

## THE CHAPEL FAMILY BIBLE READING PROGRAM – NOVEMBER 9-15

**“WE ARE CAUGHT IN AN INESCAPABLE NETWORK OF MUTUALITY. TIED IN A SINGLE GARMENT OF DESITNY, WHATEVER AFFECTS ONE DIRECTLY AFFECTS ALL INDIRECTLY”. MARTIN LUTHER KING.**

**MONDAY:** Matthew 4:18-22; Galatians 3:26-29

**KEY VERSE:** Galatians 3:28

**OBSERVATION:** *“Ultimately; Americas' answer to the intolerant man is **diversity**, the very **diversity** which our heritage of religious freedom has inspired”.* Robert F. Kennedy. There are somewhere in the 20,000 to 30,000 Protestant denominations in the world. Although they share many beliefs in common, they also have unique beliefs and practices that they follow. There is a lot of **diversity** in the Protestant Church. How did that happen? Is it a good thing or a bad thing? Explain your answer. Do all of the adults at THE CHAPEL believe exactly the same thing? What potential problems can this cause?

**TUESDAY:** Revelation 7:9-12; Isaiah 56:1-8

**KEY VERSE:** Revelation 7:9

**OBSERVATION:** *“Diversity is not about how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another's' uniqueness.”* Olga Joseph. If there was no diversity in our culture, our vocations, our hobbies, interests, and our lives would that be a **1. Good Thing? 2. Bad Thing? 3. Boring. 4. Pleasing? 5. Frustrating? 6. Other?** Explain your answer.

**WEDNESDAY:** I Corinthians 12:12-31; Romans 12:4-8

**KEY VERSE:** I Corinthians 12:12

**OBSERVATION:** *“Unity in diversity (Latin: In Varietate Concordia).Motto of The European Union. “We have become not a melting pot, but a beautiful mosaic of, different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, and different dreams”.* Jimmy Carter. Imagine a world, a country, a church where everyone was exactly the same in their skills, dreams, appearance, humor etc. Would you prefer that world or the one you live in?

**THURSDAY:** I Corinthians 9:19-23; Matthew 28:16-20

**KEY VERSE:** I Corinthians 9:22

**OBSERVATION:** *“The church as a whole has strayed quite far from biblical evangelism, that is, sharing the gospel in a way the apostle did and the rest of the disciples and prophets in scripture”.* Kirk Cameron. Did you notice the diverse groups of people that Paul shared the gospel with. He had to learn how to adapt and how to share the good news in such a way that the listeners would be able to understand. What strategies have you used to talk with your friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers and others concerning salvation.

**FRIDAY:** Romans 12:1-8; I Peter 2:12

**KEY VERSE:** Romans 12:4-5

**OBSERVATION:** *“Christians are to **be** good news before they **share** the good news. The music of the gospel must **precede** the words of the gospel and **prepare** the context in which there will be a hunger for those words”.* Joe Aldrich. Do you act the same outside the walls of the church as you do inside the walls or do you become a different person? Would your friends, neighbors, and co-workers be surprised that you are a Christian or do they already know by the way you live your life?

**SATURDAY:** I Timothy 2:1-4; Ephesians 1:15-17; Colossians 1:9

**KEY VERSE:** I Timothy 2:1-2

**OBSERVATION:** We all have a diversity of leaders in our lives. We have leaders at work; in the government; service organizations; sports teams and even in the church. Do you pray for those leaders on a regular basis or do you complain about them behind their back? How might you improve in this area?