

**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 ...*



**Romans 13:11-14 | *The Day is Near***

<sup>11</sup> And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.



# Digging Deeper

[Engage the message throughout the week]

## Monday: 9.05.2011

**Prayer Focus:** Seymour Elementary

**Passage:** Matthew 25:1-13

**Insight:** *In this parable, Jesus compares his followers to wedding party attendants ready and waiting for the groom to come for his bride. Consider the attitude of the five attendants who are prepared and the five who are not. Which group would you place yourself in? What does it mean for you to be prepared?*

**My Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Tuesday: 9.06.2011

**Prayer Focus:** Early Childhood Center + Springview Element.

**Passage:** Romans 13:12-13

**Insight:** *The Apostle Paul identifies behaviors and attitudes that don't fit with the coming light of Christ. He warns us to put away these behaviors and to be prepared for Christ. Are there behaviors and attitudes that you need to put away so that you can be prepared for Jesus?*

**My Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Wednesday: 9.07.2011

**Prayer Focus:** Elms Elementary

**Passage:** Psalm 119:33-40

**Insight:** *The Psalmist reminds us that it is God who teaches us how to obey and love him. Are you looking to God to teach you to follow him, or are you trying by yourself? Begin asking God to help you love and follow him more closely*

**My Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Thursday: 9.08.2011

**Prayer Focus:** Flushing Middle School

**Passage:** Romans 13:11-14

**Insight:** *We are encouraged to 'put on the Lord Jesus Christ.' How can you 'wear' Jesus this week? Be creative and think of specific ways to do this at work, at home, at church, and with strangers.*

**My Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Friday: 9.09.2011

**Prayer Focus:** Central Elementary

**Passage:** Revelation 21:3-5

**Insight:** *As Christians we find hope and encouragement in this version of Jesus putting everything right in the end. Are there areas in your life that you need to surrender to God and have faith that he will put it right in the end?*

**My Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## The Greatest Gift

Praying | Preparing | Investing | Inviting

Throughout the week, list at least one person per day who you feel that God is placing on your heart to reach out ... to pay it forward. Who needs to hear about God's love? Who needs to see God's love in action?



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Take some time to write down your story of grace. How did Jesus save your soul? How will your friends whom you love respond best.

At the end of the week, send your names to Pastor Terry (first names only) so that he and the Pastoral Team can join you in praying for your loved one.

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