

The Battle of the Ephraim Forest
Psalm 143
May 9, 2021

Verses 1-2 -- Blessedly, we can ask God for His blessings, not based on our _____, but on His _____.

Verse 3 – The effects of sitting in darkness include sin, fear, sleeplessness, and loss of vision. But the _____ dispels the darkness.

Verse 4 – When our soul is overwhelmed, let us do what Jesus did:
_____ (Matthew 26:36-40).

Verse 5 – Meditating on our own past mistakes or on the offenses of others will only cause us further grief. But meditating on _____ will fill us with hope.

Verse 6 – Let us _____ nothing but _____.

Verse 7 – Let us concentrate our prayers on _____.

Verse 8 – When we can't tell which way we should go, _____.

Verse 9 – Those who devote themselves to godly service will find that _____ (I Corinthians 16:9).

Verse 10 – God teaches us through _____.

Verse 11-12 – May the desire of our soul be for _____ (Isaiah 26:8).

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Psalm 143.
2. What verse from Psalm 143 impacted you the most? Why?
3. How does spending an hour with the Father help us when our soul is overwhelmed? (verse 4)
4. Crave nothing but God. Dread nothing but sin (verse 6). What troubles does this reminder help you not dread so much? What interests does this reminder help you not crave so much?
5. Are your prayers concentrated on matters of life and death? (verse 7) Why do you think that is?
6. What are your worst enemies that hinder your service to God? (verse 9)
7. If the desire of our soul is for the name of God (Isaiah 26:8), what must that do to our heart for international missions? What are your next steps to personal involvement in God's global effort to bring people to Himself?
8. Pray for each other, that you would all learn to better keep your focus on God. Consider attending tonight's Zoom Prayer Meeting at 7 pm!

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Isaiah 64-66

May Memory Verses: Ephesians 3:8-10

Colossians 4:2-4

2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— 4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. If you were registered before, you will need to sign up again. The new registration will last through 9/5/21.

Register with your name and email address.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

DURING Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

PRAYING for God to convict the lost people in our lives to be saved.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- Those struggling with fear, anxiety or employment issues because of COVID
 - Dr. Doug and Cheryl D. (process of returning to Thailand by the end of May)
 - Jules Spencer (permission to go to Thailand)
- Church members and/or their friends/families who have COVID
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus.
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
 - Raul O. (mother, Josie), Zelma W. (father), Family of Ella Rae T., Don R. (wife, Brenda), Yvonne B. (husband, Pastor Jamal)
- Those struggling with on-going health and emotional issues:
 - Mary C. (breast cancer), Mary R. (possible dialysis), Don R. (sciatica pain), Harry and Pam D. (ongoing care-giving needs), Phyllis W. (in assisted living facility), Korrena C. (home but still receiving therapy), Debbie B. (breast cancer has spread to her bones, pray for successful treatment), Linda C. (anxiety over Greg's recent heart issues), Floyd and Pat W. (mobility issues and dementia), Mimi M. (spiking temperature and blood count issues)
- Those awaiting surgery:
 - Ruthie C. (stomach repair), Ann W. (gallbladder removal)
- Those recovering from surgery:
 - Darlene R. (successful abdominal hernia repair), Gary L. (hip replacement), Greg C. (stent in his heart), Yvonne P. (successful knee-replacement surgery)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
 - Julia B. (family), Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
 - Larry S., Julia B.
- Others that you are aware of