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STUDENT MINISTRIES
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April 28 – May 4
Weekly Devotions & Announcements



Sunday:

Sunday School – 9:30 am

Worship – 10:45 am

Wednesday:

The Rock Wednesday – 6:45pm

BIG EVENTS:

Splash Missions - May 23-24 (YOU COMING?)

Summer Camp – June 2016 (please sign up now)

WE NEED A SIGNED REGISTRATION FORM (located under signup)
deadline for deposit is May 11th – after this price goes up

Roatan Trip – July 9-16 (**meeting coming soon!**)

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!



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

ROCK MISSIONS

Missions NOW

We talk a lot about missions and sharing the Gospel. How are you getting involved with what we're doing? More importantly, how are obeying this command to go and tell in your own life. Below are some creative ways for you to get involved in gospel ministry.

1. Offer to do some yard work for a widow or an elderly couple in your neighborhood.
2. Volunteer to help coach your little brother's peewee football team.
3. Offer to clean the bleachers, pick up the trash, etc. one Friday night after your school's football game.
4. Visit a nearby orphanage and spend the afternoon reading books and playing games with the children.
5. Volunteer at your local soup kitchen.
6. Sponsor a canned food drive. Give all donations to your local Salvation Army chapter.
7. Visit the apartments for the elderly to perform a skit or mini-play during their dinner time.
8. One Friday night, turn your basement into a coffee house. Serve desserts, hot chocolate, and of course, coffee! Play some good music, and offer this as a fun and safe alternative to the weekend. If coffee isn't your thing be creative...what would work?
9. Contact a church located in the inner city. With their help, plan a weekend missions trip to help them with whatever they need.
10. Have an ice cream party for all the neighborhood kids, celebrating the end of school!
11. Help your parents out by spending a Saturday giving your house and garage a good fall cleaning, not to mention sorting through the boxes in the attic!
12. Teach a Sunday school class or volunteer in the church nursery.
13. Commit to becoming a "Big Brother" or "Big Sister" with your local "Big Brothers, Big Sisters" chapter or with a similar organization.
14. Volunteer at the Special Olympics games nearest you.
15. Commit to volunteering once a month. Be creative and diligent. Then watch how God blesses others—and you—through your unselfish work.

I'm sure you have ideas of your own...let us know about them. How are using your time to point others to Christ?



Contending for the Gospel.

Last night we talked about how we stand firm in the gospel. It is crucial that we stand firm by contending.....or struggling for the gospel.

Read Jude 1-4 and notice what Jude says about the need to stand firm. Answer these questions as you read:

1. What is the reason for this need to contend for the gospel?
2. What are the details that Jude includes about those who are opposing the gospel.....how are these things relevant to our day?
3. What do you think the main idea of these verses is?
4. How should you respond in light of these verses?
5. Think about how these verses remind you of what we talked about at the Rock last night.....jot down some things you remember that will be helpful for you this week



Contending for the Gospel.....Still!

LETS CONTINUE THIS IDEA OF CONTENDING.....

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Yesterday in our devo we looked at what it means to contend and why we should.....today lets explore how we do this!

Read Jude 17-23 and notice what Jude says about how we stand firm through CONTENDING.

Answer these questions as you read:

1. What are some observations you can make from these verses?
2. What do these verses teach us about how we contend?
3. What do you think the main idea of these verses is?
4. How should you respond in light of these verses?

*Think about what we said Wed. night concerning these verses.....we said we can contend by :

 building our faith

 praying to God

 keeping ourselves in God's love

 living in light of Jesus' return

-do you see these ideas in these verses?

-how can you live out these things right now?

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 IS WORTHY OF US CONTENDING

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Earlier in the week in our devos have looked at what it means to contend and why we should.....today lets explore why Jesus deserves us standing for Him.

Read Jude 24-25 and notice what Jude says about Jesus.....the hope is that the glory of God would be seen in the person of Jesus and that the reality of who he is would drive us to serve him and stand up for the gospel by contending for it!

Answer these questions as you read:

1. What are some observations you can make from these verses?
2. What do these verses teach us about who Jesus is and how this changes how we relate to him and stand for him and his gospel?
3. What do you think the main idea of these verses is?
4. How should you respond in light of these verses?

*Stand in awe of Jesus and let the reality of who he is charge to stand firm in the gospel and serve Christ until the day you die!



Standing Firm in the gospel.

We have spent most of the week looking at Jude and how the Bible calls us to contend for the gospel.....to stand firm in the gospel. The rest of the Bible teaches us this and urges us to do the same. Today we want to look at a passage in Ephesians and see this same call.

Use the 1 to 1 Bible reading method to study this passage today.

Read Eph. 6:10-20 and ask the following questions as you think through these helpful "picture illustrations"



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Lets close the week out by being urged fresh to stand for Jesus and the gospel all the days of our life!

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Read 2 Timothy 6:11-16 and ask the following questions as you think through these helpful "picture illustrations".....



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4 questions for the next 4 weeks:

1. What is the Gospel? (tonight)
2. Is Church important?
3. How/Why should I stand firm FOR the Gospel?
4. How/Why should I stand firm IN the Gospel?

WILL I STAND FIRM FOR THE GOSPEL?

WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?

DON'T LEAVE THE GOSPEL // DON'T CHANGE THE GOSPEL. (4)

1. denies truth.
2. denies God
3. can be deceptive
4. is not surprising
5. distorts grace

THE URGENT CALL TO CONTEND FOR THE GOSPEL! (3)

1. Build your Faith, v.20
2. Praying v.20
3. Stay in God's Love, v.21
4. Live Like Jesus is really coming back, v.21b

QUESTIONS:

1. Do I love the Church?
2. Am I engaged in her purposes and ministries? (Do I serve, participate?)
3. Do I see my need for the Church?
4. Do I honestly understand why the Church is crucial to my life?

