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EXTRA

A GUIDE FOR MEETING GOD DAILY IN HIS WORD

Welcome to *EXTRA*

EXTRA was created as an additional resource to use with Scripture Union's daily devotional *Discovery*. It is an excellent tool for small group Bible study and can also enhance your own individual Bible reading. These questions will encourage you to dig deeper into the meaning of the Scripture passages you have read during the week.

Psalm 45; Mark 7:1 - 8:21

- 1.** How can you ensure that you have not stopped following God and are just holding on to human traditions (Mark 7:8)?
- 2.** What can you learn from the faith of the Syrophenician woman?
- 3.** Why do you think the Pharisees asked Jesus for a sign from heaven (Mark 8:11)?
- 4.** Why were the Pharisees incapable of understanding Jesus? What can you learn from them?

Psalm 46; Mark 8:22-26; Isaiah 46, 48, 49

- 1.** What does it mean to you that God describes himself as “the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go”? Why does God identify himself as such?
- 2.** Why do you think the Lord instructs the Israelites to leave Babylon?
- 3.** Is there any part of Isaiah 49 that reminds you of Jesus?
- 4.** How can the redemption present in Isaiah 49 give hope to us today?

Psalm 49; Romans 16:17-27; Genesis 28:10 - 31:21

1. How can you practically “be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil” (Romans 16:19)?
2. Why do you think God spoke to Jacob through a dream? In what ways has God spoken to you?
3. What significance does the well hold in the meeting of Jacob and Rachel?
4. What can we learn from the deception of Laban? What can we learn from Jacob’s response?

Psalm 50; Genesis 31:22 - 33:20, 35:1-15

- 1.** Why did Rachel take the household gods from Laban? Why did she hide them from Laban after he pursued them?
- 2.** How can Jacob wrestling with God encourage us in our own faith? Have you ever felt like you are wrestling with God?
- 3.** What can we learn about the Lord from the interactions between Jacob and Esau? What can we learn about reconciliation?
- 4.** Why was it important that all in Jacob's camp got rid of their household gods and purified themselves before they built an altar to God? What does this demonstrate about Jacob's changing nature?

Psalm 51; Genesis 35:16-29; Acts 16:11 - 17:34

- 1.** What is the significance of the Lord opening Lydia's heart (Acts 16:14)? What does this teach us about matters of conversion?

- 2.** Why do you think the owners of the slave girl were so angry with Paul commanding the spirit to come out of her?

- 3.** How did Paul and Silas' actions lead to the conversion of the jailer?

- 4.** Why was Paul distressed to see the city of Athens full of idols? What example can this have for us?

Psalm 52; Acts 18:1 - 20:24

- 1.** What role did the Lord's words to Paul in a vision have on Paul? What does this demonstrate about listening for the Lord's voice?
- 2.** Why do you think some who had practiced sorcery came and burned their scrolls? (Acts 19)?
- 3.** What was the reaction to the gospel in Ephesus? Why do you think this was their reaction?
- 4.** What would your life look like if your only task was to testify "to the good news of God's grace" (Acts 20:24), as Paul said was his only task?

Psalm 53; Acts 20:25-38; Hosea 1-3, 6:1 - 7:2, 11

1. Why did the Lord instruct Hosea to “marry a promiscuous woman” (Hosea 1:2)?
2. How is the unrepentance of Israel significant?
3. What can we learn from the character of Hosea?
4. How is God’s love for Israel still evident, despite their waywardness?

Psalm 56; Mark 10:46-52; 2 Samuel 8, 11, 12, 15

1. Why do you think Jesus asked the blind man to tell him what he wants (Mark 10:51)?
2. What is significant about David “doing what was just and right for all his people” (2 Samuel 8:15) and three chapters later in Scripture, committing adultery? What can this teach us about ensuring we are remaining in God?
3. Why did Nathan present David’s sin to him in the manner that he did (2 Samuel 12)?
4. How does David’s reaction to Absalom’s actions demonstrate his trust in God?

