

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – March 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
***Doing Life Together – 3D Life***

**MONDAY:**

**KEY VERSE** Ephesians 4:17

**OBSERVATION:** When Paul says, “I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord,” he is saying the following instruction is God’s command and not his own.

God called believers to be different from the world throughout biblical history. When he called Israel to be his people out of all the nations, he said this to them through Moses. (Leviticus 18:2-4) Later, in Leviticus 19:2, he said, “Be holy, because I, the Lord your God, am holy.” Essentially, while the pagan nations worshipped many gods, and were known for promiscuity, dishonest business practices, etc., Israel was called to be different.

**TUESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Ephesians 4:20-21

**OBSERVATION:** Paul uses pedagogical (teaching) terms. The phrase “you heard of him” should actually be translated as “you heard him”—“of” isn’t in the original language. This is special. As the majority of these Asian believers had never heard Christ teach in person, Paul is saying that any time they heard Scripture, Christ spoke to them.

**WEDNESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** James 1:22

**OBSERVATION:** James said, “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says” (1:22). What are they deceived about? They are deceived about their faith. They are not truly Christ’s disciples. Only those who hear and obey God’s Word are truly born again. Christ says, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven” (Matt 7:21). Only those who do the Father’s will enter the kingdom of heaven.

**THURSDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Ephesians 4:22-24

**OBSERVATION:** The “old self” refers to what believers were before salvation. It refers to the sinful life we lived before following Christ. When born again, our old self (in the sense of its power over us) dies. Romans 6:6-7 says, “For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.” On the cross, Christ crucified our old self so that it might be done away with.

**FRIDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** 2 Peter 1:4

**OBSERVATION:** Peter says believers participate in the Divine nature (2 Peter 1:4). God not only gives us a new mind at salvation, but also his very nature, including new affections and desires. Jonathan Edwards calls these “religious affections.”

**SATURDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Philippians 4:8

**OBSERVATION:** Whatever we think on, we will eventually do. The world lives in an ungodly manner because of the “futility of their thinking” (Eph 4:17). However, believers live godly lives by redeeming their minds from the foolishness of the world. They develop a biblical worldview by meditating on and obeying God’s Word.