

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – Sept 5-10 ***Doing Live Together ... Not the Option by the Solution***

MONDAY: Acts 2:42-47; Ephesians 4:14

KEY VERSE: Acts 2:46

OBSERVATION: Christians can be the same – we might be born into new life with Jesus, but if we are left on our own, we can have that same “failure to thrive syndrome” in our spiritual lives. What amount of your time do you spend alone pursuing your growth as a Christian compared to your time with others?

TUESDAY: 1 John 1:3-7; 1 John 4:20; 1 Corinthians 1:9

KEY VERSE: 1 John 1:3 6-7

OBSERVATION: John doesn't say, “We are telling you these things so that you can know Jesus like we do,” he says “we are telling you these things so that you can be part of this community that knows Jesus.” The early Christians could not even conceive of a Christian outside of a Christian community. “They devoted themselves to the fellowship.” Would you be called a person that is devoted to the fellowship? How would that be seen by others?

WEDNESDAY: Acts 5:42; Acts 20:7; Luke 24:53

KEY VERSE: Luke 24:53

OBSERVATION: Mel Lawrenz gives this definition of the Greek word “koinonia” that is often translated “fellowship.” “the Greek term koinonia is rendered in English translations in various passages as “fellowship,” “participation,” “sharing,” “partnership,” and “communion.” Elements of koinonia, such as sharing material goods, sharing in ministry, and being partners in the gospel, are rooted in the spiritual reality of a connection between believers that is based on their connection to Christ.”

THURSDAY: Ecclesiastes 4:9-14; Proverbs 27:17;

KEY VERSE: Hebrews 10:24

OBSERVATION: Vance Havner says: “Snowflakes are frail, but if enough of them get together they can stop traffic.” Think and write down five benefits of Community within a small group?

FRIDAY: John 13:35; Romans 14:13; Col 3:16

KEY VERSE: Col. 3:16

OBSERVATION: Small Groups is our best chance to create deep face to face relationship that can maximize growth, trust, and maturity. What is keeping you back from finding a few friends to journey with you to spiritual maturity?

SATURDAY: Genesis 2:18; Matthew 28:19-20; John 13:34-35

KEY VERSE: Colossians 2:2

OBSERVATION: Dr. Bilezikian writes: It is in small groups that people can get close enough to know each other, to care and share, to challenge and support, to confide and confess, to forgive and be forgiven, to laugh and weep together, to be accountable to each other, to watch over each other and to grow together. Personal growth does not happen in isolation. It is the result of interactive relationships. Small groups are God's gift to foster changes in character and spiritual growth. When will you starting doing life together with others? What wait?