and the glory of His Kingdom. Pray for those involved in the Alpha course that they will continue to seek God as the course finishes.

Thursday: Psalm 128:1 - 129:8 In Psalm 128 the psalmist is saying that a loving wife and growing children are a great blessing. We don't all have the families that we have desired. But Jesus said "Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother". As a church we must find a way to become the family of God where everyone can flourish in love. How can you support your church family today?

Friday: Hosea 6:1-11 When you read the words in vs 1-3 you get the impression that Israel is sincerely repenting and seeking God but this was a shallow confession. They wanted God to rescue them but they didn't come with broken hearts and surrendered wills. Can you think of any times you have come to God asking to be rescued from suffering but not necessarily to be cleansed from your sin?

Weekend: James 1:1-12 No matter what trials may be on the outside or temptations on the inside, through faith in Christ we can experience victory. The result of this victory is spiritual maturity. What is your attitude to trials? How can you change your mindset so that you consider trials pure joy? Praise God that he is anchor that stops us from being tossed around by the wind and waves.