

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Our elder brothers have become hard-hearted in rebellion against our patient father. We have been grafted in to a wealth and warmth we did not deserve and can hardly fathom. Yet we too are tempted to take for granted the lovingkindness we have received. Do you hear the warning? Do you turn to the Lord in repentance lest you too be hardened?

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday Morning

READ **Mark 4:11-12; 12:1-12; Isaiah 5:1-7; Romans 11:19-12; Psalm 118:19-25; Genesis 18:23-25**. DISCUSS How did Israel treat the owner of the vineyard? Why? How do we? How are you rejoicing today in Christ's boundless mercy? SERVE someone in need. MEDITATE on **Hebrews 3:12-13**. PRAY "Jesus, forgive us for our treachery. Teach us to joyfully submit to Your authority, and to love You as our Sovereign."

Monday

READ **Mark 4:11-12; 12:1-12; Isaiah 5:1-7; Mark**. DISCUSS Why are judgment passages so difficult for us? Why are they needed? How are you responding to this one? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 3:12-13**. PRAY, "Jesus, thank You for being both just and merciful."

Tuesday

READ **Mark 12:1-12; Romans 11:19-12**. DISCUSS What does it mean for us to be grafted into Israel as part of the people of God? Does that mean we are saved? If not, what does? SERVE by considering someone else's needs *above your own!* MEDITATE on **Hebrews 3:12-13**. PRAY, "Lord Jesus, You own everything and bless us out of Your goodness. Thank You for Your grace."

Wednesday

READ **Mark 12:1-12; Psalm 118:19-25**. DISCUSS Who is the stone the builders rejected? Why? How do we likewise reject Jesus in our sin? How are you repenting from that treachery? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 3:12-13**. PRAY, “Lord, humble us and teach us to not take You for granted. Soften our hearts that we might listen to You.”

Thursday

READ **Mark 12:1-12; Genesis 18:23-25**. DISCUSS Why is it terrifying that God will always be just? Why is that good news for all who are in Christ? If He is perfectly just, how is that reflected in your daily life? SERVE by demonstrating God’s tenderness! MEDITATE on **Hebrews 3:12-13**. PRAY, “Lord, please enable us to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly before You.”

Friday

READ **Mark 12:1-12; Isaiah 5:1-7; Romans 11:19-12; Psalm 118:19-25; Mark 4:11-12; Genesis 18:23-25**. DISCUSS How has the Holy Spirit been guiding you *this week through these passages*? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 3:12-13**. PRAY that we at FCCW would *be delighted in Christ*.

Saturday

PREPARE today for *gathered worship tomorrow*. READ **Mark 12:1-44**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for Sunday School at **9:00** and the **10:30** worship service. Ask the Lord to *make us more like Jesus*.

Meditate on Hebrews 3:12-13

“Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”