



# JANUARY

## DAILY READINGS

*Ezra "set his heart to study the law" (Ezra 7:10). Our prayer is that you would love God & others more as a result of being devoted to the word and applying it to your life and the church.*

- [1] Isa 9:6; Jn 14:27; Phil 4:4-7 | Jesus gives us the gift of peace. As you go into the New Year, ask God to help you trust Him for calm, joy & peace in the face of uncertainty.
- [2] Heb 12:1-2 | Take time to pause and reflect on what is keeping you from experiencing the hope, joy, peace & love that Jesus brought. He came so we would be free. Fix your eyes on Him.

### Sunday, Jan 3rd | Family of Churches Reunion John 4

- [4] Jn 4:1-15 | From verse 4, what do you think is meant by "He **had** to go through Samaria?" What was the place where Jesus sat in the town? From this passage, what do we know about the Samaritan woman?
- [5] Jn 4:1-15 | Who initiated the conversation between the two? Did the woman know who Jesus was at first? Was she seeking Him? How did He make a connection with her? What can you learn from Jesus about how to approach a person who is indifferent to the Gospel?
- [6] Jn 4:1-15; Jer 2:13; 17:13; Ps 36:9; Isa 12:3; 55:1 | How does the woman respond? What is the gift of God that Jesus mentions in Jn 4:10? What is the living water?
- [7] Jn 4:16-26 | How does Jesus cause the woman to face her true spiritual condition? What was her response? What is true worship? At the end of verse 26, do you know whether the woman believed?
- [8] Jn 4:27-42 | What does the woman do after talking with Jesus? What happens with the people in the town? After reading verses 1-42, why do you think Jesus "**had** to go through Samaria?" Is there a "well" where God wants you to go & begin conversations about Him?
- [9] Jn 4:27-42; Lk 19:10; Ps 126:6; Jn 15:16 | What is God's work that Jesus mentions in Jn 4:34? What does Jesus teach His disciples about the harvest? Who was the sower & the reaper in this passage? What can you learn from this?

### Sunday, Dec 10th | "Scripture Memory" Psalm 119:9-16

- [11] Ps 119:9-16; Jn 15:7-8; Col 3:16 | According to these passages, why should Christians memorize scripture?
- [12] Ps 1:1-3; Jos 1:8; Ps 119:97, 148; Prov 2:1-6; 7:1-3 | What do these verses say about scripture memory? What does it mean to "store up God's commands within you?"
- [13] Ps 119:9, 11; Dt 6:6-7; Jas 1:22-25 | What are some motives or reasons for scripture memory mentioned in these verses?

- [14] Mt 4:4; 2 Pet 3:18, 1:5; Jn 17:17 | According to these passages, what is the role of scripture in our spiritual growth?
- [15] Eph 6:17; 1 Cor 2:16; Rom 12:2 | What do these verses say about how scripture memory aids in our sanctification?
- [16] Col 3:16; Eph 4:13-16; Rom 10:17; 1 Pet 3:15; 2 Tim 3:15 | How does scripture memory benefit the church as a whole?

### Sunday, Jan 17th | Foundations "Up/In/Out Sunday" Luke 6:12-19

- [18] Lk 6:12-19 | Why do you think Jesus prayed? Why do you think He chose that location to pray? Why did He pray all night? Consider to Whom He prayed (attributes of God)? What can you learn from Jesus' example?
- [19] Lk 6:13-16; 1 Cor 12:14-27 | Look up the definitions of "disciple" & "apostle." What is the difference between the two? What qualifications did these men have? What do you know about them? Were any of them religious leaders?
- [20] Lk 6:13-16; Mk 3:13-19 | Why do you think He chose 12 apostles? What was their purpose?
- [21] Lk 6:12-16 | One commentary states that the apostles had to witness to the world what their Master had been, done, & suffered while they were with Him. They bore this witness in 3 ways: by their words (preaching), by their works (building up the Church of Christ), & by their sufferings. How does this relate to The Gathering's "Up, In, & Out" arrows?
- [22] Lk 6:17-19 | Name the 3 groups of people in v17. Think about the people that made up each group. Why were they there? If you were there, which group do you think you would identify with?
- [23] Lk 6:17-19 | What 3 types of power did Jesus display in v19? Which one do you believe is the most essential? To whom in your sphere of influence can you share the Gospel?

### Sunday, Jan 24th | Foundations "History of the YMCA" Acts 19:8-10

- [25] Ac 19:8-10 | What was Paul doing in the synagogue in v8? What group of people was he speaking to? What was his topic? How long did he speak?
- [26] Ac 19:8-10 | What was the reaction of some of the listeners? What was the progression of their unbelief as described in v9? What were they rejecting?
- [27] Mt 13:1-23 | How does Jesus' parable relate to the reaction of Paul's crowd?
- [28] Ac 19:8-10; 20:20 | What did Paul do as a result of the listeners' reaction? Who went with him? How long did Paul do this? Where else was Paul teaching?
- [29] Ac 19:8-10, 20 | What was the result of Paul's action? What impact did his ministry have? Find Ephesus on a Bible map & then look at the cities surrounding it. Which of those cities are mentioned in Revelation 2 & 3?
- [30] Eph 3:20-21 | What are you believing God to do in & through The Gathering?