



Sunday:

Sunday School – 9:30 am

Worship – 10:45 am

Wednesday:

The Rock Wednesday – 6:45pm

BIG EVENTS:

{NEAR}

DNOW – March 11-13 (SIGN UP IN THE BACK)

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

Main Idea: The miracles of Jesus reveal that He is God and expose the miracle of salvation.

Jesus is G_____

Cleanses the leper (Matt 8:1-4)

Jesus is S_____

Calms the storm & walks on water (Matt 8:23-27)

Jesus is P_____

Feeds the 5,000 & 4,000 (Matt 14:13-21, Matt 15:32-39)

Jesus is G_____/_____

Raises Lazarus (John 11:1-44)

Jesus is M_____

Resurrection (Luke 24:1-12, 36-39)

Jesus is R_____

Gift of Salvation (Eph 2:1-10)

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!





Jesus Cleanses the Leper

When we open Matthew 8, Jesus is just coming down from giving the greatest sermon ever preached, the Sermon on the Mount. He's pretty popular and everyone is following Him amazed at what they had just heard. Then, right after coming off the mountain, they come upon a diseased man...

The guy had leprosy, and in those days, it one of the worst diseases you could get. Leprosy is another word for skin disorders. This includes psoriasis, boils, or even losing a body parts. In Jesus' day, the people thought the lepers couldn't worship God because of their uncleanness, and they would shun them and isolate them... We can only imagine the disgust and shock the crowd has when the leper comes up to Christ.

But, the leper comes to Jesus and says, "if you will, you can make me clean." He boldly requests Christ to heal him because he knows Christ is the only one who can. He brings his impure, dirty, plagued self to Christ and calls out to him with confidence and assurance in the lordship of Jesus. And, Jesus responds with, "I will; be clean." Christ looks past the filthiness of the leper's physical appearance and looks at his heart.

How does this relate to our salvation?

Have you come to Jesus as the leper did?

What does this passage teach us?

Relate it to everyday life,

Are there people you feel are too good for you?

Or vice-versa, do you feel you're too good for them?

How does Jesus dismantle this thought process?



In Matthew 8:23-27, we read about Jesus calming the storm. This gives us a picture of just how sovereign Jesus is.

But what does **“SOVEREIGN”** really mean?

It simply means that God/Jesus has ultimate power in the world.

They can do anything at anytime and they are absolutely right in doing so.

For deeper study in this passage, go to Mark 4:35-41 and Luke 8:22-25. What does this passage show you about Jesus and how does this change your view of Him?

Use the 1-to-1 method to dive into the passage:



Eye:

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

Question Mark:

- what is hard to understand?
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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?

Be thinking about who you can begin a 1-to-1 with and when you can do it

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 Feeds the 5,000

Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 comes on the heels of the death of his cousin, John the Baptist. Jesus withdraws from everyone to be alone and mourn the death of his family member. As soon as Jesus comes to shore though, everyone flocks to Him and crowds around Him. But Matthew tells us Jesus has "compassion" on them and He "healed their sick." Christ's compassion doesn't just stop there though! Instead he sees that they're in a desolate place and that there isn't anywhere for them to get food, so he supplies it from just five loaves of bread and two fish.

What can you learn from Jesus' loving and caring spirit in this miracle?

How can you apply this to your life?

What does this miracle reveal to us about Jesus?

How does Jesus provide for you?

Worship and thank him for the blessings he does give you.



Jesus Raises Lazarus

The story of the death of Lazarus is truly a story that starts out with heartbreak and ends with joy. Jesus learns of his friends passing by way of the disciples. He and his disciples mourn the loss of their great friend. Imagine losing one of your close friends and how heartbreaking it would be... I'm sure that's how they felt. We even see it specifically recorded that "Jesus wept" over his friend's death. But the story doesn't stop there...

If we keep reading, we see Jesus resurrect Lazarus from the dead! After 4 days of lying in a tomb, Christ brings Lazarus back to life! To give us a picture of how miraculous this is, the body starts to decay just hours after dying and in the days following the body will start to discolor and the decomposing creates a terrible smell. Not trying to be too graphic, but in light of this, we ought to realize just how amazing it is that Jesus brings a decomposing body back to life and restores him to health.

Take a minute and think and meditate on the miraculous miracle Christ has just performed

- What does this miracle tell us about Jesus?
- How do we see his power and authority?
- What does this miracle foreshadow?
- What do you do in response to this?



Resurrection

It's really important to realize the significance of what Jesus has done here. The crucifixion and resurrection ushered in a new covenant with God. To look at what the result of the resurrection is, check out **Ephesians 2:1-10**. Take the time to think about the implications, the substance, and the weight of the resurrection, and what it gives us.

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