



**Sunday:**

Sunday School – 9:30 am

Worship – 10:45 am

**Wednesday:**

The Rock Wednesday – 6:45pm

**BIG EVENTS:**

**{NEAR}**

DNOW – March 11-13

**{FAR}**

Splash Missions - May 23-24

Summer Camp – June 2016

**Possible** Roatan Trip – July 9-16

Buffalo Mission Trip – July 18-22, 2016

**From the last few weeks:**

- Jesus didn't come to get rid of the Law but to fulfill it – Matthew 5:17
- Jesus didn't come to do away with the offices but to become them – Hebrews  
(Jesus is our Prophet – Priest – King)

**Main Idea:**

Jesus taught that He is God in the flesh and has called us to follow Him

**What Jesus taught about Himself** (Kingdom, Deity, Authority, Position)

- That the law was fulfilled in Him – Matt. 5:17
- That He had full authority – Matt. 28:18-20
- That He was the only way to the Father – John 14:6
- That He was God – John 14:7-9

**Matthew 26:63-68** – the nail in the coffin.

**What Jesus taught about US** (life, living, kingdom people)

Ultimately the anthem was **“FOLLOW ME”**

- Repent/Be Born Again – John 3, Luke 13:3
- Make Disciples – Matthew 28
- Love God and Love Others – Mark 12:29-31
- Live Different – Be Salt and Light – Matthew 5:13-16

He is either a **Liar – Lunatic** or He is **Lord (C.S. Lewis)**

What is your answer to Jesus and His teachings/claims?

## **The Hope & Prayer**

The hope of this devotion book is to provide the opportunity for students and adults to spend time with God in His Word and through prayer. There are many great devotion books available to us and we are thankful you have chosen to journey through God's Word with this particular one. We hope and pray that students and adults take this opportunity seriously and become intentional in the time they devote to Him each day. We believe if this happens our walk with Him will strengthen.

## **The Plan – ABIDE 2015/16**

This year we are going through the most beautiful story in the world on Wednesday nights. The story of the Bible is one of romance, jealousy, envy, pride, grace, mercy, power, humility and so much more. There is no way we could ever hope to cover every detail but we do seek to cover the high points on Wednesday and fill in the in between during the week through our devotions.

It is so important that you get on dive into these devotions with us as we seek to know what the Bible is all about and see how it helps us to know our God and follow Him.

Each devotion has a date so if you happen to miss a day or two the best thing to do is jump in on that date. We've set up the devotion to where you can use Saturday and Sunday as catch up days.

Above all we want you in the Word of God. We realize this is the best one but still it's a devotion written to gather the people of God around the Word of God. We hope and pray you'll join us as we dive into the story of the Bible this year!





## *What Jesus taught about Himself*

I'm not sure we really get who Jesus really was/is sometimes. I know it's hard for us to process because here we have a man who is bone and flesh just like us but then again so much more than who we are...as God.

All we know and learn about Jesus comes from the Bible. Things He said and things others said after living, walking and following Him.

Take a look at these 3 passages and discover or renew your understanding of who Jesus was/is:

**John 1:1-4, 14-18** – this is John's testimony of Jesus Christ. It will blow your mind but also give you great wisdom as to who Jesus is.

**John 14: 1-10** – Feel free to read on but by these 10 verses again, mind blown. This time it's Jesus Himself claiming this Deity.

(Deity means Divine Status, a God)

But what we know about Jesus is not only in the New Testament. We also see shadows of Him in the Old Testament. This is what is so cool, when Jesus comes He comes fulfilling the Old and once Jesus does come the shadows become focused and we realize it's the one true Messiah.

What do we learn from John 1?

What do we learn from John 14?

How is our life different because of what these passages teach?

How is our view of Jesus different, strengthened because of these?

What changes now?



## *The Good Shepherd*

A Shepherd is in control and has authority over the sheep. How he leads must be carefully thought out. His compassion and love for them is unrivaled. They are his life.

Much of what we know about Jesus comes from Jesus Himself. We've said this and even seen this. Today we continue down this trail.

Jesus died for claims He made about Himself right? He claimed to be God and He was God....but the religious leaders didn't like this or agree with this.....ultimately they had Him crucified.

But we must understand this....it wasn't a surprise to God or Jesus. The disciples, Jesus' mother....those close to Jesus were surprised and hurt. Even Jesus was upset about it....but still He knew and willingly laid down His life.

