

## Midweek Bible Study

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### **“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the LORD’” (Psalm 122:1).**

Wednesday evenings are difficult on parents and children alike. Americans, like the ancient Romans, go at break-neck speed most of the time. After a long day of school, work, then dinner, homework, and frazzled nerves — who’s got time for Bible study?! Plus, it is the **middle** of the week, which means we have two more days of the same for which to prepare. Enough already!

Emily and I remember the stress and strain of raising children in this present world. But we also now experience the *absence* of that responsibility. Our children are grown, gone, and living their own lives. We grew weary of the stress-filled days, but we **never** considered *cutting back on the Lord!* In fact, it was frustrating to me — as a *spiritual* teacher — to see public schools get 40+ hours with our kids while in the church we only got 4! I surely wasn’t going to rob them of the little time they had already with God and His Word!

The only word of encouragement we can offer to parents today is “*Let us not grow weary while doing good...*” (Gal. 6:9). **REMEMBER:** “*...he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life*” (Gal. 6:8). The best chance your children have of going to heaven is *your* influence and example. Attending *every* Bible class and worship service tells them that God is **first** in your life, and He should be in theirs!

Children will grow up and one day decide to make their faith *their own*, or they *will not*. As a parent, you do not want to second-guess yourself when your children are grown and wonder if you did enough. Do all you can to encourage them to **love** God and **obey** Him. Be sure that they know that **you** love God and obey Him, too.

The first church met *daily* in the temple for a time (Acts 2:46). The apostles knew the importance of *continuing steadfastly* in doctrine (v. 42). The one who delights in the law of the Lord and meditates on it day and night is like the tree planted by the rivers of water — he is fruitful, strong, and prosperous.

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