



Don't Waste Your Life!

Hebrews 10:22-25

Let's face it. It is easier for many of us to read the Bible or pray in front of our peers at church than to read or pray with our own families. It might be because we're busy, scared, or sometimes we just don't know what to do. If you already have a time of family worship, great! If not, this section is simply designed to be a guide for family reading and prayer. We aren't creating a liturgy, however sometimes a few suggestions can really help.

Day One

Read: Matthew 12

Discuss: *Who were the Pharisees? What does verse 7 mean?*

Learn: Psalm 139:7-10

Praise: *An attribute of God (e.g. Goodness)*

Pray: *Missionaries*

Day Two

Read: Exodus 29:1-30

Discuss: *Who was Aaron?*

Learn: Psalm 139:7-10

Praise: *God's provision*

Pray: *Salvation of others*

Day Three

Read: Proverbs 29

Discuss: *What do you think verse 1 means?*

Learn: Psalm 139:7-10

Praise: *Salvation*

Pray: *Pastors and church ministries*

Day Four

Read: 2 Corinthians 10

Discuss: *What is bad thing to brag about? What is a good thing to brag about?*

Learn: Psalm 139:7-10

Praise:

Pray: *Government and military*

Day Five

Read: 2 Corinthians 11

Discuss: *Think of some examples of v. 14.*

Learn: Psalm 139:7-10

Praise: *God's creation*

Pray: *Friends and family*

Theme: Hold _____ to the _____

Introduction:

A. Those who didn't hold fast

B. Those who did hold fast

I. Hold fast in _____ upon _____ vv. 19-22

A. The _____ we can draw near in prayer

B. The _____ for drawing near in prayer

II. Hold fast in our _____ to truth vv. 23

A. Hold fast _____

B. Hold fast _____

C. Hold fast _____

D. Hold fast _____

III. Hold fast in our _____ to one another vv. 24-25

A. By our _____ effort

B. By our _____ encouragement

C. By our _____ example

D. By our _____ exhortation

E. By our _____ expectation

Conclusions and Applications:

Acts 2:42 Community Group Homework

For the week of May 2, 2010

Getting Started:

1. Evaluate the following quote and share with your group members how this might be true when you reach the end of your life

"It is at the end of a man's life that he realizes how important the decisions were at the beginning of his life."

Into the Bible:

2. How is Demas characterized in the following verses and what factors caused his departure?

-Colossians 4:14 & Philemon 24:

-II Timothy 4:10:

3. Read Luke 22:40-62 and write down the key events in the progression of Peter's denial of Christ. There was a happy ending for Peter. How was this different that Demas' departure?

4. From the following texts, analyze how prayer can keep you from wasting your life

-James 5:13-18:

-John 9:31:

-John 14:13-14; I John 5:14:

-I Thess. 5:16-22

5. From the following texts, list how your devotion to others can keep you from wasting your life

-Galatians 6:10

-Deut. 6:4-9; Ps. 78:1-8:

Application:

6. Evaluate the effectiveness of your prayer life by using the acrostic "Action":

-Adoration:

-Confession:

-Thanksgiving:

-Intercession:

-ON: Own Needs:

7. Where would you be today without God's truth?

8. How consistent are you in manifesting truth in your life?

9. How consistent is my life in the eyes of others? How can I improve?

10. Am I leading spiritual influence in my home?

11. Can you say with Paul, "For me to live is Christ," or "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith?"

Prayer Requests:

