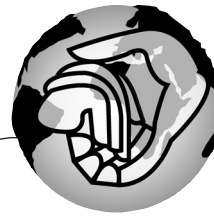


Saturday

Please finish up any devotions you may have missed and be sure that you know this week's Bible verse. Pray that you will be an agent of God's peace each day. Ask God to keep the things you've studied this week at the front of your mind. Pray that you will continue to grow in God's peace. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that God will use them to encourage, challenge and inspire all who attend.



WORLD OUTREACH WEEK

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What on Earth is Happening with the Kingdom?

Notes:

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Welcome to TLC's 2009 World Outreach Week!

How does TLC reach out to a needy world? By partnering with missionaries, nationals, and agencies that help others in five specific ways.

We call the five ways the "PEACE Plan."

P is **Planting churches**, because the Church is Jesus' chief instrument in rescuing people trapped in spiritual darkness.

E is **Equipping servant leaders**. Servant leaders help counter the great damaged done by selfish & evil leaders.

A is **Assist the poor & victims of injustice**. Most people in the world experience neither well-being nor justice. The Bible tells us to provide for the poor and defend the cause of those who cannot for themselves.

C is **Care for the sick**. More are suffering from illness & disease than ever. Surely Jesus would have us lead the way in bringing healing.

E is **Educating the next generation**. To help break the various cycles of impoverishment, we endeavor to not merely "give people fish to eat, but to teach them to fish so that they can feed themselves."

Daily Meditations

Monday

Read Acts 2:42-47, 8:1-8 & 19:10-12. What do these verses tell you about miracles in the early church? When it comes to miracles, what is most difficult for you?

How did what you heard last weekend challenge your view of God and miracles? How will it change you?

As you spend time in prayer today, thank God for His amazing power. Thank God for the miracles that you've seen. Pray that God will open your heart and mind to the fact that He can (and will!) work in any way He sees fit.

Tuesday

Today, let's continue working through the PEACE Plan. Please read Mark 10:42-45. A servant-leader is such a counter-cultural idea! In what area of your life has God placed you in a position of leadership? What stands out to you in these verses?

How does your leadership line up with this passage? In what way could you demonstrate servant-leadership today?

Thank God today for the example of servant-leadership that we have in Jesus. Talk to Him about the ways you struggle with being a servant-leader. Ask God to soften your heart and give you the opportunities to live out a servant leadership today.

Wednesday

Read Proverbs 29:7, Ezekiel 16:49 & 1 John 3:16-20. In general, what is your attitude towards the poor? How does this impact your actions?

What do these verses tell you about the importance God places on caring for the poor?

Think of three things you can do in the next week to assist the poor.

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Thank God today for the many things He has given you. Talk to Him about your attitude towards the poor. Ask God to give you His heart and eyes to reach out and assist the poor this week.

Thursday

Read Matthew 10:7, 25:35-40; Luke 9:2, 10:8-9. It can be easy to focus on only spiritual health or only physical health. How do these verses demonstrate God's concern for physical and spiritual health?

Who in your life is in need of spiritual health? Who is in need of physical health?

How can you reach out to them in the next week?

Thank God today for the physical health you enjoy. Thank Him for His ongoing work in your spiritual life. Pray for those you know who are sick (if you need help check out the TLC prayer list available at the information desk). Pray that God will use you to minister to the sick in your life.

Friday

Read Deuteronomy 4:9 & 6:4-9. What is the purpose of educating the next generation? How does education contribute to peace?

How can you apply these verses to your life?

Thank God today for those who have been a part of your education — both past and present. Pray for the people in your life who you have a role in educating. Pray that God will give you wisdom, the right words and the time to be part of educating the next generation.



Memory Verse

“Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.” Deuteronomy 6:5-8 (NIV)