## Bible Readings Week 243 - w/c 4/7/21

**Monday:** Acts 16:16-40 "What must I do to be saved?" is the cry of lost people worldwide. We need to be able to give an answer for the hope we have in Christ (1 Peter 3:15). Spend some timing writing down a short answer to this question that you can memorise, so that you are prepared for the next time you are asked this.

**Tuesday: Job 24:1-25** This chapter focusses on the seeming injustices in the world. Job is to be commended for seeing somebody else's troubles beside his own. He expresses a holy anger against sin and injustice. Too often, personal suffering can make us blind to the needs of others. What events in our culture make you wonder why God doesn't step in and make Himself miraculously known?

**Wednesday: Nehemiah 7:1-73** Each of these people were important to God. They did what so few of their fellow Jews did — they came back to the promised land after they had already set down roots for 70 years in Babylon. They were willing to endure hardship because they had a call from God that was more important than their own comfort. Are you willing to endure hardship to follow God's will?

**Thursday: Ecclesiastes 11:1-10** See v9. Here is the antidote and antithesis of the under the sun premise. Life is lived not only for this life but also for eternity, knowing that good will be rewarded and evil will be condemned perfectly by the God who will bring you into judgment. Literally, Solomon spoke of the judgment, referring to our great accountability before God. How does this make you feel?

**Friday: Zechariah 1:1-21** In vs 14-17 God promises to return to His people and prosper them. When our situation appears to be hopeless, we must remind ourselves that God identifies with our sufferings and is in charge of the future. Our responsibility is to repent, confess our sins and believe His comforting words. How might truly believing these comforting words make a difference in your life?

**Weekend: Revelation 5:1-14** Although the marks of His sacrifice were evident, the Lamb was not presented as an object of pity. The 7 horns represent perfect power, the 7 eyes represent perfect wisdom and the 7 spirits represent perfect presence. These qualities are also known as omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence. What can you learn from this passage to help you better worship Christ?