

How to use this devotional:

Begin your devotional time with prayer, specifically seeking God's wisdom in understanding and applying the scripture for the day.

Read the passage for the day 2-3 times so that you become familiar with it.

Read through the questions and then read the passage once more thinking about how it answers the questions. (not all of the questions have answers that are found in the passage)

Write out your answers to the questions.

Write down any other thoughts or questions that you have about the passage.

Spend some time in prayer, worshipping God for who he is and what you've learned about him, as well as confessing sin and praying for specific prayer requests.

Day 22: II John

Why is it important that the command to love has been from the beginning?

What is John's definition of love in this passage?

How do obeying Christ's commands demonstrate love to each other?

Why does John warn his readers about false teachers who teach that Jesus did not come in the flesh?

Additional thoughts:

Day 23: Mark 12:28-34

How are these two commands that Jesus mentions the first/most important when they aren't part of the ten commandments?

What about the man's answer indicates that he wasn't far from the kingdom of God?

How can you love God this week?

What are two specific ways that you will love someone this week?

Additional thoughts:

Day 24: Luke 6:17-35

How does Jesus' teaching in this passage contrast with how we normally think and live?

What are the ways that Jesus tells us to love our enemies?

How does obeying these commands demonstrate our faith?

What is one way that you will love one of your enemies this week?

Additional thoughts:

Day 25: John 13:1-17

Why did Jesus do the things recorded in this passage?

What is the significance of Jesus' response to Peter's request to wash his hands and head?

How is Jesus' love, as demonstrated in this passage, different from how we normally love others?

What is Jesus trying to teach his disciples in this passage?

Additional thoughts:

Day 26: John 13:18-38

How do verses 18-30 illustrate Jesus' commands in Luke 6:27-36?

What is Jesus' goal in this passage and the following chapters?

How has Jesus just loved his disciples?

Why will Peter fail in laying down his life for Christ?

Additional thoughts:

Day 27: John 14:1-14

Why does Jesus start talking about preparing a place for his disciples?

How do we know what God the Father is like?

Why will Jesus answer our prayers?

What does this passage tell us about God's love?

Additional thoughts:

Day 28: John 14:15-31

What will we do if we love God?

How will God love those who love him?

Why did God send his Holy Spirit?

How did Jesus show that he loved the Father?

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