

Knowing God: The Faithfulness of God- Week 2

God Time – Giving Back to God in Gratitude

These scriptures are selected to help you gain a deeper understanding of who Jesus is. You can read them each day or listen to the daily audio that is sent to you. They are intentionally designed for you to engage in your time alone with God. You will find them complementary to the teachings on the weekend (gatherings) and to the LIFE Group materials.

Some tips:

Use a Bible that is easy to read. The ESV or The NLT are both good translations.

Use a prayer journal. After you read the passages jot down what “jumped out” at you while reading. Then take a few minutes to write a prayer response to what you have read.

There are only five days of reading provided, so if you miss a day, you have time to catch up. Do not get legalistic! If you miss a day or even a week, God still loves you!

Monday: Hebrews 12:26-28

Tuesday: Colossians 3:12-13

Wednesday: Luke 6:37-38

Thursday: 1 Samuel 12:23-24

Friday: Psalms 105:1-2

Diving Deeper

Knowing God's Faithfulness – Giving Back to God in Gratitude

As the Creator, God has absolute rights of ownership over all things. – **Genesis 1:1**
To miss starting here is like misaligning the top button on your shirt or blouse...nothing else will ever line up.

In the New Testament, two Greek words (Epitropos was used to mean guardian. Oikonomos refers mostly to the law or management of a household or of household affairs) embody the meaning of our English word "Stewardship."

Once we are called and placed into the body of Christ, stewardship is required of each of us. That inspiration and growth is a result of the Holy Spirit at work in us.

Philippians 4:13,

1 Corinthians 15:10

When we think of stewardship, we may think of how we manage our finances and our faithfulness with tithes and offerings. Stewardship is much more than that. It also includes our time, our environment, or our health. Stewardship is our obedient witness to God's sovereignty.

Questions for Thought:

1. The ultimate question, then, is this: Am I the lord of my life, or is Christ the Lord of my life?
2. Based on what we have learned - that stewardship is more than how we manage our finances – are there other areas in your life that are yet to be yielded to the work of the Holy Spirit?

Stewardship then, is expressed by our total obedience to God our Lord and Savior.