

Clubbers

Summer

Holiday QT's

Some Helpful Hints:

Read your bible and pray Regularly.

Set a Time when you are going to do it and commit.

Encourage one another in your reading, Share stuff if you want to.

Keep a book of your thoughts and prayers as you work through the stuff.

Call your leaders if something is puzzling you.

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1 Timothy

Day 1

Read 1 Timothy 1:1-11

*What does Paul urge Timothy to do?

*What is wrong with just letting false teaching go unchallenged?

* Paul says that the goal of challenging false teaching is love (v.5). How is it loving to say that someone is wrong?

* Paul calls the gospel "glorious". What is so glorious about the gospel?

* The law doesn't save us, it just shows us that we need saving and that's why the news about Jesus is so good. What other things might we be tempted to trust in for salvation?

Pray – that you would hold on to the truth of the gospel as the only thing that can save.

Day 2

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-7

* What does this passage teach us about God's great passion for all people?

* What is a ransom? (think of hostages) Why did we need to be "ransomed" by Christ?

* How should our actions be shaped when we see the kinds of things that God is passionate about?

* What things should be included in our prayers as a result of reading this passage?

Pray – let the concerns of this passage help you as you think about what to pray.

Day 3

Read 1 Timothy 4:1-16

* Jesus is supposed to be the focus of our Christian lives. What kinds of things have the false teachers made into the focus of their religion?

* What should Timothy do in response?

* In v.9-10 what does Paul say is the key to real godliness?

* what areas of life is Timothy to be an example in?

* Why is it so important to devote ourselves to the Scripture?

Pray – that what we learn from the reading the Bible might shape our lives.

Day 4

Read 1 Timothy 6:3-10

* What were the false teachers saying that godliness should lead to (v.5)? Back in 1 Tim 4:8 what does Paul say is the true reward of real godliness?

* What warnings does Paul give about money?

* What are our world's attitudes about money?

* Is money evil?

* In Matt 6:24 Jesus says that God and money are like two competing masters and that you can't serve both of them faithfully. How does this passage from 1 Timothy add to this picture?

Pray – that we would not "love" money so much as to forget where real, eternal contentment comes from

Day 5

Read 1 Timothy 6:11-21

* Instead of worldly wealth, what do verses 11-12 say that we should go after?

* What coming event, mentioned in the last line of v.14, should help us keep our focus?

* According to v.17-19 what attitudes do rich people often have? (and remember that by world standards we are ALL incredibly wealthy). What attitudes should they/we have?

* Throughout this whole letter Timothy has been urged to stay true to the gospel and guard the true message. Why would it be disastrous if we didn't guard the true message of the Bible carefully?

Pray – that we would appreciate all the good things that God has given us and that we would be prepared to use it for his glory. Pray that God would help us to see what a great treasure we have in knowing about his Son, Jesus.

Genesis

Day 6

Read Genesis 1

What do we learn about the origin of God?

What does it tell us about the origin of the world?

Have you ever made something from scratch? What materials did you use?

What materials did God have to work with?

How does God describe his creation? (v.10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31)

What do you think is the highpoint of God's creation in this chapter?

Read John 1:1-3 – What was Jesus' role in all of this?

Pray – thank God for his wonderful creation, thank him that he has made you in his image and that you are therefore very special in the creation.

Day 7

Read Genesis 2

What 'creations' are the focus of the 2nd half of this chapter? (v.15-25)

Did God burden his people with lots and lots and lots of rules right from the start?

What is the first thing in creation Not referred to as good? (v.18)

What does this tell you about the importance of relationships?

Do you think that you treat relationships as though they are important?

Pray – thank God that he has made us for relationships, pray that we might treat relationships as though they are important – especially our relationship with him and with the people that he has put around us.

Day 8

Read Genesis 3

What happens to relationships in this chapter?

Why are the relationships all messed up?

When people disobey God and fail to live his way it is called sin and in this chapter we see that sin has wrecked our relationships with God, with other people and even with our world. How do we see this fact in the world today?

What is God's promise for the future?

Read Revelation 22:1-4 – in this picture of heaven all the effects of sin are missing. What has God done to make that promise possible – read **Romans 5:17-19**

Pray – Say sorry to God for those times when you have disobeyed him. Say thank you to him for making it possible to have sin overturned by Jesus’ death for us.

Day 9

Read Genesis 6

How do v.1-8 and 9-13 describe people?

How does God feel about people’s wickedness?

