



January 8 – January 15, 2012

State of the Church 2011-2012

o Sunday 1.8.12		Ephesians 4.11-16
o Monday 1.9.12		Romans 12.1-2
o Tuesday 1.10.12		Romans 12.3-8
o Wednesday 1.11.12		Psalms 37.3-9
o Thursday 1.12.12		Deuteronomy 6.4-9
o Friday 1.13.12		2 Timothy 3.16-17
o Saturday 1.14.12		Acts 2.42-47

Use the S.O.A.P Method of Bible Reading

S.O.A.P. stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer. It's a great way to delve more deeply into your Bible reading, and journal your thoughts, emotions and connections when studying scripture. S.O.A.P. can be an effective tool to help you connect with particular passages. Here is how it works:

- 1 Find a quiet time and space to read your Bible, preferably at the same time each day. Many people find that reading scripture in the morning helps get their day off to a focused start.
- 2 Complete the "S" by reading the scripture. Don't just skim through it, but really think about what it means. Imagine what the people involved were experiencing. Write down a verse or two that really stood out to you in your journal.
- 3 Complete the "O" by writing down observations about the scripture you just read. You may want to write your own summary of the passage, but more importantly, think about what God has to say to you through this part of his word.
- 4 Complete the "A" by writing down how this Bible passage applies to you right now, in your daily life. For example, in the parable about the prodigal son, which character do you identify with most: the loving and merciful father, the son who squanders his life and then repents or the resentful older brother? Do you see similar situations in your life right now? How can you respond in the way Jesus taught?

Discussion Questions

. Our lives are like a construction project, God is constantly working within you to help you grow closer to Him. Sometimes it is messy and busy – but these periods of our live can also be productive. What is God convicting you to work on this 2012 year?

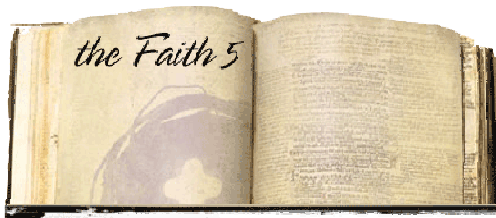
. What gifts has God bestowed on you? How are you using them to Glorify God? If you have not taken Network our Spiritual Gift's class- do so! Class starts Jan. 11 at 6:30pm with Pam Schwartz leading.

. How often do you spend time with God in prayer, reading and reflecting on the scriptures? Commit to using the Homepage each day this year which follows the sermon series and reinforces the weekly message! What needs to take a back seat so that this gets done? Need a push- Consider taking either Bible Boot Camp with Dan Metzger or a class on Prayer with Laura Burger- both classes start Jan. 11 at 6:30pm.

. How often do you have spiritual conversations with others who have either strayed from their faith or have not yet accepted Christ? What holds you back? What needs to be done for you make the intentional effort to make this a priority this year? If you need guidance on sharing your story, take Jason Collins "Storyteller" class on Evangelism starting Jan. 11 at 6:30pm.

. Surrendering to God and demonstrating this with our everyday actions means- doing something or changing something. What will you do our change this year? Want accountability, join a Life Group!

. What is the one thing Pastor Mark said today that was the most convicting and you will



Share your highs & lows of the day
Read the Scripture in the Bible
Talk about how the verse
relates to your highs & lows
Pray about your highs & lows,
family, world
Bless one another

Making disciples every night in every home!

Sunday _____ Jeremiah 29:11

Thursday _____ Isaiah 26:4

Monday _____ Romans 12:2

Friday _____ 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Tuesday _____ Proverbs 16:3

Saturday _____ 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Wednesday _____ Psalm 37:5-6

Blessing: May you become more and more like Jesus each day.

