



THE ROCK
STUDENT MINISTRIES
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February 25 - March 2
Weekly Devotions & Announcements



Sunday:

Sunday School – 9:30 am
Worship – 10:45 am

Wednesday:

The Rock Wednesday – 6:45pm

BIG EVENTS:

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DNOW – March 11-13 (SIGN UP IN THE BACK w/ shirt size)

{FAR}

Splash Missions - May 23-24

Summer Camp – June 2016

Roatan Trip – July 9-16 (**see Chris ASAP**)

Buffalo Mission Trip – July 18-22, 2016

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!



ONE TO ONE



The ONE to ONE method is a great tool for personal use but also in reading the Bible with others. Our heart at the Rock is to help lead you to know Christ and follow Him. One way we can do this is to help you learn how to read the Bible.

This is also a great tool that will strengthen you to lead Bible studies at school or on the mission field. Don't shy away from this...jump in and become a student of the Word which will lead you to living a life that brings God much glory!



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?

Who can you begin reading the Bible with in this 1 to 1 style?

What does the Seed Company do? How can we help? How much has God accomplished through them? There are many questions regarding the Seed Company. Below are a few answers. Check out more at Theseedcompany.org.

God's Word is **LIFE** giving. By it the oppressed are **LIBERATED**, the lost are **RECONCILED**.

The **GOOD NEWS** is ...God became man. Jesus was the first translation. Through God's Word, all people can intimately know Him and His gracious gifts of freedom, mercy and hope. God is at work today. With an urgency no one could manufacture, He is recovering, restoring and redeeming His people. We are grateful He's invited us to join Him.

His Word - 1,000+ languages - 90+ countries - 6 continents

His People - 1.3 billion people potentially impacted by Bible translation –
24,000+ prayer and financial partners - 240+ Seed Company staff

His Ways - 7,000+ prayer commitments
900+ field partnerships - Countless miracles

The **VISION** for the next 10 years is to reach
ONE BILLION more with God's Word!

GIVE LIFE.

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The Resurrection

In the letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul is responding to some in the church who are teaching that there is no such thing as people rising again after they have died. Earlier in chapter 15, Paul argues that if no one rises again then Christ is not risen. It is at that point that Paul argues for the resurrection of Christ.

After reading 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, think through these questions.

- A. Is there anyway to be a Christian and deny Jesus was resurrection?

- B. What is the result, according to Paul, if Jesus is still dead?

- C. What hope is present since Jesus was resurrected?

- D. From verse 30-What does Christ's resurrection mean for every believer?

- E. How does knowing that not only did Christ rise but so will all His followers, change the way we live our lives?

Pray and thank God for the cross....for without it we are still in our sin.



Jesus told us this would happen...

This passage is one of the many times that Jesus told those around Him that He would not only die but after three days come back to life.

- A. What does Jesus mean that it was "time for [Him] to be glorified?"

- B. When you think of glory, do you think of death?

- C. What is Jesus teaching through the analogy of the seed dying? (Hint: Jesus is the seed)

- D. Jesus closes by turning this teaching to those around Him. He says that to gain eternal life, we must despise our life on this earth. What does that mean? How does it change the way you live?

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!



The Truth can't be hidden...

This passage gives a behind the scenes look at what the Jews desired in order to prevent Jesus' disciples from tricking the world in believing Jesus actually rose again.

- A. To what extent did those who hate Jesus go to prevent others from believing Jesus rose again?

- B. How does their actions only serve to prove that the resurrection actually happened?

- C. When Jesus was alive again, His appearance is quite different. Why do you think that is? (hint: think about yesterday's question A)

- D. How does the resurrected Jesus change your view of God?

Mary did in fact know....eventually....

One of the most devoted followers of Jesus was a lady by the name of Mary (not His mother). Her experience with the resurrected Jesus is one of surprise and sudden joy.

- A. From Mary's question in verses 13 and 15, what does Mary believe has happened to Jesus' body?

- B. Mary didn't recognize Jesus by His appearance, knowing what He looked like from yesterday, what do you think this is?

- C. Mary recognizes Jesus' voice and hugs Him, but Jesus asks her not to cling to Him. Why do you think this is?

- D. What did Jesus say was still left to do?
(This should influence your answer to C.)



Doubting Thomas

The familiar story of the infamous doubter, Thomas. Thomas missed out on getting to see the risen Jesus. When he hears that Jesus had visited them, he doubts and even says that he must touch the wounds before he can believe that Jesus rose again.

- A. Instead of bitterness that Thomas lacked faith, what does Jesus show instead?

- B. How is that encouraging to us when we doubt?

- C. Jesus also made a comment about those of us who believe in Him without seeing Him. What is that?

- D. How is Jesus's honesty and blessing further encouragement?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US?

GROUPS:

Questions coming after the sermon