What does God decide to do in response to man’s sin?

How is Noah described in comparison? (v.9 &22)

Even as God announces his plan to judge people he is still making a plan to save people. How do we see a similar pattern when it comes to the news about Jesus?

Pray – thank God that even in his judgment he is still making a plan to save people.

Day 10

Read Genesis 7-8

How does God reverse his good work from Genesis 1?

How does God show his faithfulness to his creation?

Does the flood fix mankind’s real problem (8v.21)?

Pray – that God would help us to remember that he takes sin seriously but that he is also faithful and kind to his people.

John

Day 11

Read John 1:1-28

* Who is John talking about when he talks about “the Word” (see verse 17 for a clue)

* Who does John say made the world?

* What right do people get if they receive Jesus? (v.12)

* What new insights does this passage give you about Jesus and his character?

Pray – that God would give you a fresh appreciation of Jesus as you read John’s Gospel this week.

Day 12

Read John 1:29-51

* How does John describe Jesus? What does this tell us about Jesus’ work on earth?

* Did John work out who Jesus was because John was really smart (v.32-34)?

* Who does Andrew think that Jesus is? (v.41)

* What “ability” does Jesus have? (even though we know from yesterday that he was truly human)

Pray – that as Jesus looks at our lives he would find “nothing false”, pray that we would recognise who Jesus really is in this world.

Day 13

Read John 2

* This is Jesus’ first public miracle (v.11), but is it really public?

Who were the only people who knew about it?

* Why was Jesus so upset about what was happening at the temple?

* The temple was the place where people met with God. What is Jesus saying when he says that his body is “the temple”?

Pray – John says that Jesus knows all people (v.24). Pray that we would be like the disciples and put our faith in him.

Day 14

Read John 3

* What is one reason that verse 20 gives for why some people don’t like hearing the gospel?

* Some people think that Christians are “too black and white” – they think that Christians aren’t open to lots of different views about life. What does verse 36 tell us about how many options there are in life?

Pray – that we would not be surprised when people reject the gospel but that we would be true to the gospel message when we speak to others.

Day 15

Read John 4:1-42

* How does this passage help us see that Jesus is truly human like us? How does this passage show that he is very different to us?

* What does Jesus offer the woman in the story?

* Jesus talks about his “food” (v.34) that is the stuff that keeps him going in life. What does Jesus say keeps him going in life? (v.34)

* How did the Samaritan townspeople first come to hear about Jesus? Why did they keep believing in him?

Pray – that we would be bold in telling people about all that Jesus has done for us. Pray for people who are searching for meaning in life, that they would find eternal life or “living water” in Jesus.

Pray that doing God’s will would “keep us going” in life.

Day 16

Read John 4:43-54

* Do you believe Jesus’ words even when they sound really incredible or they talk about things that you don’t think are likely? How is the royal official an example to us? (v.49-50)

Pray – that we would trust Jesus and believe his words

Galatians

Day 17

Read Galatians 1:1-12

According to v.4 it was God's will to rescue people from their sins. What part did Jesus play in this? How did God use Paul in this plan? How might God use us in this plan?

What was happening in the church in Galatia (v.6-7) How did Paul respond to this problem?

Why is Paul so passionate about this problem?

What are some ways that we might be tempted to seek other people's approval by spreading a watered-down gospel message?

Pray – that we would never distort the good news about Jesus, pray that other people would not be allowed to distort the news.

Day 18

Read Galatians 2:15-21

Paul is talking about how people get right with God. That's what "justified" means – "just as if I'd never sinned."

Can people make themselves right with God by keeping lots of rules?

What role does Jesus play in making people right?

How important is God's grace?

Pray – that we would give up any attempt to try and make ourselves right with God through our own efforts. Thank God that Christ lives in us who have faith in him.

Day 19

Read Galatians 3:6-14

Abraham was the Father of the Jewish people. What did Abraham do to get right with God?

How is Abraham supposed to be an example to us?

What does it say about people who trust that keeping the Law will save them?

The word "redeemed" means to claim something back, to take it back as your own. What did Christ redeem by dying? How did Christ's death fulfill the promise to Abraham that people would be blessed?

Pray – Thank God that Jesus has redeemed us and that we don't have to earn our forgiveness, but simply trust in Jesus.

Day 20

Read Galatians 3v.23 to 4v.7

Who was the Law supposed to point us towards?

Who does Paul say that we are if we are Christians?

What are some of the privileges that Paul says that Christians have?

