

Week 167 – w/c 19/1/20

Monday: Luke 24:36-53 When Jesus appeared to the disciples, they were so overcome with the joy of his resurrection that they did not, for some time, properly receive the evidence that was before them. They thought it was too good to be true. When was the last time you were overcome with the joy of the presence of God?

Tuesday: Numbers 23:1-30 In the second prophecy God is telling Balak of his Divine nature. God doesn't lie, he doesn't change his mind and he keeps his promises. Balak is clearly frustrated by Balaam's response. He wishes Balaam would say nothing rather than to bless the Israelites. Praise God for his steadfastness and faithfulness.

Wednesday: 1 Chronicles 7:1-40 These verses record how many fighting men were ready for battle in each tribe. They were trained for battle and were looking for victory. We are in a spiritual battle. Our vision statement says that we are an army of passionate disciples. Are you fighting at the frontline or are you lounging back at base camp expecting others to fight the battle for you?

Thursday: Psalm 119:41-48 See verse 42. How do you respond when someone taunts you for your faith? Pray that God will give you the words to say in these situations. How often do you meditate on the word of God?

Friday: Ezekiel 34:1-31 This passage warns against unfaithful shepherds and renegade sheep. But there is hope in this message. The exiles realise the Lord has not forsaken them but would care for them as a shepherd cares for his sheep. Praise God that he is our Good Shepherd. Read Psalm 23, which verse gives you the most hope?

Weekend: Titus 1:1-9 The church in Crete needed order and good leadership. Paul left Titus in Crete to build stable churches. In these verses Paul describes the attributes that elders should exhibit. Pray for Alan and the elders today so that they can "encourage others through sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it".