



SEPTEMBER

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, Aug 30th | Baptism Sunday

- [31] Jn 16:33; 2 Cor 2:14; 1 Jn 5:4 | A key concept in the Christian life is that of conquering or overcoming. How do these verses encourage you today?
- [1] Rev 2:7,11,17,26; 3:5,12,21 | Each of the seven letters to the churches contained one or more promises to the "one who conquers." Review these promises & consider the significance of each.
- [2] The commendation to those who "conquer" (overcome) is a commendation for faithfulness. Are you living as an example of an overcome? If not, why not?
- [3] Rom 12:21 | Have you experienced any form of persecution because of your commitment to Christ? How did you respond? Was your response consistent with the principle of "overcoming evil with good?"
- [4] Heb 12:1-4 | Is sin *being conquered* in your life (process of sanctification) & how are you saying no to fleshly desires? The key to not losing heart & growing weary is found in Heb. 12:1-4. Seek to memorize these verses.
- [5] Read Romans 8, focusing on verses 35-37. Spend some time thanking Jesus for being your conquering Savior & providing all you need to live as an overcomer!

Sunday, Sept 6th | Romans Overview "The Righteousness of God"

- [7] Go to www.thebibleproject.com/explore/romans and watch the first video (Part 1). Write down anything (observations or questions) that stands out to you.
- [8] Rom 1-4 | What are some of the key words & ideas that struck you?
- [9] Go to www.thebibleproject.com/explore/romans & watch the second video (Part 2).
- [10] Rom 5-8 | Make some general observations about these chapters.
- [11] Rom 9-11 | What title would you give these chapters?
- [12] Rom 12-16 | From your reading of Romans, what have you learned about Paul (his character, goals, etc.)?

Sunday, Sept 13th | "I Love My Church" Up/In/Out Sunday

- [14] Psa 111 | This Sunday is the second anniversary of The Gathering. Each day this week, write out a prayer of gratitude for what God has done in your life & in the life of our church during this time.
- [15] Psa 77 | Dave Horner defines remembering as "Actively, earnestly, deliberately reflecting on God & thinking carefully about what He's said & done. Rehearsing,

recalling, & relishing His story & our role in it. Thanking Him, praising Him for rescuing us, & for giving us the gifts & opportunities we've had for success & service. Acknowledging who we are & whose we are." How often do you intentionally practice remembering?

- [16] Psa 105:1-15 | Write out a prayer of praise for Who God is & what He has done in your life. [Up]
- [17] 1 Chron 16:8-36 | Thank God for how He has worked in our church during these past 2 years. [In]
- [18] Psa 143 | Write out a prayer of gratitude for how God has worked in the lives of those at The Gathering or in your Community Group.
- [19] Psa 9 | Write out a prayer of thanks for the opportunities He has provided for you to share the Good News. [Out]

Sunday, Sept 20th | "The Righteousness of God" Romans 1:1-7

- [21] Rom 1:1-7 | Read the Intro to Romans from a Study Bible. From verses 1-7, how does Paul identify himself, his message, his mission, & his readers?
- [22] Rom 1:1-7 | Look up the words "servant/slave" and "apostle" in a dictionary. What do you think Paul meant when he identified himself as these?
- [23] Rom 1:1-7 | The words "call" & "called" occur four times in verses 1-7. Who calls? Who are called? What are they called to be & do?
- [24] Rom 1:1-7 | What do these verses say about Who Jesus is, who you are, & the obedience of faith?
- [25] Rom 1:1-7 | How do we know that Jesus is the Son of God (v4)?
- [26] Rom 1:1-7 | Like the Romans, we have been called to the obedience of faith & to be saints, holy, set apart. What are some actions, decisions, & priorities this calling implies for your life?

Sunday, Sept 27th | "The Righteousness of God" Romans 1:8-17

- [28] Rom 1:8-17 | For what does Paul thank God? What does Paul pray for?
- [29] Rom 1:8-17 | Why does Paul want to go to Rome?
- [30] Rom 1:8-17 | Why is Paul unashamed to preach the gospel, even among strangers? Do you ever feel ashamed of the gospel? Why?
- [Oct 1] *Seek to memorize verse 16.*
- [2] Rom 1:1-17 | In what ways are Paul's priorities, attitudes, & desires good examples for you to follow?
- [3] Rom 1:8-17 | What difference should this passage make to your life? Find one way to act in the obedience of faith.



Pray for 5 people to know Christ



Pray for 3 people to invest in