

Life Group Leader Huddle

September 19

As you experience this current season, share three things for which you are thanking God, and one "ache" you're experiencing.

Spiritual Self-Care

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

*He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.*

*He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

*⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

*⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

What is one way God spoke to you through this time of reflection?

COVID Guidelines and Your Group

Be _____

Romans 13:8

Galatians 5:13-15

Romans 14:13-21

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Philippians 4:4-7

Psalms 23:1-4

Hebrews 12:4-11

Fall 2020 Apprenticeship Practice: SCRIPTURE

A People Apprenticed to the Life of Jesus:

- **LOVED** by Jesus,
- **LED** by Jesus,
- **BECOMING LIKE** Jesus,
- **LEADING OTHERS** to Jesus.

THE DAILY HABIT OF BEING NOURISHED BY GOD'S WORD TO US...

- Deuteronomy 30:11-14
- Joshua 1:7-9
- Psalm 1:1-3
- Psalm 19:9-11
- Psalm 119
- Psalm 78:1-8
- Jeremiah 31:33-34
- 2 Timothy 3:14-16
- Matthew 7:24-27
- John 5:39-40
- Luke 24:27, 44-48
- Colossians 1:25-27
- 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

Scripture Series

Our goal is to equip our congregation to engage Scripture as a “vital practice” in their life with Jesus.

Guiding Scripture: “Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.” Psalm 86:11

Series Practices

- Listen to Preaching Series
- A special Life Journal reading plan that spans the “one story” of Scripture from beginning to end.
 - o **Listen** to the Scriptures
 - o **Investigate** for Meaning
 - o **Follow** in Obedience
 - o **Engage** in Prayer.

Key Resources

- *Scripture and the Authority of God* – N.T. Wright
- The Bible Project – “How Do We Read Scripture” series of videos.
- Spotify Podcast Playlist

October 4: DELIGHT

In a secular age that is “post-truth,” what truth will pierce the darkness and guide our lives? Why, in this world, would we choose to DELIGHT in God’s Word?

Practice

Just read the assigned Scripture.

Key Resources

- *Hearing God* – Dallas Willard
- *Eat This Book* – Eugene Peterson
- *Reading the Bible Supernaturally* – John Piper

October 11: ONE STORY

In a postmodern age when all metanarratives have been called out and deconstructed, we are left rudderless and anchorless. But we all need to know what story we’re living in, and what our role in that story is. What is the goal of the great drama of Scripture, and how do we find our place and path in it?

Practice

Look for signs of Jesus in the Scripture.

Key Resources

- *The Bible Unwrapped* – Meghan Larissa Good
- *How to Read the Bible Book By Book* – Gordon Fee
- *The Drama of Scripture* – Craig Bartholomew and Michael Goheen

October 18: STUDY & RHYTHM

The Scriptures are an ancient collection of books rooted in a distant culture, covering a wide variety of topics related to life, society, time, and God. What basic tools can a 21st century apprentice use to listen correctly to what God wants to communicate through the Scriptures? Why is practice/habit/rhythm so critical to finding our way into the biblical world?

Practice

Try the L.I.F.E. Journal approach in your reading.

Key Resources

- *Living By the Book* – Howard Hendricks
- *The Blue Parakeet* – Scot McKnight
- *Journey Into God's Word* – J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays
- *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* – Gordon Fee and Stuart

October 25: MEMORIZATION

What if we could see like God sees and think like God thinks? What if his voice was as near as our thoughts, not just stored away like a reference volume or internet search? How does the ancient tradition of memorization help apprentices of Jesus develop “the mind of Christ”?

Practice

2-3 suggested verses to memorize from the readings.

November 1: MEDITATION/CONTEMPLATION

In a culture that prizes speed, intellectual stimulation, and mastery of a topic or text, the mysteries of God's Word, and the gentle healing of God's presence there, can be elusive. What role do silence, slowness, imagination, and prayer play in hearing God's voice to us in the Scriptures?

Practice

Practice Prayerful Reading.

Key Resources

- *Discovering Lectio Divina* – Evan Howard, James Wilhoit
- *Hearing God's Voice* – Vern Heidebrecht
- *Meeting God in Scripture* – Jan Johnson

November 8: READING TOGETHER

Our culture is full of “public stories” that subtly form our identity as Canadians, consumers, or worse. It is easy for the people of God to forget the story they are part of, and lose sight of God's purpose to make a new humanity, a new community formed together in the ways of his kingdom. When we read the Scriptures together and discuss what they mean, they are a reminder to us, God's new humanity, of who we are, where we've come from, and what our future really is.

Practice

Read the Scripture with a partner, children, roommate, Apprentices Group. Discuss, “Who or what do you relate to in this text, and why?”

November 15: PLANTED & FRUITFUL

Scripture envisions a people who are rooted in the presence and Word of God, continually bearing the fruit of the Spirit in their relationships and community. Not only this, but the Scriptures act as one of our primary defenses against the temptations, accusations, and deceits of our spiritual adversary, the Devil. Therefore, what is at stake in a Scripture habit is our own fruitfulness and the world's blessing! Be planted!

Practice

Discern what your Scripture habit is going to look like in the next season.