

MONDAY 08.17.26 - Matthew 7:15-20

¹⁵ “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

The true gospel is simple yet profound. God in Christ came to earth, lived among us, and died on the cross for us. His shed blood paid the price for our sins and made it possible us to be saved from death and be assured of enteral life. Our salvation comes as a gift we receive only through faith in Christ’s shed blood for the forgiveness of our sins. That is how we get salvation, period! If the salvation plan you are hearing adds anything to this or takes anything away from it, you are hearing false teaching. From a human perspective it will likely sound good and seem enticing, but it is false teaching and we must stand against it. You have heard it said here at Shiloh many times, faith alone in Christ alone is how we are saved. Stand firm against false teachers so that in the end you will hear God say, “well done my good and faithful servant”.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 08.18.26 - 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

The quickest way to earn my disrespect is to lie to me, whatever the motive--whether to get something unscrupulously or to escape consequences for improper actions. To me, lying is a serious character flaw, for how can I believe anything a liar says? The world is filled with liars because we live in Satan’s domain and he is the father of lies (John 8:44) masquerading as an angel of light. Those who emulate Satan and encourage others to believe his lies and use half-truths and human rationalism that allows them to continue in sin are despised by God, for they

mock His holiness and righteousness. I’m a mere human but consider lying a great offense that needs to be addressed and punished in some way, depending on the age of the offender and the situation. God’s punishment is separation from Him in a place of eternal torment. False teachers: BEWARE!

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 08.19.26 - 1 Peter 4:10-11

God has given every believer a spiritual gift—an ability to serve the Lord in some capacity. The gifts are delineated in four passages of Scripture: Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, and 1 Peter 4. An unused spiritual gift does no one any good. Nicolo Paganini was a great violinist. He willed his marvelous violin to the city of his birth—Genoa, Italy. But he gave it on one condition—that the instrument was never to be played again. That was an unfortunate demand because his violin was made of a wood that shows little wear—as long as it’s used and handled. As soon as it’s unused, it begins to decay. One person noted: “The exquisite, mellow-toned violin has become worm-eaten in its beautiful case, valueless—except as a relic.” In the same way, spiritual gifts were given to be used. Use your giftedness to serve the Lord and others.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 08.20.26 - Joshua 22:5

This is at the end of the battles to capture the land and divide it among the tribes. But 2-1/2 tribes had received land on the east side of the Jordan, so long as they fought for their brothers in capturing the land the Lord was giving to His people.

The earnest warning given here is an admonition that is given elsewhere to all the people of God. But here it is delivered in a way especially impactful for us. These two and a half tribes are going to live outside the land of Israel, in a foreign world, like we do. They will live in a non-Jewish world whose culture and religions will be foreign. Just like the world in which we ourselves live.

Yet they are called to observe and meditate on the Lord’s commands, love the Lord and walk in His ways; serve Him heart and soul. Good advice for us all.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

FRIDAY 08.21.26 - Proverbs 19:17

It’s wise to care for the poor. But the wisdom of doing so is deeper than we may first realize. When we provide food, clothing, shelter, or finances, there is an obvious benefit: someone in need is cared for. But this proverb opens our eyes to something greater—to the way God works in His kingdom.

When God’s people care for the poor, we “lend to the LORD.” What a concept! God cares for people is through other people. When we meet a need, we aren’t merely helping another person; we are participating in God’s work of caring for them.

God isn’t promising to make us rich because we give. Everything we have belongs to God, and grace frees us to use what He has entrusted to us for others. We show that we are God’s people when we care for people God cares about.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

E2 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

- KIDS

CHILDREN’S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
NURSERY (through Age 3) *9:40AM ONLY
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- YOUTH

E2 CLASS (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- ADULTS

SUMMER QUARTER - Sunday Mornings
EXPLORE THE BIBLE: Joshua; Judges; Ruth
LOCATION: B8-10 - June 7th - August 30th

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

- Youth

ON SUMMER BREAK
- Adults

Worship Center

COMING SUNDAYS MORNINGS AT SHILOH
9:45AM DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Beginning September 13th. Rooms to be determined.

Explore the Bible: Romans:
Led by Gene Steinruck

Bible Studies for Life
Connecting with Others Like Jesus Did - Led by Lane Kemler
Essentials for Christian Living - Led by Dave Delcamp

Women’s Study - Job
Led by Elizabeth Williams

Men’s Study - Play the Man
Led by Dave Hummel & Mike Williams

THURSDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Angels by Melissa Spoelstra - Led by Chris Knepley
Begins September 17th at 9am in Room 2

UNITY SUNDAY

August 30that 10:00am in the Welcome Center
Luncheon to follow. No sign-up is needed.

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THESE GROUPS OR CLASSES,
USE THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

2 Peter 2:1-10a
Counterfeit Communicators

False teachers will come into the church and promote heresy.
They will attempt to lead believers away from the truth.

1. The D_____ of the False Teachers (v 1)

False teachers deny the person and work of Christ. The key
question is: “Who is Jesus Christ, and what has He done?”

1. The D_____ from the False Teachers (vv 2-3)

It’s possible for you as a true believer in Jesus to be deceived by
false teachers. That does not mean that you lose your salvation.
However, you will be thrown off track in your Christian life and
lose rewards.

2. The D_____ for the False Teachers (vv 4-10a)

Peter’s point is that God didn’t spare the angels, the ancient
world, and Sodom and Gomorrah. So, God won’t spare false
teachers if they don’t repent.

Application

➤ S_____

Refuse to blindly accept someone’s teaching—even if they claim to
be blessed by it. Compare what’s being taught with what the
Scriptures teach.

➤ L_____

Examine the life of the main spokesperson. Don’t be impressed
because someone sounds intelligent or because of their charm or
charisma.

➤ L_____

Pay attention to how terms are used and defined. Don’t judge
truth by how you feel. Think—and make your judgments
according to what the Scripture teaches.

E2 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



August 17 - August 21

INTRODUCTION:
Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip (E2)
every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with
God, both individually as well as with families and small groups
(E2 Communities). This devotional is to aid us in just that. We invite
you to join us in daily devotion.

OVERVIEW:
Sunday, August 9th, we will hear a message from 2 Peter 2:1-10a,
“Counterfeit Communicators”. Sunday, August 23rd, our message
will be from 1 Peter 4:10-11 “Nobody Rides The Pine”.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:
“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came
about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For prophecy never had its
origin in the will, but prophets of man, but men spoke from God as they
were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”
2 Peter 1:20-21