Twice in this passage Paul says God "sent" someone. Whom did he send? What did each of these people do for us?

Pray – thank God for the incredible way he has blessed us in making us his children. Thank him for the privilege of being able to call on him as our Father.

Day 21

Read Galatians 5:16-18 then 6:6-10

Both sin and God's Spirit are at work in our lives. Which one should we be following?

What is the end result for people who live their lives following the sinful nature (6:8)? What is the end result for those people who follow God's Spirit in their lives?

Do our lives now have an impact on our futures?

Pray – that God would give us strength so that we would do what is good at every opportunity.

Ruth

Day 22

Have you ever noticed stories about refugees on TV? Why do they leave their homes?

Read Ruth 1:1-9

Naomi and her family left to find food. Naomi's husband died, the boys married local girls - then Naomi's sons died, too.

- Which verses tell you that Naomi remembered God was involved?

Pray for any families you know who are facing really big problems at the moment. Ask God to show them what to do next.

Day 23

When things get tough for someone in your family do you:

- stand by them, even though they're miserable?

- act as if it's nothing to do with you?

Read Ruth 1:14-22

What choices did Ruth have (v15)? The future wasn't looking bright for Naomi (v 20), but what does Ruth decide to do (vs 16,17)?

Amazingly, Ruth stands by Naomi and turns to her God too (v16).

Think Are you always loyal to people in your family?

Pray that you might be a person that seeks after God's heart and looks out for your family.

Day 24

Read Ruth 2:1-13

How kind are you? Who's kind in today's verses?

Back in Bethlehem, Ruth was now the foreigner. They were poor.

Look at vs 6, 7, 11, for four reasons why Boaz decided to be kind to Ruth:

1. She was related to... _____

2. She asked..._____

3. She worked..._____

4. She had been kind to..._____

Think How does God want YOU to treat other people?

Pray Ask God to help you be kind to everyone you meet today.

Day 25

Got problems? What should you do? Just sit around and worry about them?

What did Naomi, Ruth (and Boaz) do? (they got on with the job and did something about it!)

Read Ruth 3:1-13

In those times, marriage was the only answer for Ruth and Naomi. And Naomi had a plan. (V. 7,8.)

The stuff about Ruth putting Boaz's cover over her was a way of saying 'Marry me!' (Obvious, eh! hahaha)

In a film, Boaz would have leant over, the lights would dim and... But instead he did the right thing. What was that (v13)?

Pray: Ask God to help you do what's right & turn to him in times of need. Ask that he'll help you to not be lazy, but that you'll be able to trust in him to work things out.

MATTHEW & MARK

Day 26

Feeling desperate? Jesus has been there too.

READ Mark 14:32-42

What was Jesus struggling with (v 35)?

What did he do? Find these in the verses:

He told God how he was feeling (v...)

He was honest (v...)

He asked his friends for some support (v...)

He faced up to what he had to do (v...)

THINK : What was it that made Jesus willing to go through the suffering he knew was coming (v 36)?

PRAY : Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do? Help me to do it, whatever the cost.

Day 27

Do you think Jesus had done anything wrong?

READ Matthew 27:1,2,11-23

Pilate had two options (vs 15-17). Why do you think he didn't want to make either choice (vs 19,20)? Did Pilate think Jesus was innocent (v 23)?

Why did the Jewish leaders and the people want Jesus killed (vs 18,20,22)?

THINK

Does what other people think of you sometimes stop you doing what's right?

PRAY

Pray for people who are in prison because they have told others about Jesus.

Day 28

What do you think are the top three qualities for a good friend?

READ Mark 14:27-31

What do you reckon Peter thought were important qualities for a friend of Jesus?

What kind of friend do you think Peter considered himself to be? How did he disagree with Jesus?

THINK : Are you like Peter in any ways? Jesus knew him very well (check out Mark 14:66-72), and he knows each of us too!

PRAY : Thank Jesus that he knows you and you can always trust him not to let you down.

Day 29

Take a quick look at a newspaper. Are there any articles where people have sold their stories to the press? Why do you reckon people do this?

*Because they want to be famous??

*They want to get rich??

*Because it's the right thing to do?

READ Mark 14:10-21

Why do you think Judas agreed to 'sell' Jesus (vs 10,11)? If you had been there, what would you have thought when Jesus said that one of you would betray him (v 18)?

THINK : What things might tempt YOU to be disloyal to Jesus? Why?

