

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.

Friday March 12

Read

- ❖ Acts 2:42-47

Study

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)

