

PRAY EVERY DAY July 11, 2021 Resource

*Who Will Worship God from Psalm 24:3-5 (NRSV)*

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the LORD,

and vindication from the God of their salvation.

*The Bishop Sharma Lewis Read the Bible in 2021 Challenge (Genesis to Revelation)*

July 12: Psalm 146 - 150

July 16: Proverbs 10 - 12

July 13: Proverbs 1 - 3

July 17: Proverbs 13 - 15

July 14: Proverbs 4 - 6

July 18: Proverbs 16 - 18

July 15: Proverbs 7 - 9

*A Prayer of Charles Lewis Slattery*

Almighty God, thank Thee for the job of this day.

May we find gladness in all its toil and difficulty,

its pleasure and success, and even in its failure and sorrow.

We would look always away from ourselves,

and behold the glory and the need of the world

that we may have the will and the strength to bring

the gift of gladness to others; that with them we stand

to bear the burden and heat of the day

and offer Thee the praise of work well done. Amen.

*Small Group or personal study*

Read Mark 6:14-29

- In this passage, violent power was wielded to kill John the Baptist by Herod, Herodias, and their daughter. Where have you seen evil rise up that threatened to block God's grace and goodness? When have you felt like evil was winning?
- Though John had undeniably been killed, when Herod heard about Jesus and his works, Herod thought that John has risen from the dead. Herod might have killed John, but he could not stop the grace of God that was coming to Galilee where he ruled. How have you seen the power of Christ's resurrection life, power, and hope even following great evil? How have you witnessed that the grace of God continues to come?
- The grace of God is unstoppable! God keeps sending the grace of Jesus Christ, the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, and people of faith the live and share the love of God in the world. Mark 6:14-29 falls right between a section in Mark where Jesus first sent out the disciples on their own to the villages in Galilee (6:6-13) and their return to report what they had done and taught (6:30). Not only does Jesus keep bringing grace, even when there is evil in the world, Jesus sends disciples to share grace, too. How could you share the grace of God in a place or with someone who has experienced suffering, evil, or trouble this week?
- There is a way to resist the grace of Jesus Christ like Herod did in this passage. That is to resist receiving the grace of God in our lives. We may not be able to keep Jesus out of the world but we can keep Jesus out of our hearts, actions, and lives. What areas of resistance to the grace

of Jesus for yourself and others remain in you? What do you suppose would work in your thinking and doing if not the love, grace, and hope of Jesus Christ?

*Spend time in silence*

*Prayer for others and yourself*

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Share the Love of Jesus because It's All about Relationships*

How will you or how did you share the love of Jesus with neighbor today with no strings attached? Write it down and share it this week in small group for support and prayer.

*Opening Doors for God to Enter from Psalm 24:9-10 (NRSV)*

Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts,

he is the King of glory.