

Digging Deeper

[Use these readings to prepare you for worship next week!]

Monday: 07.02.2012

Prayer Focus: Our church leadership

Passage: Joshua 1:1-18

Insight: God chooses Joshua to lead the nation of Israel. After 40 years of Moses' leadership, God chooses Joshua to lead His people.

Have you ever been asked to "fill the shoes" of someone who was very influential? How did you feel about it? If you were Joshua, how would you feel about the "promises" the people made in verses 16 & 17? What promises from Joshua 1 would be most encouraging to you, as a leader?

Tuesday: 07.03.2012

Prayer Focus: The Flushing Community

Passage: Joshua 5:13-6:20

Insight: Israel finally enters the Promised Land, conquering Jericho in a most unusual way. As Israel crosses the Jordan and begins to take possession of the land the Lord promised them, He requires their participation & obedience.

Has the Lord promised things to you that you are waiting for? How has He asked you to participate in the fulfillment of the promise? Are you willing to do whatever He asks, even if it might seem ridiculous to you? When there are barriers in your path, do you trust God to lead you – or do you try to figure it out yourself?

Wednesday: 07.04.2012

Prayer Focus: Our nation

Passage: Joshua 24:1-27

Insight: Joshua reminds Israel of God's faithfulness and asks them to choose. Israel is settling in the Promised Land and must begin to govern themselves; choosing how they will live and whether or not they will follow the Lord.

Have you chosen who you will serve? or is it a little unclear? Do your words and your actions identify you as a God-follower? As your neighbors, friends & coworkers observe you and your family, who would THEY say that you serve?

Thursday: 07.05.2012

Prayer Focus: Our children & grandchildren

Passage: Judges 2:6-13

Insight: "...another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what He had done for Israel." After Joshua and his generation died, it didn't take long for the nation of Israel to forget the Lord and begin worshipping idols.

What are you doing to make sure the next generation knows & follows the Lord? Do they know of God's faithfulness to you? Have you impressed on them the importance of following and obeying the Lord? Have you considered how future generations will be influenced by your faithfulness... or your neglect?

Friday: 07.06.2012

Prayer Focus: Our nation's leaders

Passage: Judges 2:10-22, 17:6, 21:25

Insight: Israel did what was right in her own eyes. God's people forgot Him & served other gods. These gods were powerless to save them from their enemies, so they called out to the Lord. God would raise up leader (Judge) who would save them from their oppression. They would serve God, until the Judge died, then the cycle would begin again.

Are you following the Lord... or a spiritual leader? What happens when that leader leaves? How easily do you get off track spiritually? Do you make decisions based on your own wisdom? Or are God's principles the basis for your choices?



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