

Transformation Journal

December 20

Daily Devotions for the week of December 20, 2009

Monday: *Have you ever considered the life of God through the eyes of Jesus? So often we are so preoccupied by our own human life that we fail to contemplate the very source of life itself. The incarnation (i.e. the birth of Jesus or Christmas) gives us clear access to the life of God. It is God's life that we are invited to share.... Isn't that amazing?*

Scripture: Read John 1:1-18

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. What comes to mind when you think about what God's life is like?
2. What do you think or feel about sharing God's life?
3. How is sharing in God's life different than trying to get God to bless your life?

Prayer Focus

Pray for those who feel they have no access to the life of God.

Tuesday: *Jesus embodies the message of this Psalm by announcing that God's reign is in our midst and that salvation is for all. Salvation is not just about life after death, it is actually sharing in God's life now. If one is sharing God's life now then of course they will share it eternally.*

Scripture: Read Isaiah 52:7-10

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. How does Jesus reveal the salvation of God for all?
2. What is salvation?
3. How does it affect your life today?

Prayer Focus

Pray for our Christmas Eve service that the good news might be heard in a fresh way by all in attendance.

Wednesday: *As Christmas approaches we amplify our praise of God. This psalm engages all creation in rightful praise of God.*

Scripture: Read Psalm 98

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. What new song can you sing to the Lord today for his victory in your life?

Prayer Focus

Make a joyful noise to the Lord. Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Thursday: Christmas Eve Service tonight at 7:30 p.m. *Isaiah focuses on the birth of a child who will establish a kingdom of peace, justice and righteousness. Jesus fulfills this expectation, though in ways that many have found surprising then and now.*

Scripture: Read Isaiah 9:2-7

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. The child is called, “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Which of these names best describes the way you need Christ to be born in you?

Prayer Focus

Pray that we all might recognize the kingdom that God brings into our world and life through Jesus..

Friday: Merry Christmas! *Enjoy the greatest story every told!*

Scripture: Read Luke 2:1-20

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. What does Christmas mean to you?
2. How is your life different because of this day?
3. How can Christmas turn your mourning into dancing?

Prayer Focus

Pray for the joy of Christmas to touch the people in you life.

Saturday – Read over your notes for the week and see how you are doing with your personal applications.