

Study Guide July 16, 2018

Monday July 16th (I took time to pray today)

Read: James 5: 13-16 Pastor Bob's sermon begins with this text where the steps to healing are laid out for each of us. In the message today, Pastor Bob talks about the healing that took in his life "after" these steps were sincerely taken.

Question: Why do you think sincerity and purpose of the ask were important when we ask for healing from what binds us?

To do: Think about the things that we need to confess to God in our lives. Make a list and keep it somewhere so that you can pray about these things each day and ask God for direction.

Tuesday July 17th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Proverbs 3: 5-6 When King Solomon wrote this particular Proverb he emphasizes three different actions that are difficult; Trust, Leaning on our own understandings, and Submission.

Question: Where are you in your faith walk with God in these three areas? Does your trust rest in Him alone? Do you lean on His understandings or your own? Do you submit yourself in all ways, or just the ones that are ok with you? Difficult as it is think about where you really are and what it would take to get you into alignment with God.

Wednesday July 18th (I took time to pray today)

Read: John 4:48 Jesus was talking to the crowds and His disciples when he made this statement. It is true though, isn't it? We want to believe in Jesus, and God and the Holy Spirit. We pray for miracles all of the time. And we exclaim, "look what God has done" when we experience God, but how do we live our lives when we pray and do not see His mighty works?

Do: Begin to keep a prayer journal and then from time to time look back at what you are praying for, see if God is answering your prayers in ways that you might not be seeing.

Thursday July 19th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Matthew 7: 7-8 Jesus says to us ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. for everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. That easy? I'll take two. Read verses 24-27 about what is required of those that ask though.

Question: What are you doing to build your foundation? (*answer honestly though, someone is watching*)

Do: Begin on a plan to build on a solid foundation. See one of our leaders if you need help with this.

Friday July 20th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Revelations 21:5 John in his vision was listening to God speaking to him, but unlike John, who we know heard God, we might sometimes misinterpret the voices running around in our own heads.

Question: How do we know that it is God speaking and not our own thoughts spinning around in our minds? (Think back to Proverbs 3: 5-6.

Thoughts: When I am struggling with this I think about how Jesus answered this question when He was asked what was the greatest commandment. (not sure what that was? Hint: Matthew 22: 34-40), secondly I think about John 8:7 and lastly I think about Matthew 28: 18-20 and what Jesus has instructed us to do.

We are reminded of God's love for us each Sunday that we receive Holy Communion. Through God's love for us we can't help but want to serve others and show that love to them. Let us help you explore the best way for you to show love and serve in your Christian path. See Pastor Bob, or Maryanne Ditter who are willing to help you in your faith walk.

Notes from today's message:

**Grow,
Pray,
and
Study Guide.**



Prayers For The Week

Monday: Father God, I ask today that I might examine myself as to where I am along the path that you have put me on. I ask for your guidance and your leading to place me firmly on your path. Amen.

Tuesday: Lord, I know often I have leaned on my own understanding too long, please guide me to submit myself to you alone. Amen.

Wednesday: Holy Spirit today, I want to be like Elijah who heard god in a whisper. Amen.

Thursday: Jesus today, I will not only think about the doors that need to be open for me, but for those who do not yet know you. Amen.

Friday: Father, I believe it is you I hear, but lead me to a clearer understanding of whose voice I am responding to. Let me hear Jesus through the words He spoke to us through scripture. Amen.

**Next
Week's
Message**

**Get Behind Me,
Satan**

Matthew 16:21-28

July 15, 2018

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and worship on Sunday
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