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Daily Time WITH Jesus

"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13 ESV).

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After Jesus' life, death, and resurrection he gives his disciples a commission: make disciples by going, baptizing and teaching.

> "*And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"* (Matthew 28:18-20).

How do we start to participate in Jesus' mission to make disciples? We spend time with Jesus in the Bible, particularly the New Testament (NT).

Imagine a close friend died, came back to life, and sent you on a mission to tell the world what happened and how everything in the world has changed because of this event. That would be kind of a big deal, right? Sure! Imagine that you were entrusted with telling the story of how all this happened… well, that would be the substance of the NT. It contains the writings of those who were with Jesus and who then told the story of what happened.

The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) talk about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Acts is about how the message of Jesus spread from Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. The Epistles (Romans thru Jude) are letters written by the apostles (eyewitnesses of Jesus) to various churches instructing them on how to live in God's new world through Jesus. Revelation is a special letter written to seven churches with all kinds of wild, figurative language meant to encourage those who were suffering for Jesus' mission.

We are going to spend time reading the NT this year in High School Youth. We want to spend time with Jesus everyday and be taught what it means to "obey everything I have commanded you." So we are going to read one chapter a day from the NT, learning to repent and believe in obedience and faith.

The goal is to develop a regular, daily routine of spending time with Jesus.

If you miss days of reading a chapter or start the process late, no worries. Through spending time with Jesus you will discover that God is extremely loving and gracious with his people. God just desires humans who want to build a relationship with him!

Our teacher is the Holy Spirit because Jesus said he would be with us to the end of the age.

> *"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."* (John 14:26 ESV).

The result will be to make disciples. By spending time with Jesus, we will find that we will be participating in his mission to go, baptize and teach!

How to spend time with Jesus daily

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV).

1. **Time.** Decide on a time of the day to spend with Jesus. Ask yourself: "What is the best time of the day when I am at my best?" Then use that time to spend with Jesus. The amount of time may vary depending on the chapter, but try to set aside at least 15-20 minutes each day.

2. **Place.** Find a quiet place where you can focus and not be distracted. Set aside and silence your phone. Have your Bible, a pen, journal, and beverage of your choice close at hand.

3. **Prayer.** Start with prayer.

4. **Scripture.** Read the chapter of the day from the New Testament.

5. **Observation.** Write what you notice in the chapter: what stands out to you, what the Spirit might be teaching you, and what doesn't make any sense to you? Record any questions the chapter raises about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and life in God's world. As the school year progresses we will learn together how to read and pay attention to things in ancient literature.

6. **Application.** Reflect on things in your life that you need to repent of (surrender, let go, confess) and things about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and life in God's world that you need to believe (have faith and trust in) because of what you have just read and observed in your time with Jesus. Write down some of those things.

7. **Prayer.** Any change that happens in your life is Christ doing it because you continually repent and believe.

   "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20 ESV).

   Repentance is being crucified with Christ and faith is living in light of Jesus' resurrection who loved us. Write out a prayer of repentance and belief in light of what the Spirit taught you in the chapter.

Tips on how to read the Bible

Ancient Literature
The Bible is a collection of books written thousands of years ago. It is an ancient set of writings. The Bible has lots of genres of literature. The mains ones are narrative, poetry, and prose. The Bible is a collection of literature just like any other collection of literature, while at the same time unlike any collection of literature!

Translations
The New Testament has been translated from Greek and Aramaic into English. Because translations are not always word-for-word, different translations use different philosophical approached and methods to translate. We will talk about the range of both formal and dynamic equivalence, but suffice it to say that the best translation to use is the one that you actually read :)

Observational Skills
- Look for repeated words and phrases.
- Look for commands, or imperatives.
- Pay attention to any Old Testament reference the authors might make. If your Bible tells you where the reference is located, take time to go find that Scripture and read the context around it.
- Pay attention to what is mentioned and what is left out.
- Pay attention to different characters, conversations, choices, and consequences.
- Pay attention in a dialogue conversation: who is speaking to whom, why are they responding the way they do, what assumptions do people have that we might be missing?
- Use your imagination. Imagine how a particular story plays out.
- Is there conflict? Why?
- Who is the author of this chapter?
- Who is the author writing about in this chapter?
- What is the setting of the chapter?

