

## **Week 208 – w/c 1/11/20**

**Monday: John 18:1-14.** Look at v4. Jesus knew what was going to happen in the next few hours and his time of prayer was necessary to maintain his personal peace and focus. When you are facing difficult times, are you as quick to turn to God in prayer?

**Tuesday: Deuteronomy 25:1-19.** There was a legal system instituted in Israel where all the people could take disputes. In our Society today, the law is very biased towards rich corporations and wealthy people. Ordinary people and the poor cannot afford the costs involved. Pray that justice might be available to all in our society and that the rule of law will be maintained in our nation.

**Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 18:1-34.** Jehoshaphat was a godly king, but he allied himself with Ahab, the ungodly King of Israel. As a result, he was almost killed in battle (v31). We must be careful to ensure that in our relationships with unbelievers we are careful to not compromise our faith or put ourselves in the place of danger.

**Thursday: Psalm 137:1-9.** This is a psalm that flows out of despair as Israel is taken into exile in Babylon. The psalmist shows a natural human response of anger and cursing, calling down disaster on the Babylonians. Do you need to bring your natural reactions into line with God's heart in any situation you are currently facing?

**Friday: Joel 1:1-20.** How do you react when you face difficulties? When Joel was writing, Judah was facing a crisis. Famine loomed because of a devastating plague of locusts. He reacts by looking for God's hand in it, seeking the face of God, and calling others to join him in repentance and fasting (v14). What can you learn from him and apply in your life?

**Weekend: James 5:13-20.** When should you request prayer from the Elders? Presumably anytime you are sick enough to seek medical attention! What can you learn here about prayer? How can you respond and put into practice the teaching in verses 19 & 20? At the very least we need to pray for those who are struggling in their faith.