



A few thoughts...about the difference between Devotions and Bible Study

Two months ago, I wrote:

“Where devotions aren’t, or never were a habit; then, perhaps it is time to start building that habit.”

And I meant it.

This month, I want to take you a step further on the adventure that is knowing the Scriptures and our Master more intimately; and gently suggest, that a Devotional, as important as that may be, is different from personal Bible Study.

A Devotional is created by someone else, somewhere else and very much influenced by their particular way of thinking and situation. Devotionals are wonderful tools that can help us grow and simultaneously encourage us.

Devotionals can be enlightening, insightful, comforting and rewarding.

Especially when you’re going through spiritual “dry spells”. It is most often during those difficult times that devotionals keep us connected to Scripture.

Still, Devotionals are not the same thing as studying the Bible for yourself.

Personal Bible study is you focusing on a particular section or topic. Personal Bible study is active; rather than the passive of a Devotional. Both allow the Holy Spirit to instruct you. However, with Personal Bible study you are the one allowing the Holy Spirit to prompt you as to choose what you will study. You are the one actively participating with the Holy Spirit to convict, convince and change you.

In undertaking Personal Bible study, you will find a special joy when you read a passage, a chapter or a book. As you seek to gain understanding, getting glimpses of the depth of meaning; being rewarded with a fresh insight; or, simply be stunned at how all the Scriptures apply to you.

Yes, Bible study takes effort. You will need to seek out other resources.

However, the reward is the amazing feeling of seeing the Truth of God’s word for yourself.

I'll say it again, "There is nothing as meaningful as uncovering the truth of God's word for yourself."

Blessings

Andrew

PS. Another benefit is written in Psalms 119:11 (ESV)

11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Missions

Missions Kenya

Also please pray for **Ps. Fabin and Moreen Mathew** in Kisii County Kenya and the Orphanage.

The number of orphans has climbed to 27.

They have just started on a Dormitory Building. This is a photo from last Monday, 23rd March:



And this is from 1st April:



Missions West Africa

Please continue to pray for **David, Taryn, Micah, Noah and Caleb Price in West Africa**

You can find more information on the SIM Australia website
<https://sim.org.au/davidtaryn/>



Church Prayer Meetings

Every Sunday at 8:30am in the hall
 Every Friday at 8.45am in the Church Hall
1st Friday of the month at 7.15pm –
 Combined Church Prayer Meeting

Church Craft

Please Note: This has changed to the **first Tuesday** of the Month in the Church Hall

Bible Studies

See below the Bible Studies for April and May. Plan ahead and consider coming to the Bible Studies.

If you are wary of driving at night, perhaps we can arrange a pickup and delivery. Or, you could always watch the live stream. (Though you will miss out on the discussion afterwards.)



Online.....

This ministry is growing. Thank you for following Wulguru Uniting Church on Facebook.

If you are a regular Facebook User we would truly appreciate if you would check out our You Tube Channel ([YouTube.com/@wulguruuca](https://www.youtube.com/@wulguruuca)) and click the subscription button.

We will continue to Live Stream both the Sunday Service and Tuesday night Bible Studies (and occasionally the monthly Combine Prayer Service) because people are watching.

If you happen to miss a particular sermon, do not despair. The sermons are uploaded to Facebook, You Tube and Vimeo and are normally available within 24 hours.

The URLs for Facebook, YouTube and Vimeo:

Facebook: Facebook.com/wulguruuca

YouTube: YouTube.com/@wulguruuca

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Preaching Schedule April/May

Fri, 4 Apr 2025	Combined Prayer Service - Malachi - Praying for Revival
Sun, 6 Apr 2025	Communion Sunday Coming with Humility
Tue, 8 Apr 2025	Romans 12
Sun, 13 Apr 2025	Palm Sunday Colossians 2:11
Tue, 15 Apr 2025	Christian Doctrine - Man
Fri, 18 Apr 2025	Good Friday (7.00pm)
Sun, 20 Apr 2025	Easter Sunday Colossians 2:12 - Communion
Tue, 22 Apr 2025	NT Preview - Leading to Jesus. The 400 Silent Years.
Sun, 27 Apr 2025	Colossians
Sun, 4 May 2025	Communion Sunday Coming with Humility
Sun, 11 May 2025	Colossians
Tue, 13 May 2025	NO BIBLE STUDY
Sun, 18 May 2025	Colossians
Tue, 20 May 2025	Christian Doctrine - Man
Sun, 25 May 2025	Colossians
Tue, 27 May 2025	NT Preview - Leading to Jesus. The 400 Silent Years.

Church Bank Details

If you would like to make a regular

Voluntary gift by direct debit towards meeting church expenses then our details are:

BSB: 633000

Account: 191 685 221

Bendigo Bank



Lectionary Readings

Available on the table at the back of the church



Memory Verses



Each week we are being challenged to learn and remember a memory verse.

6 April – Numbers 23:19

13 April – 1 Timothy 1:15

20 April – Hebrews 13:5-6

27 April – Lamentations 3:21-23

4 May – Lamentations 3:24-26

11 May – Lamentations 3:31-33

18 May – Colossians 3:16-17

25 May – Isaiah 26:3-4

1 June – Psalms 19:7-8



Bottles and Cans for Cash

Please save your empty bottles and cans.

Normal milk bottles are not accepted but flavoured milk bottles and cartons are as well as fruit drink cartons and bottles.



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