

Week 155 – w/c 27/10/19

Monday: Luke 19:11-27. In this parable each servant was given the same amount of money to look after and do business with. The Gospel message is given in equal measure to all believers. When Jesus returns, He will come to reward us according to our faithfulness, and we will be rewarded with different levels of authority in His kingdom. How are you using your gifts to further the Kingdom of God?

Tuesday: Numbers 14:26-45. When Moses told the Israelites what God had said they mourned. They were sorry for their sin but not sorry enough to turn their hearts to a genuine trust in God. They thought that they could make it better through religious works and words but their hearts were not changed. When you seek God's guidance do you obey or do you try to do God's will in your own way?

Wednesday: 2 Kings 20:1-21. There is no doubt that Hezekiah started out as a godly king, and overall his reign was one of outstanding godliness. Yet his beginning was much better than his end; Hezekiah did not finish well. God gave Hezekiah the gift of 15 more years of life, but the added years did not make him a better or a more godly man. What changes do you need to make to be able to finish well?

Thursday: Psalm 115:1-18. It was natural that the nations asked "Where is their God?" because they were so used to worshiping idols. We become like what we worship. When we worship the true God, the God perfectly revealed in Jesus Christ, we become like Him. When we worship false idols, we become like them. Spend time praising the living God today, giving thanks for his love and faithfulness.

Friday: Ezekiel 23:1-21. There was at least one significant way that the sins of Jerusalem were much worse than the sins of Samaria. Jerusalem had the example of Samaria to take warning from and to learn by. But they did not. They saw Samaria's sin and the judgment that came upon her, yet followed in the same ways. Do you learn from your past mistakes and the mistakes of others?

Weekend: 1 Timothy 5:1-15. The advice Paul is giving to Timothy is valid for pastors today. At times members of the congregation may need to be rebuked. No one likes to be rebuked; but the wise person uses the rebuke as a valuable means to growth. How do you respond to being rebuked? Do you consider your hurt feelings to be more important than the truth of the rebuke?