

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – Oct 31st-November 5
Doing Live Together: Ready Set Go

MONDAY: Matthew 7:24, James 2:14, Jeremiah 11:6

KEY VERSE: James 1:22

OBSERVATION It is important to remember that our obedience to God is not solely a matter of duty. We obey Him because we love Him (John 14:23). Also, we understand that the spirit of obedience is as important as the act of obedience. We serve the Lord in humility, singleness of heart, and love. How have others seen your obedience today?

TUESDAY: 1 John 3:22-24, John 14:15, 2 John 2:3

KEY VERSE: 1 John 5:2-3

OBSERVATION: How does obedience affect our relationships with others? The Bible speaks of obedience from the wife to the husband (Ephesians 5:22), from children to their parents (Ephesians 6:1), from slaves to masters (Colossians 3:22). Obedience with joy should be shown to church leaders (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13). Obedience is expected from all Christians to persons in authority (1 Peter 2:13-14).

WEDNESDAY: Matthew 9:8, 1 Peter 2:12

KEY VERSE: Matthew 5:16

OBSERVATION: When God's children obey their Heavenly Father, He is glorified. Jesus told us that the plan is for others to "see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Of course, performing "good deeds" requires obedience to the One who calls us to good deeds. Obedience that confirms our strong witness that God is at work in the world is the primary act that brings God the greatest amount of glory. How many of our act of obedience brings God Glory? Do we ever try to hijack his Glory?

THURSDAY: Hebrews 8:10-12, Jeremiah 31:31-34

KEY VERSE: Hebrews 10:16-17

OBSERVATION: God is gracious. If we haven't been living for Him, if we haven't been following His commandments, if we've been living in and for the world, we can be transformed by the blood of Jesus Christ. We can ask God for forgiveness, and He will give it. And He will choose to forget the sin, just as if we had never committed it in the first place. God is glorified when He extends forgiveness, because it is written, "I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds. . . . Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more"

FRIDAY: Isaiah 50:5, Luke 22:41, John 5:19, John 6:38

KEY VERSE: Matthew 26:36-39

OBSERVATION: Jesus knows that the hour has come when He will be betrayed, mocked, scourged, stripped naked, nailed to the cross, forsaken by His Father, and die. As the Son of God, Jesus has the power to do whatever He wants. During His agony in Gethsemane, Jesus is in brutal anguish and distress. He throws Himself to the ground and calls out to His Father, "My Father, let this cup pass from me! Yet not what I will, but what you will" (v. 39). And again He cries out, "My Father, if this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will must be done" (v. 42). In obedience, Jesus goes to the cross. Is there a cup that God is calling you to drink? What is it? What steps are you taking today to be Christ-like in your obedience?

SATURDAY: Proverbs 8:32, John 13:17, Revelation 1:3

KEY VERSE: Luke 11:28

OBSERVATION: Jesus was speaking to people who put extremely high value on family ties. Their genealogies were important guarantees that they were part of God's chosen people. A man's value came from his ancestors, and a woman's value came from the sons she bore. Jesus' response to the woman meant that a person's obedience to God is more important than his or her place on the family tree. Consistent obedience is more important than the honor of bearing a respected son.