



Bible study for the week starting July 30, 2023

SHARE

If you ever played on a team, acted in a play/musical, played/sang, etc., what's the worst practice you ever had?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Psalm 16**. I love the words of David in this song: "I have set the Lord always before me." The picture he paints is of God always being at the front of our mind. What does practice have to do with this concept?
2. Read **Hebrews 10:19-39**. This is such a great chapter of Scripture, and right before the great "heroes of faith" chapter in Hebrews 11. We can see the author prepping believers for difficulty, both with the encouragement that others have gone before them, but also the resilience God wants to build in them. What insights stick out to you about spiritual practices?
3. What does a disciplined life look like to you? What has been helpful or harmful in this pursuit, and where do you still need work (assuming you're willing to share and are not yet perfect – a safe bet on the second part).
4. Read **Luke 6:43-49**. Jesus talks about hearing truth and putting it into practice. One is certainly pretty worthless without the other. Ultimately, God wants your success; He wants you to hold fast to the faith to the very end. In Matthew's version, this wraps up the sermon the mount. Why was this so necessary for Jesus to state?

PRAY

Pray that God would bless you with faithfulness in the little, daily, mundane things, so that your character is cultivated for the times you are truly challenged.



Practice?!

Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:19-39; Luke 6:43-49

July 30, 2023 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

The practices of ONE DAY in your life...

You don't rise to the level of your GOALS; you fall to the level of your PRACTICES.

Make a practice of CONFESSING your faith: a statement of beliefs you speak OUT LOUD & the whole truth about what God has done in your LIFE.

The urgency is for two reasons:

- 1) SUFFERING and PERSECUTION happening due to you following Jesus; and
- 2) The end is NEAR.

When we deliberately turn our back on God and rebel against Him, we TRAMPLE Jesus, PROFANE His blood, and OUTRAGE the Holy Spirit.

God wants to build something in you that is RESILIENT.

Practice COMPASSION.

Your challenge...

For next week, read Joshua 1:5-9 and Matthew 14:22-33.