

Encounter these verses today:
*circle words that you identify with,
underline phrases or sentences you'd
like to remember, write questions about
the passage out to the side ...*



John 1:15-17 [NIV]

¹⁵ John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" ¹⁶From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 4:14-16 [NLT]

¹⁴ So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵ This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.



Review of Last Week:

We all need to have our faith _____ from time to time.

This Week's Focus:

Living within reach of God's _____ so that our faith is on a sustainable path of growth.

Understanding God's Work ...

"Means of Grace"

"outward signs _____ by God, and appointed for this end, to be the _____ whereby he might convey to men preventing, justifying and/or sanctifying _____."

(John Wesley)

OUR GOAL =

OUR PATH =

OUR METHOD =

Specific Means of Grace for me today ...



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[Engage the message throughout the week]

Monday: 9.20.2010

Reading: John 5:31-40

Jesus was trying to help everyone see that he can be proven to be the true Messiah they were seeking. He can't testify about but others can (like John). His Father can but they haven't seen Him in a long time. Even the scriptures testify about Jesus - but they've ignored them for so long

My reflection:

How is my understanding of the Bible? Do I need to improve my knowledge and investment into God's Word?

Pray for: *Families: Bate & Beamer*

Reflections: _____

Tuesday: 9.21.2010

Reading: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All scripture is perfect for discovering the Lord. Some of it's scary! Some of it is very graphic! Some of it is confusing! Some of it even feels conflicting with itself. But in all that, the bottom line is that it is all what we need to find God!

My prayer for today:

O God, use your Word, the Holy Bible, to shape my understanding of You. Use it to communicate Your love for me and the grace you have for Your people!!

Pray for: *Families: Bonardelli & Boshaw*

Reflections: _____

Wednesday: 9.22.2010

Reading: Matthew 7:9-11

God desires to give good gifts. He also desires to hear us ask for these good gifts. Are you hungry to feel His work in your life? Are you in need of something that only He can give?

My prayer for today:

Today I will trust You as the only giver of good gifts. Hear my prayer today. I will wait for You!

Pray for: *Families: Brandt & Brelinski*

Reflections: _____

Thursday: 9.23.2010

Reading: Multiple Choice: Mt 4:X, Mk 3:13-19; Lk 6:12-16; Jn 1:43-51

The most powerful and effective "means of grace" is found when we experience true "community" with one another. There really is nothing better. We even see in our reading(s) from today that Jesus chose to live in community with 12 friends.

This Sunday, we will look at what that means in greater detail.

The Challenge for today:

Consider who the most influential people are in your life. How do that impact you? Take a moment to thank those who have had a positive influence in your life.

Pray for: *Families: Breznau & Brisbin*

Reflections: _____

Friday: 9.24.2010

Reading: Acts 12:1-18

This Sunday we will hear about the human design of "community" and the divine design. Our church will be launching a great opportunity for each of us to experience divine community thru "Life Groups." Peter sure was glad his Life Group was praying for his release from prison!

My prayer for today:

God, help me see my need for others in my life. Give me the courage to be involved in sharing my life with them.

Pray for: *Families: Brooks & Bugbee*

Reflections: _____

Reflections on this week: _____