PRAY : Lord Jesus, forgive me when I let you down. Help me to stay true to you - whatever the cost.

Day 30

What helps you to remember things? Think of one memory for each of these...

*a photo / *a story / *a video / *some music

READ Mark 14:22-26

What were the memory joggers Jesus used?

Why do you think Jesus used these things to speak about his death?

PRAY : Lord Jesus, help me to remember your death and all that it means for my life. Thank you!

JOB

Day 31

Read Job 1

* Job is described as someone who was blameless and upright. What does the end of 1:1 tell us that this involved? What might this mean for us?

* How do v.6-12 help us understand what is really going on in v.13-22?

* What is Job's response to all this?

PRAY – that we might be like Job, fearing and praising God in all things and always “shunning evil”

Day 32

Read Job 2

* What do chapters 1-2 tell us that Satan is trying to do when he attacks us?

* Is being attacked by the devil an excuse to make it OK for us to sin? What do 1 Peter 5:8-9 & James 4:7 have to say about this?

* Why is Job's wife's response foolish and Job's response wise?

PRAY – that when bad things happen we would still faithfully follow God. Pray that we would be faithful even when the devil tries to turn us away.

Day 33

Read Job 19

In chapters 3-37 Job and his friends have a discussion about why Job is suffering.

* How does Job feel about his friends' advice?

* Do you think that Job struggled with the fact that he didn't understand what God was doing?

* Where did Job's ultimate confidence rest (19:25)?

PRAY – that we would have Job's confidence in the redeemer who has already stood upon this earth and who one day will return to right all wrongs.

Day 34

Read Job 38

* What picture of God does this chapter give you?

* What picture of humanity's knowledge and abilities does this chapter give you?

* What does this chapter do for your confidence to tell God that you know what's best in life?

PRAY – that we would be humble as we approach our God, pray that we would always trust Him who know and controls everything. Thank him for being in control.

Day 35

Read Job 42

*What has Job learned as a result of his experiences?

* What do we learn about how God feels when people say the wrong things about him? How can we avoid being like Job's friends who said things about God that weren't right?

* What does God do to Job's situation in the end? Does this mean that He will definitely do the same for us? What does 1 Peter 5:6 say? Does that mean that God will definitely make everything right by the end of your life time? When will God definitely fix your situation up completely?

PRAY – that we would always say what is right about God, and that we would be prepared to be like Job and have our understanding of God expanded as we read His word.

LUKE & PETER

Day 36

How would you answer these two questions?

- what has Jesus done for you?

- what would you like Jesus to do for you?

READ Luke 18:35-43

How was life tough for this man (vs 35, 39, 41)?

What did he do about it (v 38)?

What did Jesus do for him (v 42)?

How did the man react (v 43)?

PRAY Lord Jesus, thank you for _____. Help me to follow you today. Amen.

Day 37

How does changing the way you view things, alter what you see? (e.g. your house via a satellite camera)?

READ Luke 19:1-10

No doubt about it, Zacchaeus had done some bad stuff (v7,8).

- What made Zacchaeus realise his life needed to change?

- What showed that he was sorry for the bad he had done (v8)?

PRAY Lord Jesus, I'm sorry I don't always live life your way. Help me to put & keep things right with you. Amen.

Day 38

What good ways of letting your friends know about Jesus?

READ 1 Peter 3:15,16

Peter knew loads about telling people about Jesus.

Write down three guidelines he gave for witnessing

PRAY Ask God to help you speak and live for him in a way which will help others know God for themselves. Amen

"Always be ready to answer everyone who asks you to explain about the hope you have" - 1 Peter 3:15

Day 39

What questions have you got about Jesus and God? Does it sometimes get a bit confusing?

READ Luke 24:13-27

Meet two people who were very confused. The man they thought was God had just been killed. Enter the living Jesus who helped them understand (v27) (read on to verse 35 to get the whole picture)

JESUS? WHO'S HE?

How would you explain who Jesus was and what he was like to someone who had never heard of him?

CHECK UP How are you going to change and be different because of what you've learnt about Jesus?

"I will be with you always..." Matthew 28:20

Day 40

"For them to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them" - Romans 16:14

READ Matthew 28:18-20

Who? Think about some of the people you know in the 'world' who don't know Jesus yet (v19).

What? How could you 'teach' them about what it means to follow Jesus?

How? Scary? What will help you tell others about Jesus (v18, 20)?

PRAY for one of the people whose you know does not know God yet. Ask God to help you share his love with them.