

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – January 15 - 20
Doing Life Together – State of the Church 2018 Theme

MONDAY: Philippians 3:13, Hebrews 5:14,

KEY VERSE: Hebrews 6:1-2

OBSERVATION: If you're just surviving, you're not living the life that God created you to live. God intends for you to thrive. You're meant to grow to your fullest potential in life by knowing God and making Him known. Pursuing those purposes will make it possible for you to enjoy the best in life.

TUESDAY: Colossians 3:23, Romans 6:17

KEY VERSE: Ephesians 6:7

OBSERVATION: As a tree reaches out to its surroundings with branches, God calls you to reach out to others to make him known to them through relationships. Doing so helps you show the world that you belong to Jesus and that Jesus is God. Once you're thriving, you're meant to help others start to thrive, by sharing your faith, mentoring others through discipleship, and serving others with acts of love and compassion.

WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 15:3, Jeremiah 16:17,

KEY VERSE: Zechariah 4:10

OBSERVATION: Rather than worrying about trying to do something big for God in the future, simply do whatever small things God calls you to do right now, and your faithfulness will have a big impact for the better on the people around you.

THURSDAY: Ecclesiastes 3:13, 2 Chronicles 1:12

KEY VERSE: Ecclesiastes 5:19

OBSERVATION: Some people see life today as the Witches in Shakespeare's Macbeth put it, 'Double, double toil and trouble.' My own perspective on life changed when a friend wisely pointed out to me that, in a sense, this life is a series of problem-solving exercises. We will never be without problems in this life. If, in the midst of all the challenges, you cannot learn to thrive in the situation in which you find yourself, you will never find contentment.

FRIDAY: Romans 12:3, 1 Corinthians 11:34

KEY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 7:17

OBSERVATION: One of the key issues for our generation is the anxiety and listlessness which comes from constant comparison and FOMO (fear of missing out). The answer to FOMO is found in the words with which Paul says in verse 17: 'Don't be wishing you were someplace else or with someone else. Where you are right now is God's place for you'

SATURDAY: John 15:16, John 15:2, Matthew 7:7

KEY VERSE: John 15:5-7

OBSERVATION: This scripture explains what happens to us when we leave the true gospel: we wither. How can you tell if you have started to wither? You are more concerned about being right than you are about developing strong relationships with people, you get critical easily toward people rather than love people and you lose self-awareness because you are more concerned about how you look in the eyes of others rather than dealing with your own sin. But the good news is you don't have to stay this way. There is a surefire way to get back on track to obeying the true gospel and to get that refreshment from a renewed faith. We do this by choosing to repent.