

Transformation Journal

November 22

Daily Devotions for the week of November 22, 2009

Monday: Review yesterday's notes. As disciples of Jesus, he moves us from being preference driven to mission focused. Pay close attention to verse 23 and reflect on how he does this.

Scripture: Read Luke 9:21-27

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. Will you tithe for the rest of the year as a symbol of your commitment to **deny yourself**?
2. Will you take a risk to serve outside of your comfort zone in some way this week (see Sunday's pink insert for suggestions) as a symbol of your commitment to **take up your cross**?
3. Will you pray daily for the relaunch of our church as a means of expressing to God our desire to **follow Christ** and keep focused on his mission of making disciples.

Prayer Focus

Listen to God to see if your answer to the above three questions agrees with God's will for you.

Tuesday: *Followers of Jesus are commissioned to carry out his mission of making disciples. This is the mission of every follower of Jesus. As we take risks to follow him he promised to be with us always and wherever Jesus is there is abundant life.*

Scripture: Read Matthew 28:16-20

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. How focused are you on your mission to make disciples of Jesus?
2. What distracts you from this mission?
3. Where is your mission field?

Prayer Focus

Pray for the relaunch of our church as a means of expressing to God our desire to **follow Christ** and keep focused on his mission of making disciples.

Wednesday: *Acts 1:8 is Luke's version (Luke is the writer of Acts) of the Great Commission (Tuesday's reading). Jesus gives his followers power to be his witnesses everywhere. You fulfill Jesus' mission of making disciples by witnessing to what God is doing in your life.*

Scripture: Read Acts 1:6-11

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. Are you intimidated by the word witness? What is it in its most basic sense?
2. Where is your "Jerusalem," "Judea," "Samaria" and the ends of the earth?

Prayer Focus

Pray for the relaunch of our church as a means of expressing to God our desire to **follow Christ** and keep focused on his mission of making disciples.

Thursday: *Happy Thanksgiving!* *Today's reading is a Psalm of Thanksgiving for the earth's bounty. Notice how a biblical way of giving thanks is to witness to how you see God at work in the world.*

Scripture: **Read Psalm 65**

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. How do you see God at work in the world? In other words, what is your witness today?
2. Look for opportunities today to give thanks by sharing with others where you see God at work. For instance, if you're asked to give a Thanksgiving blessing before a meal, simply include a few sentences about how you see God at work. Psalm 65 is an example of this.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the relaunch of our church as a means of expressing to God our desire to **follow Christ** and keep focused on his mission of making disciples.

Friday: *Pay particular attention to verses 19- 20 in today's reading. God does not leave us to live for ourselves and a life of comfort and preference. Rather, Christ lives in us and we are free to live by faith as opposed to being bound to live by our modern culture of preference (listen to Sunday's message again to recall the difference - www.goodsam.info)*

Scripture: **Read Galatians 2:15-21**

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. How are you doing with the commitments you made on Monday (see journal questions for Monday)

Prayer Focus

Pray for the relaunch of our church as a means of expressing to God our desire to **follow Christ** and keep focused on his mission of making disciples.

Saturday – Read over your notes for the week and see how you are doing with your personal applications.