The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – February 5 - 10 Doing Life Together – State of the Church Stump Stories pt 3

MONDAY: Isaiah 55:6-7, John 7:37, Psalm 107:9

KEY VERSE: John 3:2

OBSERVATION: Nicodemus was thirsty for the truth and he had a hungry soul that could only be satisfied by the Bread of Life. He did not stumble across the Lord but set out deliberately to meet Him and to bring his problems to Him. If anyone does that they can be quite sure that the Lord will welcome them and will grant them His help. How great it is when we really mean business, when we put aside all our prejudices and seek the Lord!

TUESDAY: Psalm 51:5, Romans 7:18, 1 Corinthians 15:50

KEY VERSE: John 3:6

OBSERVATION: The flesh can never be altered into anything other than the flesh. We cannot alter the nature with which we were born, and that nature is a fallen nature. We were \mathbb{D}'' sinful from the time of birth"- there has been a moral downfall in every heart. The flesh may be dressed up, it may in fact be religious, reformed and respectable, but it is still the flesh.

WEDNESDAY: Ezekiel 36:26, John 1:13,

KEY VERSE: John 3:4,5

OBSERVATION: Look at verse 4 to see the question Nicodemus asked – and the Lord answers in verse 5: '②Yes, Nicodemus, you can be born again, not in a natural sense, but spiritually born from above.' Thank God, it does not matter how old a person is; he can be born again. By far the majority of Christians were born again when they were young, but there is not a single word of scripture that leads us to believe that older people cannot be born again.

THURSDAY:

KEY VERSE: John 3:7

OBSERVATION: Jesus said this in verses 3 and 7, and because the Lord used the word "unless" in verse 3 and the word "must" in verse 7, we are left in no doubt about the matter. We simply must be born again if we are going to be saved and if we are going to heaven to live forever with the Lord. Have you been born again?

FRIDAY: John 5:24, KEY VERSE: John 3:14,15

OBSERVATION: Look at verses 14 and 15. Jesus said, 2'I am going to be lifted up on the Cross, and the way for the new birth to take place in your heart is for you to trust in Me completely.' It is so simple and so wonderful. If you, by faith, will look away to the risen Lord Jesus, He promises you will pass from death to life!

SATURDAY: Romans 5:12 **KEY VERSE:** John 3:16-18

OBSERVATION: Everyone is guilty of sinning against God. The Bible says that the punishment for our sin is to be separated from God and punished forever. This applies to EVERYONE (Romans 5:12). But Jesus had great news for Nicodemus, and for all people. Jesus told Nicodemus that EVERYONE who believes in Him will be SAVED from the punishment they deserve, and they will no longer be separated from God.