



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, July 5th | "Sustained Revival-Discipleship" Col 1:28-29; 2 Tim 2 Embraces the New Testament Church Part 2

- [6] Col 1:28-29 | What principles do these verses offer about sharing your faith with others? What can you do to be better equipped to share your story?
- [7] Read 2 Tim 2. Journal any observations about discipling.
- [8] 2 Tim 2:15, 22-26 | What counsel do I receive as a disciple? What are the responsibilities of disciplers? Of people being disciplined?
- [9] Read 2 Tim 2 again. What are the costs of discipleship?
- [10] Ask God to show you 3 people He'd like you to focus on over the next year. Pray daily for them and ask the Lord to give you opportunities to share with them. Which of these 3 would God have you invest deeply in?
- [11] Eph 3:20 | What assurances does God give in this passage? What does this verse mean to you as you begin to disciple another?

Sunday, July 12th | Revelation-7 Churches "A Letter to the church in Ephesus" Revelation 2:1-7

- [13] Acts 18-20 | Read these verses to gain helpful background information about the history and spiritual heritage of the church in Ephesus. How long did Paul spend in Ephesus establishing and teaching this church? (Act 20:31)
- [14] Rev 2:1-7 | What does Jesus commend these believers for? What do you think is God's view on holding "right doctrine"?
- [15] Rev 2:1-7; Jer 2:2,5,11-13,32 | What is Jesus' criticism of the Ephesian church? What do you think this means? What does it look like to lose your first love?
- [16] Rev 2:5 | What instructions did Jesus give to those who have left their first love? What steps could you personally and members of The Gathering corporately take to restore our first love for Christ?
- [17] Rev 2:5 | What warning does Jesus issue to this church? What might it look like for a church to have its "lampstand removed"?
- [18] Rev 2:7 | What promise is given to "the one who conquers"? Read more about this tree in Rev 22:1-5.

Sunday, July 19th | Revelation-7 Churches "The Letter to the church in Smyrna" Revelation 2:8-11

- [20] Rev 2:8-11 | What word would you use to describe the church in Smyrna? What is the description of Christ in these verses? What is the significance of this description?
- [21] Rev 2:9; Isa 64:9; Phil 2:8; Heb 4:15-16; 1 Pet 2:22-24 | Jesus' words in Rev 2:9 came from one who can identify with those who suffer. Consider Jesus' personal experience with suffering as you read the additional scriptures for today.
- [22] Acts 7 | Read the account of the first Christian martyr in Acts 7. What was Stephen's response to those who stoned him and how was he able to respond this way?
- [23] Rev 2:10 | What was the promise given to the believers in Smyrna? Stephen received this same crown, a victor's crown, for his faithful witness for Christ.
- [24] Rev 2:8-11 | How can The Gathering demonstrate its faithfulness as an overcomer today?
- [25] If Jesus sent a personalized letter to The Gathering, what do you think He might say? It can be tempting to focus on the problems and "negatives" in a church. Make a list of "positives" or commendations that would apply to The Gathering. Spend time thanking the Lord for those things.

Sunday, July 26th | Revelation-7 Churches "A Letter to the church in Pergamum" Revelation 2:12-17

- [27] Rev 2:12-17 | Summarize the praiseworthy and blameworthy traits of the church in Pergamum.
- [28] Rev 2:12-17 | How does Jesus describe Himself in verse 12? Compare 1:16; 2:16; 19:15-21. What is this sword and what does Jesus use it for? How is it appropriate for Pergamum?
- [29] Rev 2:13 | How does Jesus' words, "I know where you dwell" encourage believers today who live in difficult or threatening situations? What challenges do we face today?
- [30] 1 Cor 10:14; Jude 4; Jas 4:4; 1 Jn 2:15-17 | What are some ways that God's people practice spiritual adultery today?
- [31] Do you think Jesus would consider the church at The Gathering a "faithful witness"? Pray for the purity of The Gathering. Pray for our spiritual leaders. Ask God to fill them with the knowledge of His will and to give them courage and boldness to stand for righteousness in the midst of a dark culture.
- [Aug 1] Rev 2:12-17; Ps 78:24-25; Jn 6:31-35,48-51,57-58 | What reward is promised to the one who "conquers" or "overcomes"? What is the significance this might have for believers?



Pray for 5 people to know Christ



Pray for 3 people to invest in
