

BEYOND SUNDAY

GOD'S FAMILY

OCTOBER 13, 2019

RECAP

We are members of God's family. Adopted by God. We are born again, by the Spirit. We belong to God and we belong to each other. God is gathering to himself one large family, out of every tribe, tongue and nation.

As you spend time in God's Word this week, think about the people around you, family members, friends, neighbours, co-workers, fellow students, employees, employers, leaders, service personnel, anyone you meet, anyone you know: pray for them. Ask God to use you to share Jesus with them so that they too (if they are not already) can become members of God's family!

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READINGS

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." *John 1:12-13 NIV*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Ephesians 3:1-13	Genesis 12:1-3	Luke 10:25-37	Acts 11:1-18	Acts 24	Acts 26	Matthew 6:5-8

Questions to think about as you read:

1. Re-read Sunday's passage. What is something you would like to know more about?
2. It often seems like blessings come after great difficulties. How hard was it for Abraham to leave his people and follow the Lord? Who was the blessing for?
3. What is shocking about this passage? Why did Jesus use a Samaritan as an example here?
4. What does Peter's vision and his explanation impact your understanding of God's plan of salvation? Who is someone, or a group of someones whom you would be inclined to think of as "unclean"? Why, in light of this passage, is this wrong?
5. What charges did the Jewish leaders bring against Paul? Consider how deeply ingrained their exclusion of others was. Examine your heart, do you struggle in the same way?
6. Read carefully Paul's testimony before Agrippa. Using Paul's as an example, write out your testimony—showing how God has saved you!
7. Read the passage in preparation for worship on Sunday. Try writing out the passage by hand to help you concentrate on the words, then spend some time in prayer to set your mind and heart on what God is teaching you.