**Read John 10** and think through the following questions.

- Is Jesus the only way? (w. 1-2, 7-10)
- Silly question here – Who loves you more the thief or shepherd? (w. 10-17)
- Who is the thief in this story? Who is the Shepherd?
- Serious Question: Did Jesus allow the cross or was it a surprise?
- Read v. 17-18 – did your answer change?
- Was Jesus caught up in a political struggle and crucified against His will?
- We struggle with these things sometimes – the world struggles too.

Our response – be a light.....  
saying you believe is great....living like you believe is greater

# **Saturday – catch up or reflection**

Saturdays are meant to use as catch up days or extended times of reflection where we revisit some truths of God's Word. Did you miss anything, hurry through or simply miss a day? Use today to ensure you didn't miss one thing or possibly just go deeper in His Word. We offer 5 days but of course the goal is that each day we are spending time with Him, in His Word.

## **What does it mean to Reflect?**

By reflection we mean thinking a little more on what we've seen or read throughout the week. A good way to do this is by asking some questions:

1. What sticks out from your time in the Word?
2. What are some things I need to continue to dwell on?
3. What did I learn about God this week?
4. What did I learn about myself this week?
5. What is something I need to work on in the future?
6. What would make my time in the Word better?

If you desire to read something new we'd encourage you to read through Psalm 119

**Sunday** is a day of rest so enjoy the day of worship!



## *Jesus the Savior*

Most of you know the story of Nicodemus. You can probably recite it from memory. But I challenge you to read it again. Look deep but also look broad because in this account we learn much about our first step with Christ.

*So let's do this.* Read the story and then look through the questions. The questions are meant to help you follow the story line and gain wisdom into who Jesus is and what Jesus brings:

- *What kind of man was Nicodemus? v.1*
- *What did he know about Jesus? v. 2*
- *What did Jesus tell Him about?*
- *What was Jesus' answer for how we are born again?*
- *What happens if we are NOT "born again?"*
- *You may be where Nicodemus was in v.9*
- *But what is the end story? How are we born again? Look at verse 16.*
- *Why did Jesus come? verse 17*

The first step to following Christ is by being born again.

Big Question – Have you ever been born again?

Does that question throw you for a loop?

Does it make sense? Do you have questions?

How is one born again?

If it does....please talk with someone at The Rock.

We are here to help you to know Christ and Follow Christ.

Ask!



## What we're supposed to do...

As followers of Christ, a people who have been born again, have repented of our sins and are now following Christ, we have marching orders.

Before you get a little mad...as if anyone could tell you what to do...remember who Jesus is...upon realizing this and the Spirit leading you to the Father...you've repented and been born again...you are a child of God...this is what happened if you follow Christ.

In this you realize that Jesus has all authority.  
The Father, God, has given this to Him.

So take a look at verse 18 –

This is how Jesus can ask of us and it mean everything  
This is why we live....our purpose.

Like a soldier who enlists in the army is given orders...

Like a new employee given their most important task...

Like a student who wants to graduate gets their final assignment...

We as children of God...followers of Christ...also receive our commission, task.

Tucked inside these 5 verses is the great commission. As we our sent into the world, following Jesus, we have purpose, a task.

Read Matthew 28:16-20 and look for the 4 specific tasks we're called to do.  
They really start in verse 19...

1.

2.

3.

4.

Consider how you are doing in these areas....how we as a church are accomplishing this and then how you can better follow Christ and serve through this ministry.





## Live Faithfully

Jesus says a lot in the 3 years He taught. I would encourage you to search the Gospels.....look at each story, sermon, parable. Wrestle with what Jesus taught. We have confidence that this Jesus is God. How could we not want to hear, study, read all that He said?

A good way to do this is by using the 1 to 1 Bible reading method. It's great for groups but also a great guide to good questions to ask as we study passages.

So maybe we end our week by you reading Mark 12:28-34 and working through the questions. If you're ever wanting more to read or find yourself without a devotion to do here's what I'd do. Go to one of the gospels....find a section, most Bibles do a good job of breaking this into groups, and read it....then work through these questions.

Don't be afraid to not know what's going....these questions will help!



Eye:

- what do you see?
- what sticks out?
- what are things we have to talk about?

Question Mark:

- what is hard to understand?
- if you could ask the author a question?

Heart:

- what is the main idea?
- what is the heart of the passage?
- what is the one thing God is teaching us?

Arrow:

- what do we do from hearing this passage?
- how do apply the truths that this teaches us?
- how do I behave in light of the truth of this passage?



THE **ROCK**  
STUDENT MINISTRIES  
**PS. 61:2**