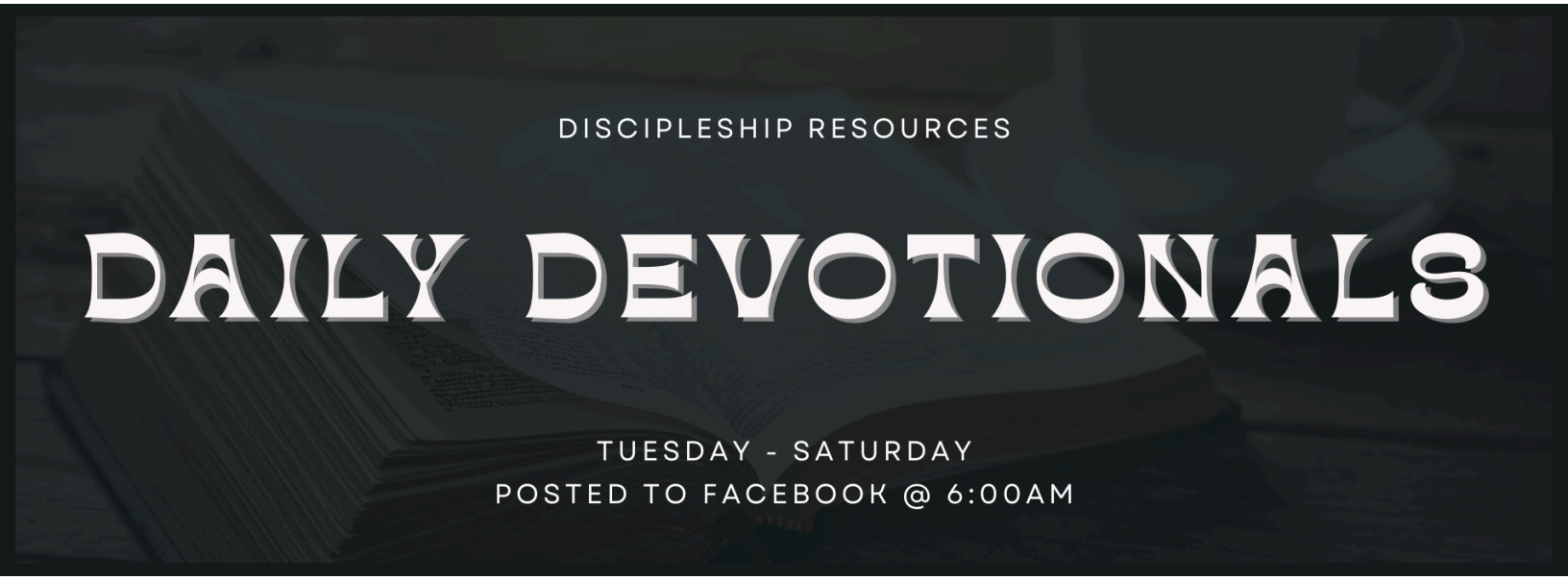


Tuesday, November 10th
Day 1: The Urgency of Salvation

Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Devotional: The sermon reminded us plainly that all we are guaranteed is today. Tomorrow is not promised, and death ushers every person into the presence of a holy God. Paul's instruction to Timothy was clear: prayer for all people to be saved must be a first priority. God desires every person to come to the knowledge of the truth. That truth is singular and non-negotiable -- there is one mediator between God and man. Let this reality create urgency in your heart. Examine yourself honestly. Then lift the names of those around you who do not yet know Christ. Pray with expectation.

Reflection: Is there a name or face that comes to mind when you consider those who have not yet come to saving faith? Commit that person to prayer today and ask God to show you one practical way to shine the light of the gospel in their direction.

Wednesday, November 11th
Day 2: The Priority of Prayer

Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-4; Luke 18:1-8

Devotional: Prayer is not optional for the church -- it is foundational. Paul placed it first, before any other instruction to Timothy. God's desire that all people be saved is not passive wishfulness; it is a divine longing that he invites his people to join through intercession. The sermon challenged us to consider whether we are truly praying for those outside the faith, for our communities, and for the world. Prayer aligns our hearts with the heart of God. When we pray according to his will, we are not merely speaking words -- we are participating in his redemptive mission on earth.

Reflection: Set aside a dedicated time today to pray specifically for those who do not know Christ. Write their names down. Return to that list throughout the week and watch how God begins to move both in their lives and in your own heart toward them.

Thursday, November 12th
Day 3: Christ Is the Head of His Church

Reading: Colossians 1:15-20; Ephesians 1:22-23; Acts 20:17-32

Devotional: The church does not belong to its members, its traditions, or its leaders. It was purchased with the blood of Jesus Christ, and he alone is its head. The sermon drew this truth from Acts 20, where Paul reminded the elders of Ephesus that the Holy Spirit had placed them as overseers to shepherd a flock that God bought with his own blood. This changes everything about how we approach church life. When Christ is truly the head, his Word governs decisions, his priorities shape direction, and his authority holds leaders accountable. A church centered on Christ rather than human preference is a church that will endure.

Reflection: Honestly consider whether you approach your local church with a consumer mindset -- focused on preferences and comfort -- or with a Christ-centered mindset focused on his purposes. What would it look like practically to submit more fully to Christ's headship in your church life this week?

Friday, November 13th
Day 4: The Calling and Character of a Shepherd

Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-7; Ezekiel 34:1-16; John 10:11-16

Devotional: God's design for spiritual leadership is rooted not in power but in sacrificial service. The sermon emphasized that pastors, elders, and overseers are not three different offices but three terms describing one role -- each term capturing a dimension of what faithful leadership looks like. An elder carries spiritual maturity. An overseer carries responsibility for the flock's wellbeing. A shepherd carries the hands-on, daily work of guiding, feeding, and protecting. Jesus himself is the chief shepherd, and every under-shepherd answers to him. True pastoral leadership elevates others, protects the vulnerable, and refuses to lord authority over those entrusted to their care.

Reflection: Consider how you can better support, encourage, and pray for the spiritual leaders in your church. Leadership that is faithful to God's Word is spiritually costly. Ask God to show you one specific way to be an encouragement to those who shepherd you.

Saturday, November 14th
Day 5: Equipped for the Mission

Reading: Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 13:7-17

Devotional: The church is not a passive audience -- it is a body equipped and sent. The sermon closed with the reminder that one of the primary callings of spiritual leadership is to equip the congregation for ministry. God's Word is the instrument of that equipping. Every believer carries a God-given role in the mission of the church, and faithful leaders exist to help each person discover and fulfill that role. We are living in urgent days. The technology, the global conditions, and the signs of the times all point to the nearness of Christ's return. Now is not the time to be passive. Now is the time to be equipped, engaged, and faithful.

Reflection: What gifts, abilities, or opportunities has God placed in your life that could be used to advance his mission? Speak with a pastor or trusted believer this week about how you can more intentionally plug into the ministry of your local church. Do not wait for the perfect moment. Today is the accepted time.