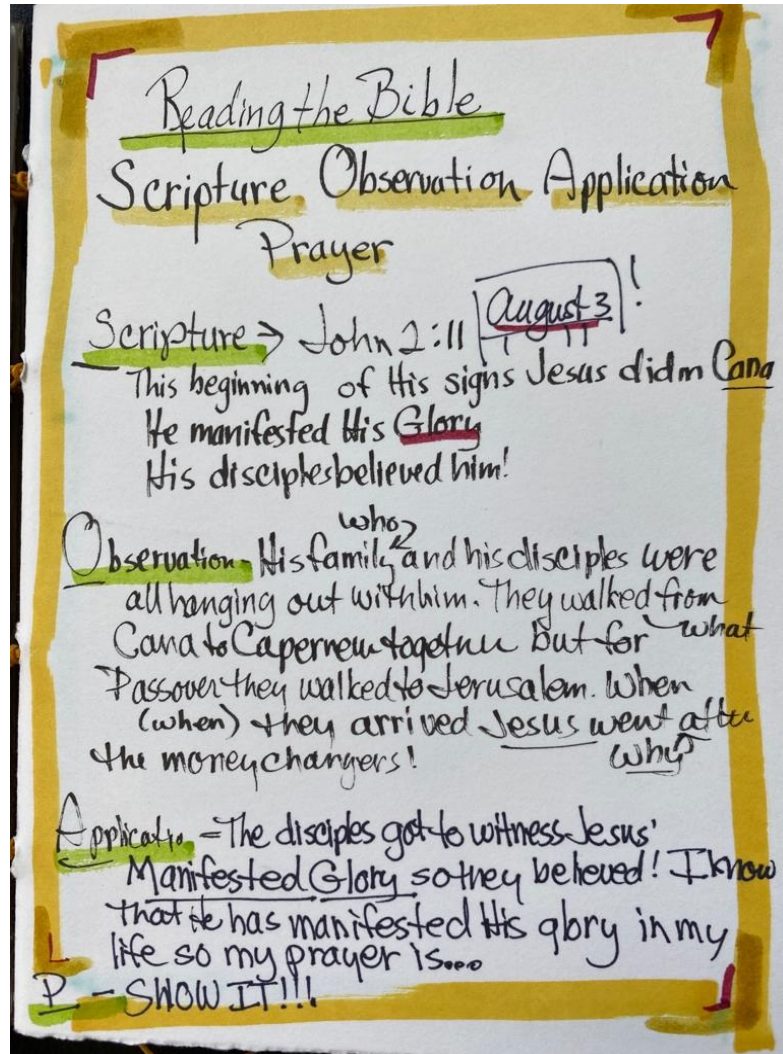


S.O.A.P. Bible Study Plan



Overlooked

NOT THE LESSONS YOU EXPECT
EZRA - NEHEMIAH

DEVOTION Guide
AUGUST 1 - 28, 2021

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10 For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the Lord, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel.- Ezra 7:10

Introduction

Ezra and Nehemiah are not two of the most popular or well known biblical figures. They're not connected to any of the most memorable stories in the Old Testament, like the flood or the Exodus from Egypt. No signs or wonders occur during their days. Neither of them accomplishes mighty feats or brings about miraculous acts of deliverance. Ezra is a Bible nerd who gets other people to take the Bible seriously. Nehemiah is essentially a project manager for the rebuilding of the ancient walls of Jerusalem. That's important and all but certainly doesn't seem as important or exciting as the stories about Abraham, Moses or Elijah. It's totally understandable why no one thinks of Ezra or Nehemiah when they think of the significant characters of the Bible.

These two, like most who populate the biblical stories are deeply flawed, often ambiguous, and a mixed-bag of success and failure. The stories of Ezra and Nehemiah tell a realistic story of religious people who are zealous to help others see the world and God in a new way. They are full of passion and love for God, and do everything in their power to lead the Israelites into a new era of devotion to God ... and it doesn't work.

Our story is often similar to their story. They tried and they prayed their hardest, yet their hopes and dreams were never fully realized. They have a very human story and we want to learn principles from them that will help us grow in our spiritual journey.

The daily devotions are sent via email and posted on Facebook. My email address is abeasley@jasperfirstumc.com.

Joining you on a learning adventure from those overlooked.

Alan H. Beasley
Senior Pastor

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Reflect - on God's Word from this week

Refuel - worship with the family of God

Rest - your mind, body and spirit

Monday, August 2, 2021

Scripture - Ezra 1

Pray Believing

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Scripture - Ezra 2

Pray Expectantly

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Scripture - Ezra 3

Pray with Anticipation

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Scripture - Ezra 4

Pray Passionately

Friday, August 6, 2021

Scripture - Ezra 5

Pray until you Pray

Saturday, August 7, 2021

Scripture - Ezra 6

Pray Boldly

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Reflect - on God's Word from this week

Refuel - worship with the family of God

Rest - your mind, body and spirit

Monday, August 9, 2021

Scripture - Ezra 7

Pray Believing

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Scripture - Ezra 8

Pray Expectantly

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Scripture - Ezra 9

Pray with Anticipation

Thursday, August 12, 2021

Scripture - Ezra 10

Pray Passionately

Friday, August 13, 2021

Scripture - Nehemiah 1

Pray until you Pray

Saturday, August 14, 2021

Scripture - Nehemiah 2

Pray Boldly

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Reflect - on God's Word from this week

Refuel - worship with the family of God

Rest - your mind, body and spirit

Monday, August 16, 2021

Scripture - Nehemiah 3

Pray Believing

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Scripture - Nehemiah 4

Pray Expectantly

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Scripture - Nehemiah 5

Pray with Anticipation

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Scripture - Nehemiah 6

Pray Passionately

Friday, August 20, 2021

Scripture - Nehemiah 7

Pray until you Pray

Saturday, August 21, 2021

Scripture - Nehemiah 8

Pray Boldly

