Bible Readings Week 235 - w/c 9/5/21

Monday: Acts 10:23-48 God prepared Peter to go to preach to the Gentiles through his vision earlier in this chapter. Why was this necessary? What can you use from Peter's message to Cornelius to share the gospel with people you know? How will you make yourself available to God this week to talk to others about Him and His salvation?

Tuesday: Job 16:1-22 Job wanted to be vindicated before his friends and before God. How does it make you feel when you are misunderstood by the people you trust and depend on? Job said that if he was in the position of his friends, he would give encouragement and comfort. Who can you extend encouragement and comfort to today?

Wednesday: Ezra 9:1-15 Ezra appealed to God's righteousness. He wisely did not claim an excuse or a reason for their sin. Israel had sinned and they were guilty. The appeal must be made for mercy to the guilty, not as a favour to the deserving. Praise God that he is righteous and that he has mercy on us even though we are undeserving.

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 6:1-12 Solomon looked at life and all he saw was meaningless and a shadow. He looked to death and only saw uncertainty and darkness. 2 Tim 2:10 says that we can obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. Our understanding of immortality is a lot clearer because of the teaching in the New Testament. Praise God that we have the hope of eternal life in His presence.

Friday: Habakkuk 1:1-17 The form of this book is a series of complaints followed by the divine response. Habakkuk was looking for answers, but God gave him a revelation. In times of doubt we need a new view of God. What is the difference between a revelation and an explanation? When have you cried to the Lord and He answered you in a way you were not expecting?

Weekend: Jude 1:1-16 Jude is warning against false teachers, people who had slipped in unnoticed and were perverting the grace of God. How do you guard against false teachers? What can we do to oppose the enemy and maintain the purity and unity of the church?