



**FRIDAY****10-8-10**

**Read:** Luke 12: 42-48 ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=luke+12:42-48](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=luke+12:42-48))

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, thank You for giving me the opportunity to be a steward in Your Kingdom. Thank You for trusting me with so much. Thank You for allowing me to be responsible for sharing Your love and investing in growing Your people. I will do my best to be a good manager of Your wealth. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** The steward of an estate was the foreman or manager of many tasks. The owner gave over the day to day operations to the steward. If the estate manager was a trustworthy person, then the owner was happy and the estate prospered. The responsible steward's agenda was always the owner's agenda. You are a steward of God's great riches on this earth. Everything you have is actually God's gift to you. Compare your agenda with God's agenda for the world. Are you a responsible steward? If not, what is your first step to becoming a trustworthy manager of God's wealth?

**Resolve:** I will grow to be a responsible manager of God's wealth.

**SATURDAY****10-9-10**

**Read:** Psalm 66:1-12 ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+66:1-12](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+66:1-12))

**Prayer:** Creator God, You sing creation's harmony and life continues to be created. Thank You for the many themes within our world (even the dissonant and discordant ones) that combine together to make one harmonious song. Truly, You are the great Creator. Truly, You are the One worthy of our praise and thanks. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** God continues to create. The music of God's creation activity continues to be sung. God is not far off and absent from our world. God is present and singing the creation song. The wonderful and joyous news is that God wants you to join in God's creation choir. God wants you to participate in the very act of creation. Decide today to be one of the members of God's creation choir.

**Resolve:** I will sing with God today.

**LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS****For Sunday, October 3, 2010's Sermon****Foundational Scripture: Matthew 6:11**

([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=matthew+6:11](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=matthew+6:11))

**Featured Scripture Reflection:** "Give us this day our daily bread." (Matthew 6:11 NRSV)

**Opening Icebreaker:** When in your life have you ever been physically hungry? When have you been spiritually hungry?

**Scripture Questions**

*What is the scripture saying?*

- How do you think the truth shared in John 1:10-14 connects with Jesus' prayer for today's bread?
- When you think of Jesus' proclamation that he came for us to experience God's abundant life (John 10:10) what does abundant life mean to you? What do you think Jesus means by abundant life?
- Jesus uses "us" in this prayer. What do you think Jesus means by praying in the plural?
- Bread can have two meanings: physical and spiritual. Which one do you think Jesus meant?

*How is your life touched?*

- What does it mean to you that you belong to the family of God? How does it feel to you when Jesus invites you to pray: "Give us..."?
- Bread is basic to human life. Jesus proclaims himself to be the bread of life (John 6:35). What do you think Jesus means by that statement? How does Jesus' self definition relate to this prayer?
- The definition of the word "daily" in Greek/Aramaic language is unclear. What do you think of Dr. Kenneth Bailey's suggestion that word be translated 'does not run out'?
- One of the great anxieties of human beings is to run out of food. Jesus' prayer assures us that God will provide for us as God provided for the people of Israel in the Sinai Desert. (Exodus 16:1-21) When you pray Jesus' prayer do you find yourself actually believing that God will provide for your needs? If not, what reasons do you not believe?

*What is God's invitation to you?*

- Jesus invites you to pray in community asking for your needs (not wants) to be met. What do you or your family need this week? Is it actually a need? If so, then ask the entire group to pray with you.

*What can you pray for?*

Pray that Chilson Hills will be a joyous, faithful, praying community of God's incredible resurrection power celebrating Jesus Christ's transforming hope and love in order to help grow God's Kingdom on earth.