

Week 4 Prayer Guide

Receiving Guidance from God (1)



If you think about it, much of what we've been looking at over the past few weeks has been what's necessary BEFORE we can receive guidance from God.

First we need to be open and honest and begin to understand ourselves and how our own perspectives can be biased or skewed. We need to ask God to help us to see other people with HIS eyes. We need to get outside our own narrower perspectives in order to see the needs that truly exist and the ways in which we need to respond in possibly new ways.

And finally, we need to recognize that much of what goes on is really beyond us. We are not the commanders of God's army or the rulers of God's mission. We are part of a battle between right and wrong, good and evil, that goes even beyond our world. And so we must be protected spiritually as we begin to act on God's guidance.

Day 1

Read: The verse below from the Psalms:

Psalm 32:8 The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."

Think/Meditate:

- Do I really believe that God loves me and will guide me?
- What areas of my life need God's guidance?
- What areas of Queensway's life need God's guidance?

Pray: for God to open your heart to His guidance- even if you have doubts about the possibility of being guided. Then pray for guidance for yourself and for the church in the areas you've thought about. Ask God for the ability to think further about this.

Day 2

Read: The verse below from the Psalms:

Psalm 119:105, 106 "Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path. I've promised it once, and I'll promise it again: I will obey your righteous regulations."

Think/Meditate:

- Do I let God's word guide me? Do I read His word regularly and do I think about what it's actually saying to me. Do I resist guidance from the Bible in certain areas of my life? Where? Am I faithful? What would being more faithful to God's word mean for my life?

Pray: Pray for new ears to hear God's word when preached. Pray for the will and courage to read God's word more regularly and purposefully.

Day 3

Read: The verse below from Isaiah:

Isaiah 30:21 "Your own ears will hear Him. Whether you must turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"

Think/Meditate: What does this verse say about the guidance of God? Is it just general or can it be personal? Is it only for big things or may it be received to help with daily decisions? Ask, "Do I listen for God's guidance?"

Pray: Pray for awareness of God in your daily life. Commit to stopping and asking God to give you wisdom in daily activities and relationships as well as when you hear or read things from the Bible.

Day 4

Pray: The verse below from Isaiah again:

Isaiah 30:21 "Your own ears will hear Him. Whether you must turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"

Think/Meditate: How can we put the principles and ideas that I thought about yesterday for my personal life into practice at Queensway:

- when we meet in large groups,
- when we meet in smaller groups,
- when we come together as friends,
- when we are making decisions in a meeting?

Pray: Pray for us all at Queensway that we begin asking God for guidance when we come together – no matter how many of us – so that our words, our actions, and our decisions, will be informed by God.

Other Days & Continuing

James 1: 5-8 says, *"When you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind."*

Think/Meditate:

- Do I doubt God is able to guide my church?
- Do I doubt God has guided us in the past?
- Do I want to overturn God's former guidance? Is it because I doubt it was from God or because I don't like it?
- Am I open to letting God to begin to guide the church in new ways no matter what happened in the past or how much I like something?