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9/14	Matt 1	**10/17**	Mark 6	**11/19**	Luke 23	**12/22**	Acts 11	**1/24**	Rom 16
9/15	Matt 2	**10/18**	Mark 7	**11/20**	Luke 24	**12/23**	Acts 12	**1/25**	1 Cor 1
9/16	Matt 3	**10/19**	Mark 8	**11/21**	John 1	**12/24**	Acts 13	**1/26**	1 Cor 2
9/17	Matt 4	**10/20**	Mark 9	**11/22**	John 2	**12/25**	Acts 14	**1/27**	1 Cor 3
9/18	Matt 5	**10/21**	Mark 10	**11/23**	John 3	**12/26**	Acts 15	**1/28**	1 Cor 4
9/19	Matt 6	**10/22**	Mark 11	**11/24**	John 4	**12/27**	Acts 16	**1/29**	1 Cor 5
9/20	Matt 7	**10/23**	Mark 12	**11/25**	John 5	**12/28**	Acts 17	**1/30**	1 Cor 6
9/21	Matt 8	**10/24**	Mark 13	**11/26**	John 6	**12/29**	Acts 18	**1/31**	1 Cor 7
9/22	Matt 9	**10/25**	Mark 14	**11/27**	John 7	**12/30**	Acts 19	**2/1**	1 Cor 8
9/23	Matt 10	**10/26**	Mark 15	**11/28**	John 8	**12/31**	Acts 20	**2/2**	1 Cor 9
9/24	Matt 11	**10/27**	Mark 16	**11/29**	John 9	**1/1**	Acts 21	**2/3**	1 Cor 10
9/25	Matt 12	**10/28**	Luke 1	**11/30**	John 10	**1/2**	Acts 22	**2/4**	1 Cor 11
9/26	Matt 13	**10/29**	Luke 2	**12/1**	John 11	**1/3**	Acts 23	**2/5**	1 Cor 12
9/27	Matt 14	**10/30**	Luke 3	**12/2**	John 12	**1/4**	Acts 24	**2/6**	1 Cor 13
9/28	Matt 15	**10/31**	Luke 4	**12/3**	John 13	**1/5**	Acts 25	**2/7**	1 Cor 14
9/29	Matt 16	**11/1**	Luke 5	**12/4**	John 14	**1/6**	Acts 26	**2/8**	1 Cor 15
9/30	Matt 17	**11/2**	Luke 6	**12/5**	John 15	**1/7**	Acts 27	**2/9**	1 Cor 16
10/1	Matt 18	**11/3**	Luke 7	**12/6**	John 16	**1/8**	Acts 28	**2/10**	2 Cor 1
10/2	Matt 19	**11/4**	Luke 8	**12/7**	John 17	**1/9**	Rom 1	**2/11**	2 Cor 2
10/3	Matt 20	**11/5**	Luke 9	**12/8**	John 18	**1/10**	Rom 2	**2/12**	2 Cor 3
10/4	Matt 21	**11/6**	Luke 10	**12/9**	John 19	**1/11**	Rom 3	**2/13**	2 Cor 4
10/5	Matt 22	**11/7**	Luke 11	**12/10**	John 20	**1/12**	Rom 4	**2/14**	2 Cor 5
10/6	Matt 23	**11/8**	Luke 12	**12/11**	John 21	**1/13**	Rom 5	**2/15**	2 Cor 6
10/7	Matt 24	**11/9**	Luke 13	**12/12**	Acts 1	**1/14**	Rom 6	**2/16**	2 Cor 7
10/8	Matt 25	**11/10**	Luke 14	**12/13**	Acts 2	**1/15**	Rom 7	**2/17**	2 Cor 8
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	2/27	Gal 5		**4/1**	2 Tim 4		**5/4**	1 John 3
	2/28	Gal 6		**4/2**	Titus 1		**5/5**	1 John 4
	3/1	Eph 1		**4/3**	Titus 2		**5/6**	1 John 5
	3/2	Eph 2		**4/4**	Titus 3		**5/7**	2 John 1
	3/3	Eph 3		**4/5**	Philemon 1		**5/8**	3 John 1
	3/4	Eph 4		**4/6**	Heb 1		**5/9**	Jude 1
	3/5	Eph 5		**4/7**	Heb 2		**5/10**	Rev 1
	3/6	Eph 6		**4/8**	Heb 3		**5/11**	Rev 2
	3/7	Phil 1		**4/9**	Heb 4		**5/12**	Rev 3
	3/8	Phil 2		**4/10**	Heb 5		**5/13**	Rev 4
	3/9	Phil 3		**4/11**	Heb 6		**5/14**	Rev 5
	3/10	Phil 4		**4/12**	Heb 7		**5/15**	Rev 6
	3/11	Col 1		**4/13**	Heb 8		**5/16**	Rev 7
	3/12	Col 2		**4/14**	Heb 9		**5/17**	Rev 8
	3/13	Col 3		**4/15**	Heb 10		**5/18**	Rev 9
	3/14	Col 4		**4/16**	Heb 11		**5/19**	Rev 10
	3/15	1 Thess 1		**4/17**	Heb 12		**5/20**	Rev 11
	3/16	1 Thess 2		**4/18**	Heb 13		**5/21**	Rev 12
	3/17	1 Thess 3		**4/19**	James 1		**5/22**	Rev 13
	3/18	1 Thess 4		**4/20**	James 2		**5/23**	Rev 14
	3/19	1 Thess 5		**4/21**	James 3		**5/24**	Rev 15
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	3/22	2 Thess 3		**4/24**	1 Peter 1		**5/27**	Rev 18
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