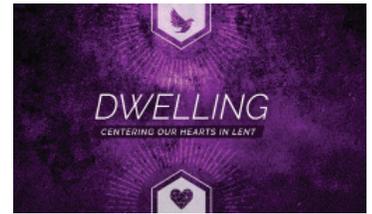


DAILY READING PLAN



Week of March 20, 2022

Dwelling: Conviction

John 16:5-11

Day One | Read John 16:5-8

⁵ “But now I am going away to the one who sent me, and not one of you is asking where I am going. ⁶ Instead, you grieve because of what I’ve told you. ⁷ But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment.

- It’s so easy to read these words of Jesus as bad news, but how you might you hear them as good news?

Day Two | Read Psalm 139:23-24

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

- David asked God to search his heart and thoughts in order to prove his innocence. Why might you ask God to search your heart and thoughts? What might God do with what God finds

Day Three | Read Psalm 139:1-18

¹ O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. ² You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I’m far away. ³ You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. ⁴ You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord. ⁵ You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!

⁷ I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! ⁸ If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. ⁹ If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me. ¹¹ I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night—¹² but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you.

¹³ You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. ¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. ¹⁵ You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. ¹⁶ You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

¹⁷ How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! ¹⁸ I can’t even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

- Spend a few minutes today meditating on these verses, and revel in the joy of knowing that the One who loves you knows you completely and will never leave you.

Day Four | Read Hebrews 4:12

¹² *“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”*

- How have these words been true in your experience?

Day Five | Read Philippians 2:3-4

³ *Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.* ⁴ *Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.*

- How do these words convict you? While that conviction might sting a bit, how could it be helpful and ultimately bless you?