

Week 185 – w/c 24/5/20

Monday: John 7:45 - 8:11 In chapter 8:1-11 the Pharisees were trying to catch Jesus in a dilemma. On more than one occasion they tried to pit Jesus against the teachings of Moses. Instead of passing judgement on the woman, Jesus passed judgment on the judges! What attitudes towards sin - your own sin and others' sin - does this story encourage you to learn from Jesus?

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 3:1-29 It would have been easy for Moses to have a bad attitude towards Joshua. But that was not the heart of Moses – he would do everything he could to love the people, prepare them to go into the promised land, and to make Joshua a success. A man of God would not do it any other way. Moses had the heart of a true shepherd. Who are you encouraging on their spiritual walk?

Wednesday: 1 Chronicles 25:1-31 David put those in order who were appointed to be singers and musicians in the temple. To prophesy, in this place, means praising God with great earnestness and devout affections, under the influences of the Holy Spirit. If the Spirit of God doesn't put life and fervour into our devotions they will be a worthless form. Spend time listening to the whisper of the Spirit as you praise God today.

Thursday: Psalm 119:137-144 See v 138. Zeal implies energy and action. The living and active word of God brought forth a living and active response from the psalmist. He would make sure that *he* honoured the word of God even if others did not. How can you become more zealous for God? Do you have as much passion for the Word of God as the psalmist did?

Friday: Daniel 3:1-30 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were persecuted because of their faith in the one true God. The book of Daniel is an encouragement because it reminds us that God cares for his people and honours them when they are true to his word. Pray for the persecuted church today. Look at the Open Doors website for specific prayer points.

Weekend: Hebrews 7:1-10 Melchizedek means “king of righteousness” in Hebrew and the word Salem means “peace”. Therefore, Melchizedek is also the “king of peace”. True peace can only be experienced on the basis of righteousness. To know the peace of God we must be justified by faith (Romans 5:1). How have you seen a parallel between righteousness and peace in your own life?