

WORSHIP

WHAT WE WERE MEANT FOR

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

MONDAY

Worship is all about glorifying God. Our two primary actions in worship are praising God and listening for what God has to say to us. "It is our devotion to worship that God uses to change us and to remind us of his loving presence" (John Sowers, September 4, 2011).

Commit yourself to making worship a priority in your life. Commit to regular attendance of corporate worship on Sundays and to individual worship that is tied to our corporate worship. (These Devotional Guides are available to help you with this. The guides this month are designed to help you focus on the two actions of praising God and listening for what God has to say to you.)

Seek to discover in the next few weeks new ways of what it means to make worship be all about glorifying God. Consider how you might be making it about something else.

As you follow through on this commitment to worship watch for two things: (1) How is God changing you? (2) In what ways are you more aware of God's loving presence?

TUESDAY

Read Genesis 1:26-31 & 3:8-10

What do you find praiseworthy about God in these verses? How do you see evidence of God's loving presence in these verses? As you answer these questions how do you feel compelled to respond? Let this response be your act of worship throughout today and expect God to speak to you, bless you, and give you direction.

Consider keeping a journal this month where you record how God speaks to you, blesses you, and gives you direction.

WEDNESDAY

Read Genesis 1:26-31

What do these verses about creation tell you about our purpose for being created? Ask God to show you how to live differently today, in a way that is more consistent with why you have been created.

THURSDAY

Sit outside in your backyard or at a park where you can feel a breeze. (If you can't be outside where you feel a breeze then turn on a fan to create a light breeze. Close your eyes and imagine being in a lush garden.) Sit here for a bit. Let the sights, sounds and feelings soak into you.

Read Genesis 3:8-10

Do you hear God calling to you?

Do you long to know God is near by or are you wishing you could hide?

Do you feel comfort or do you feel fear?

Read John 10:11 & 27-28: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. . . My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand."

FRIDAY

Read Psalm 8. Compare this Psalm with Genesis 1:26-31. How can you live today in a way that bears witness to God's true intention for his creation?