

## *Faith that Works*



### Daily Readings Week 1

**Theme: “Doers of the Word”**

**MONDAY 08.30.21 Joshua 1:1-9**

Joshua was now the leader of the Israelites and leading them into the Promised Land. God encourages Joshua to “be strong and courageous.” To do this, Joshua is to “meditate” (v. 8) on the scriptures. What does it mean to “mediate” on the scriptures? Is that the same as simply reading or is there more to it?

**TUESDAY 08.31.21 Isaiah 55:6-11**

“My word...does not return to me empty (v. 11)” says the Lord. Here the Word is compared to nourishment that fills us. God has given us his word for a purpose, to feed our souls by helping us know the ways of God (v. 8). How has your soul been feed by God’s word and are you regularly going to the word for nourishment?

**WEDNESDAY 09.01.21 Psalm 119-105-112**

The Psalmist describes God’s word as a “lamp for his feet” (v.105) which he uses to navigate the dangers of life (v. 109). How can the word of God revealed in the scriptures help us avoid danger and the “traps of the wicked” (v. 110)? Most importantly, are you using the scriptures to light your path?

**THURSDAY 09.02.21 2 Timothy 3:14-17**

Paul encourages his young pupil, Timothy, to lean on the scriptures he has learned for wisdom (v. 15). Paul refers to the scriptures as “God-breathed” or inspired (v.16) for the purpose of teaching and training God’s servants so they can be equipped to do good works (v. 17). It’s clear that God intends for us to put into practice what the scriptures teach us. The question we must ask is ... are we simply hearers or are we hearers and doers of God’s word?

**FRIDAY 09.03.21 Hebrews 4:12-13**

The Word of God revealed to us in the Holy Scriptures can be dangerous, like a sword (v. 12). It’s dangerous because it reveals our innermost thoughts and attitudes. This requires us to use the scriptures for thoughtful self-reflection. Are you looking at the scriptures and examining your heart? Are you asking yourself “How is it with my soul?” as you reflect on God’s word?

**SATURDAY 09.04.21 John 1:1-14**

As we look to be doers of the Word, the one question that we all know and we should ask is “What Would Jesus Do?” While the scriptures reveal God to us, the fullness of God is revealed through Jesus Christ, the Word in the flesh (v. 14). As Christians, we always look to all the scriptures with our minds fixed on Jesus and seeking to understand the scriptures in a way that helps us live more like Jesus.