

Resolve: I will be open to opportunities of sharing today.

FRIDAY 1-14-11

Read: John 17:20-26 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=john+17:20-26)

Prayer: Jesus, I want to be one with You just like You are one with the Father. Unity with You is my hearts desire. Yet, I confess I am afraid that I will lose myself. Guide me, Jesus, into a deeper understanding of Your love that frees me to be the most creative person I can be. Amen

Journal Reflection: Unity is not uniformity. Unity celebrates the special, and different, nature of each human being. Unity celebrates the differences and finds in those very differences and opportunity for growth and greater unity. Pray for unity in Christ's church worldwide. Pray for your growth to be able to accept, love, and celebrate those members of Jesus' family who are very different from yourself.

Resolve: I will work for Christ's kind of unity.

SATURDAY 1-15-11

Read: Isaiah 49:1-7 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=isaiah+49:1-7)

Prayer: Eternal God, You give me everything! You give me life, and with that gift of life You give everything that makes life worth living...the gifts of beauty, love, friendship, health, and family. You give me new life through Jesus Christ--the revelation of Your love in the life he lead, the proclamation of Your truth in the things that he said, and the promise of eternal life through his resurrection. Thank You God for all Your many gifts to me. Help me, O God, to be a gift to someone else. Amen

Journal Reflection: The prophet says that his reward is with God. (vs.4) As you observe the people around you, where are they expecting their reward to come from? One internet saying has God asking the question "Is your road leading to my home?" Give thanks today that your road and reward are with God. Be aware also, that some of your friends are on a different road. Pray for them! Ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom to share God's love with

Resolve: I will be a positive witness to God's love in my life.

LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS

For Sunday, January 9, 2011's Sermon

Foundational Scripture: John 4:31-38

(www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=john+4:31-38)

Featured Scripture Reflection: "Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor." (John 4:37-38 NIV)

Opening Icebreaker: What causes you to skip a meal unknowingly?

Scripture Questions

What is the scripture saying?

- What are the reasons the disciples are surprised to find Jesus with a woman at the well?
- What do you think Jesus means when he talks about spiritual food?
- What is so unusual about Jesus being in Samaria?
- How does the parable of the harvest apply to the disciples?

How is your life touched?

- What is spiritual food for you?
- What can you do to celebrate God's changes?
- What can you do to work in God's harvest?
- What do you learn about Jesus from this encounter with the outcast woman?

What is God's invitation to you?

- What can Jesus be asking you to do in Chilson's time of leadership transition?

What can you pray for?

Pray that Chilson Hills will be a joyous, faithful, praying community of God's resurrection power celebrating The Christ's transforming hope and love in the midst of our individual lives, our families, and our church.