

Transformation Journal

June 20, 2010

Daily Devotions for the week of June 20, 2010

Monday: *This week we explore how God works through young people. The young are not just the recipients of ministry they are also inspired by God to offer ministry. Age is not a prerequisite to serving God or being a leader in the Church. What matters is a person's receptiveness to God no matter what their age.*

Scripture: Read Jeremiah 1:4-10

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. If you are a youth, are you open to the fact that God can speak through you just as powerfully as through anyone one? Are you intentional about sharing what God has revealed to you?
2. If you are no longer a youth, how open are you to receiving the word of God that may be spoken through the mouth of the young?

Prayer Focus

Pray that our God might inspire and speak God's Word clearly through the youth of Good Sam. Pray that we might all accept our full partnership in the Lord.

Tuesday: *Paul gives encouragement to young Timothy. Notice that despite his age, Timothy is a leader in the church. Paul instructs him not to let others look down on him because of his age. He is fully qualified and commissioned to share his gift of leadership with the community.*

Scripture: **Read 1 Timothy 4:11-16**

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. Who are some young people in our church that we can look to for leadership?
2. How can you encourage these individuals?

Prayer Focus

Pray for those you've identified above. Also pray that we may be receptive to Christ's leadership through them.

Wednesday: *Yesterday, you read about Paul's encouragement to a young Timothy. Today we see that Timothy's sincere faith was passed on to him by his grandmother and mother. His faith is so deep, in part, because of the ways in which they embodied that faith in their lives.*

Scripture: **Read 2 Timothy 1:3-7**

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. If you are a youth, who are the "Loises" and "Eunices" in your life?
2. If you are not a youth, who are the youth in whom you are seeking to pass on the faith?

Prayer Focus

Pray for intergenerational relationships to blossom throughout our church that the spirit of power, love and self-discipline might flourish.

Thursday: *Today's reading is the Pentecost reading when the Holy Spirit was given to the followers of Christ. Pay particular attention to how this was a fulfillment of the words from the prophet Joel in which the Spirit would be poured out among all flesh. Notice how this includes the young.*

Scripture: Read Acts 2:1-21

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. How would you describe your experience of the Holy Spirit?
2. How can you recognize the Spirit's presence in someone else – especially the young?

Prayer Focus

Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to be poured out among us –especially upon our youth.

Friday: *God calls a boy, Samuel to be the revealer of God's word. We should not be surprised when children and youth help us to understand God's will. There is great precedence for this in Scripture*

Scripture: Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. Do you pray with an attitude of “Speak Lord, your servant listens” or “Listen Lord, your servant speaks?”
2. Is there a young person in your life, who may be hearing the Word of God but not know how it is the voice of God? How can you encourage them?

Prayer Focus

Pray for our new Youth Director and the whole youth ministry at Good Samaritan.

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