Wyoming Baptist Church February – April 2021

# **Daily Devotional**

# for Sermon Series



a study of the "one anothers" of Scripture

# Week 4: March 8 - 14

The following series of daily readings, questions, and prayers has been designed by Pastor Tom Cullen to lead up to the sermon for the coming week. There are five daily studies for each week. Allow about 15 minutes a day to complete each daily devotional. This is not to take the place of any devotional you may now be doing but only is a supplement.

The weekly sermons can be heard at wyomingbaptist.com

Each week's daily devotional guide is also available online at wyomingbaptist.com

Sermon Schedule Members of one another

- February 21 Members of one another Part 1 (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)
- February 28 Members of one another Part 2 (Romans 12:1-16)
- March 7 Love one another Part 1. (1 John 4:7-21)
- March 14 Love one another Part 2 (1 John 4:7-21)
- March 21 Forgive one another (Proverbs 25:21-22)
- March 28 Serve one another (John 13:1-17)
- April 4 Easter Sunday What difference does the resurrection make? (1 Corinthians 15:12-22)
- April 11 Pray for one another (James 5:16)
- April 18 Be united with one another (Ephesians 4:1-16)
- April 25 Encourage one another (Hebrews 10:19-25)

# Sermon Series Devotional Guide

# Members of one another a study of the "one anothers"

During the last number of years there have been many ideas about how the church could evangelize. Billy Graham popularized the whole idea of the "Crusade" and we were encouraged to invite our friends to an event. Dr. James Kennedy came up with a program called "Evangelism Explosion" which gave us the tools to go door to door with the good news of Jesus Christ. Willow Creek Church developed the seeker friendly worship service and we were made aware of the possibility of worship evangelism. Nicky Gumbel introduced us to the world of Alpha and a thoughtful presentation of the gospel was given over a candle light dinner.

All of these have been great tools for us to share the truth of Jesus Christ with our neighours and friends. But I would suggest that the greatest evangelism strategy was developed by our Lord, Jesus. He states in John chapter 13 that it will be through our love for one another the world will know that we are his disciples.

Clearly, it is as we love one another that the world sees that we belong to Christ and is able to see that he is real.

Before you begin the study this week, take some time to pray. Pray that God will speak to your heart and affirm you in what you are doing right and correct you what you are doing wrong. Pray that he would be glorified and known in our community through our love for one another.

# Monday March 8

Last week we began looking at the whole idea of loving one another. What did we discover is the source for our love for one another?

## Read

✤ John 13:34-35

## Study

- 1. Look up the word "disciple" in a dictionary. What is the definition?
- 2. What does Jesus say would happen if we loved one another?
- 3. What qualities do you think the world would discover about Jesus through our love for one another?

4. How have you demonstrated love to other Christians? List some practical things you have done in the last month to show love to other Christians.

## Reflect

In 1 Corinthians 13 we are given a wonderful definition of love. Examine your life and think of how you are (or aren't) displaying the qualities that are listed there.

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Pray

If your answers to the above test are consistently to the right ask God to work a miracle in your heart and change your attitude by experiencing the love of Christ.

For our church:

- Pray for our small group ministry. Ask God to fulfill his promise in each leader - that he would send ... "the Counselor, the Holy Spirit ... who will teach you all things and will remind you of everything" that Jesus said (John 14:26)
- Pray for the participants in the small groups. Pray that each one would be given the "Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that they may know Jesus Christ better." (Ephesians 1:17)

#### **Tuesday March 9**

#### Read

✤ Luke 10:25-37

#### Study

1. What does the man say is the substance of the Law in verse 27?

- 2. Is there a shock value in Jesus' parable? What would that be?
- 3. What did the Samaritan do that was so amazing? How would you describe his care?

# Reflect

Who does this passage say is your neighbour? How are you showing God's love to them?

#### Pray

Ask God to enable you to walk in the path of self giving love.

For our church:

- God's Word says, "The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace." (Psalm 29:11) Pray that this would be true for our leaders of our Junior church.
- Remember our children who are part of our church. Pray that they would be "strengthened with power through his Spirit in their inner being, so that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith." (Ephesians 3:16,17)
- Pray for the teens in our church. Pray that they will ask the big questions of life – about the purpose of life, their eternal destiny, and the reality of God. Ask God not to give them rest until they find rest in Christ.

## Wednesday March 10

## Reading

✤ James 2:14-19

#### Study

1. We know that good deeds do not save us. James is saying that good deeds is the fruit of faith in Jesus Christ. Without good deeds issuing from faith, your faith is proven to be dead and cannot save you. (verse 14) How are we to demonstrate love to others? (verse 15,16)

2. Given James' test how profitable is your faith?

2. How is your faith different from a demons faith? (verse 18,19)

#### Pray

Pray for our pastoral search team. Jesus promised us in John 10 that his sheep follow him because "they know his voice." (verse 4) Pray that the team will hear Jesus' voice clearly and that they will follow after him.

#### Thursday March 11

#### Reading

♦ John 17:20-23

## Study

- 1. Who is Jesus praying for?
- 2. What does he pray for?

3. What will the result be of his prayer?

#### Reflect

Think of the relationship between Jesus' followers and the world. What is the world's attitude toward them? What is their relationship to the world? Where is Jesus sending us?

#### Pray

Praise God for the way He purifies us and makes us holy through faith in Jesus Christ. Ask God for the strength to be what He has created you to be.

For our church:

Pray for Junior High ministry, (Blast) and Sr. High ministry (Edge). Pray for the teens who participate in this vital ministry. Give thanks for their young lives and pray that God will open the eyes of their heart "*in order that they may* 

*know the hope to which he has called them*" in Christ. (Ephesians 1:18)

Pray for the parents of our teens. Pray that they would demonstrate a real and vibrant faith to their children.

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*	Acts 2:42-47
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1.	How do these verses characterize the early church?

2. Have you experienced any of these characteristics in the church? How? Have you expressed any of these characteristics in the church? How?

3. What was the effect of the early church on the world in these verses?

#### Pray

Give thanks to God for the presence of the Holy Spirit in you and in the church. Pray that God will move us to express his love to one another.

For our church:

Pray for the Mission and Outreach Team and for Deacon Cindy Saelens as she leads the team. Ask God that whether they "turn to the right or to the left, [their] ears will hear a voice behind [them], saying, 'this is the way; walk in it.' " (Isaiah 30:21)

# Additional Notes

