

Based on this week's sermon...

SCRIPTURE

Write down the scripture verse(s) that caught your attention.

OBSERVATION

What do you think God is saying to you in this scripture?

APPLICATION

Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now.

PRAYER

Write out your prayer based on what God has said to you today.

This Week's Life Journal Readings

Saturday, Apr 17

I Sam. 19; I Chr. 7
Ps. 59; Mt. 4

Sunday, Apr 18

I Sam. 20, 21
Ps. 34; Mt. 5

Monday, Apr 19

I Sam. 22
Ps. 17, 35; Mt. 6

Tuesday, Apr 20

I Sam. 23
Ps. 31, 54; Mt. 7

Wednesday, Apr 21

I Sam. 2; Ps. 57, 58
I Chr. 8; Mt. 8

Thursday, Apr 22

I Sam. 25, 26
Ps. 63; Mt. 9

Friday, Apr 23

I Sam. 27; Ps. 141
I Chr. 9; Mt. 10

Saturday, Apr 24

I Sam. 28, 29
Ps. 109; Mt. 11

Sunday, Apr 25

I Sam. 30, 31
I Chr. 10; Mt. 12



Transformers

SUNDAY, APR 17/18, 2010

SPEAKER: DOUG RHIND

Scripture: Acts 12:1-19

_____ emerges from the _____
of our _____.

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! {Isaiah 26:3 NLT-SE}

Acts 12:11

Exodus 14:13-14

Lamentations 3:18-29

Psalms 94:19

Romans 15:13

_____ crises require a
_____ spiritual _____.

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. {Acts 12:5 NIV}

Daniel 3:7-18

1 Samuel 14:6

Faith = Prayer + Action {James 2:17}

Romans 8:28

Re-read and re-examine 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 and highlight the ways that the body of Christ interacts within itself. How can we as members of the body, nurture and develop our capacity to respond to the Holy Spirit who makes us aware of the needs within the body? Are there practical ways in which this can be accomplished?

Although we are spiritually connected to each other through the Holy Spirit, we tend to find ourselves disconnected from real needs of our brothers and sisters. How does this happen? Are there any examples from your life where you have overcome this tendency?

Digging Deeper: Paul modeled a strong dependence on the prayers of others to help and sustain him in difficulties. Refresh yourself with how he modeled this out in daily life (Rom. 15:30-31; 2 Corin. 1:11; Ephes. 6:18-20; Phil. 1:19; Col. 4:3-4; 2 Thess. 3:1-2; Philemon 1:22).



There appears to be an absence of any reference to Peter praying for his release or deliverance from his imprisonment. Do you think this was indicative of his having accepted his fate, or was this a result of God having given him sustaining peace?

In times of impending doom, how can we grow towards becoming the kind of individuals who are resolved to trusting God? How do we train ourselves to refuse to fall into a victim mindset? How do we keep ourselves from becoming resigned to accepting fate, as if one had no prayerful say in the matter?

Digging Deeper: Meditate upon Philippians 4:6-7. What are we commanded not to do? What are we commanded to do?



The church was called to action to pray for Peter “most strenuously” (Message). What would this kind of prayer look like?

Has it occurred to you that one way that we serve one another is through the call to prayer and intercession?

Have you had times of crisis when you felt called to serve another through strenuous prayer?

Discuss a time when you were so overwhelmed by some problem that you couldn't even pray. Discuss how the importance of other people's prayers for you sustained you at that time.

Discuss a time when you felt an intense need to pray for someone even when you didn't know what the need was.

Digging Deeper : 2 Corin. 9:13-15; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:12

But the word of God continued to increase and spread.

Acts 12:24 NIV

CLG Notes

Refer back to your notes from Sunday as you work through this CLG material.



Scripture uses the analogy of a human body to describe the nature or essence of how the body of Christ interacts and functions (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:12-31). The body of Christ has the capacity, through the indwelling person and presence of the Holy Spirit, to express itself corporately in response to a member or members need. That need may range from the experience of difficulty, to the desire or request for healing. The point is that there is a spiritual solidarity that exists in the body of Christ that allows it to care for itself in times of distress.