

# JANUARY

## DAILY READINGS

*Ezra "set his heart to study the law" (Ezra 7:10). Our prayer is that you would love God & others more as a result of being devoted to the word and applying it to your life and the church.*

### **Sunday, January 5th | Prayer & Praise Service**

- [6] Ps 105:1-15 | Give thanks to God for what He has done in 2019
- [7] Ps 96:1-13 | Praise God for Who He is.
- [8] Ps 95 | Ask God to show you any area(s) in your life in which you are not submitting to the lordship of God.
- [9] Ps 98 | Praise & thank God for His saving acts throughout history, but especially salvation through Jesus Christ.
- [10] Review Phil 3 | In Philippians we learned that Paul had made the worthy choice – Knowing Christ Jesus. This was not only a knowledge of facts, but a knowledge gained through experience that transforms the entire person. Do you know Christ in this way?
- [11] Phil 3:7-12 | How can I know Christ more? In what area of my life does God want me to grow? Be specific.

### **Sunday, January 12th | "Up" Sunday**

- [13] Phil 4 | In Philippians 4, Paul challenges us to “stand firm in the Lord” in the following areas: pursuing unity, rejoicing in the Lord, being gracious, relieving anxiety through prayer, and thinking rightly or biblically. If we do so, we will grow in knowing Jesus Christ.
- [14] Phil 4:1-3 | Is there someone in your life currently in which you need to pursue peace or unity? Is there someone whom you are finding it difficult to love and you need to ask God to give you His love for this person?
- [15] Phil 4:4 | How are you doing at maintaining a joyful heart? Are you relying on your circumstances for joy or contentment? Or are you relying on your relationship with Jesus?
- [16] Phil 4:5 | Do you consider yourself a gracious person? Is your graciousness evident to others?
- [17] Phil 4:6-7; Mt 6:25-34 | What are the three things Paul tells us in Philippians 4:6-7 about dealing with anxiety?

- [18] Phil 4:8-9 | How does one think on admirable things? Is there an area of your thought life in which you need to surrender to God?

### **Sunday, January 19th | "In" Sunday**

- [20] Phil 3:12-16 | Mature Christians are motivated to press on toward the end destination. This is a team sport and part of pressing ahead is helping others press ahead. How can you do that?
- [21] Pray about how God might want to use you in 2020 to encourage other believers?
- [22] Phil 4:10 | Thank God for the generosity of other believers. Thank God for those who care for you or bless you in various ways.
- [23] Phil 4:14-16 | Consider your relationship with other believers at The Gathering or in your community group. Are you a consumer or a co-laborer? If the former, pray about how you can become a partner in God's work.
- [24] Phil 4:17-20; 2 Cor 9:5-15 | In what area is God prompting you to be generous?
- [25] *Seek to memorize one meaningful verse from this month's reading plan.*

### **Sunday, January 26th | "Out" Sunday**

- [27] Mt 28:18-20 | What is your plan to take part in the Great Commission this coming year? In what area do you believe you need to be equipped in order to make disciples of others?
  - [28] Take time to pray for one person in your life who does not know the Lord.
  - [29] Pray for an opportunity to share “your story” with another person today.
  - [30] Phil 4:11-13 | Christian contentment is rooted in our relationship with Christ. Are you preoccupied with your circumstances or your Savior?
  - [31] Phil 4:11-13 | Has a lack of contentment made you less flexible to live on mission? Christian contentment makes us flexible; adaptable, open to wherever the Lord wants to send us.
- February [1] Phil 4:11-13 | Where or to whom does God want to send you today?