



MONDAY, OCTOBER 15th

Read Psalm 51:3-6 which was written by King David after committing adultery.

What impresses you most about God in this verse?

In what ways do you relate to David's feelings of guilt?

David describes the Lord as a fair judge. If He is the Judge and you are the accused, where will he find you guilty?

Spend some time in prayer. Bring your sins one by one before the Judge. Echo the words of David in this Psalm, and ask Him to forgive you.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16th

Read Jonah 2, Jonah's prayer from the belly of the great fish.

What impresses you most about God in this verse?

What is the deepest distress from which you have cried out to the Lord?

How did the Lord answer your prayer?

Jonah mentions worthless idols in verse 8. What is the result of trusting in idols according to the verse? Name any idols in your life which might be affecting your walk with the Lord.

Confess these idols to the Lord and ask for His grace.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17th

Read Romans 1:28-32, where Paul concludes a description of sinners.

What impresses you most about God in this verse?

Which sin in Paul's list is most difficult for you? How have you seen this sin create trouble in your life?

What does Paul say is true of those who continue in sin, even though they know God's standards? (Verse 32)

Spend some time in prayer, confessing your sin, and expressing your need for the Lord's righteousness.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18th

Read the words of Jesus recorded in John 16:7-8.

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit upon His departure. What is the role of the Holy Spirit according to Jesus?

Has the Holy Spirit been convicting you of sin and guilt this week? What has your response been?

A good indicator of whether you are yielded to the Holy Spirit or not is your response to sin. If you have become comfortable with sin, you are quenching the Spirit. If you are convicted by sin, you are yielded to the Spirit. In what areas have you become comfortable with sin in your life? What will you do to be convicted?

Ask the Spirit to soften your heart and open your eyes to sin. Ask Him to help you develop a hatred for any sin that blocks fellowship with Him.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19th

Read 2 Corinthians 7:8-10.

Paul knew that he had caused the Corinthian church sorrow by writing a harsh letter. But he did not regret it. Why not?

What is your first reaction when somebody accuses you?

What if the accusation is true?

The only truly productive guilt is guilt that leads to repentance. What causes you to feel guilty but fall short of repentance?

Say a prayer. Ask the Lord to prepare your heart for repentance.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th

Review your thoughts from the devotions of the past week.

Write down:

A reason to praise God.

A sin to confess.

An observation to share at your Cottage Meeting.

A goal for the coming week.

Pray for spiritual awakening – for yourself and for our church body.