

Weekly Devotionals For October 4, 2020



Devotions and Notes for the week of October 5-10

Monday, October 5 Read Psalm 20

As the psalmist puts his “heart’s desires” before God, how does he temper that desire in v.7? _____

God wants us to honestly express our goals and desires but ultimately submit them to His Will and Way. How is this attitude a protection against idolatry and blasphemy? _____

Tuesday October 6 Read Ezekiel 17:22-24

Though this is broadly a prophecy for the people and nation of Israel, how does it explain what God does with all of those who follow Him (you might try reading this alongside 1 Corinthians 1)? _____

Take a moment and re-read this, seeing yourself as the “young sprig.” What is this prophecy saying to you personally? _____

Wednesday, October 7 Read Mark 4:26-34

A theme that runs through all of scripture is that of the crop and the harvest- God at work growing, nurturing, caring for and adding to the world. What are your own “mustard seed” qualities and how are you growing? _____

How does it affect your understanding of discipleship to see yourself as one of God’s plantings and a vital part of God’s harvest? _____

*Listen to the sermon and watch the
service for this week at
www.cordelefirst.com/sermons*

Thursday, October 8 Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-13

How does recognition of the transient nature of life strengthen us for our purpose of loving God and making disciples? _____

_____ Another way to look at it is to ask what of this earth hinders our Divine mission? _____

What hinders *you* and why? _____

Discuss this with God in prayer today.

Friday, October 9 Read 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

How does the selection of David reflect the themes of the other scriptures we've been reading this week?

Why did Jesse not think to present his youngest son and what might this tell us about our own attitudes to service, both our own and that of others? _____

How can we avoid this mistake and who do you see that needs encouraging to be all that God calls them to be? _____

Saturday, October 10 Read Psalm 94:1-15

Sometimes it's all too easy to relegate God to a box we label "Sunday," or to "Church Things." How would the psalmist here respond to such an action and why? _____

Why is it important to grasp that we can never manage God but only respond to His call? _____

What's the difference?