

Week 4 | August 10 – August 16: The Motivation for Our Mission

Day 21: August 10

Scripture

There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. - Luke 15:7

Prayer Points

- Praise God that heaven celebrates whenever someone repents and receives Christ.
 - Ask God to give us the same heavenly joy over the lost who find Jesus.
 - Pray that this joy would motivate us to help people find and follow Jesus.
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Day 22: August 11

Scripture

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the Gospel. ... Because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the Gospel without fear.
- Philippians 1:12, 14

Prayer Points

- Praise God for how He used Paul's hardships to advance the Gospel.
- Praise God for how He uses our perseverance stories to encourage one another.
- Ask God to help us share our own stories to motivate others to confidently share the Gospel.

Day 23: August 12

Scripture

Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 3:13

Prayer Points

- Praise God for the hope of heaven that Christ has given us.
 - Praise God for giving us a future worth striving for each day.
 - Ask God to give us a vigorous faith like that of the apostle Paul.
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Day 24: August 13

Scripture

[Christ] is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. - Colossians 1:28-29

Prayer Points

- Praise God that, like the apostle Paul, we have been called to proclaim the risen Christ.
- Ask God to grow us in the ability to admonish and teach one another with all wisdom, so that we might all reach maturity in Christ.
- Pray that Christ would energize us for this work as He did for the apostle Paul.

Day 25: August 14

Scripture

What is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when He comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

- 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

Prayer Points

- Praise God for the assurance of His glorious return someday.
 - Praise God for the present joy of playing a part in helping people find and follow Jesus.
 - Ask God to increase our anticipation and joy by making the Gospel even more fruitful in our church.
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Day 26: August 15

Scripture

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. - Hebrews 10:23-25

Prayer Points

- Praise God for the secure hope we have in our faithful Savior – both for this life and the life to come.
- Ask God to help us hold unswervingly to this hope.
- Ask God to help us encourage one another on toward love and good deeds – being intentional to serve [our local ministry partners](#).

Day 27: August 16

Scripture

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing.

- 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Prayer Points

- Praise God for the hope of our heavenly reward.
- Thank God for Paul's inspiring example of a life well-lived.
- Ask God for the tenacity and faithfulness to finish well here on earth.