



Abiding in Christ



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Foreword

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We Can Produce no Fruit Without Christ



I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

Key Idea: Abiding in Christ is the basis of our spiritual life and vitality and we can only produce spiritual fruit through remaining in him.

Abide Through Prayer, the Word, and Obedience



*“If you **keep my commandments**, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.” (John 15:10)*

*“If you abide in me, and **my words abide in you**, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” (John 15:7)*

“You are my friends if you do what I command you.” (John 15:10)

Key Idea: Abide in Christ by regularly spending time in prayer, in God’s Word, and through obeying what you hear in prayer and from the Word.

Find a Quiet Place To Pray



“But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.” (Luke 5:15-16)

Key Idea: Jesus often withdrew to lonely places to pray. If Jesus needed rest and prayer, how much more do we need regular rest and prayer! You can never meet all of the spiritual and physical needs around you. Find a quiet place to pray regularly and have a regular Sabbath day's rest.

Pray the Lord's Prayer

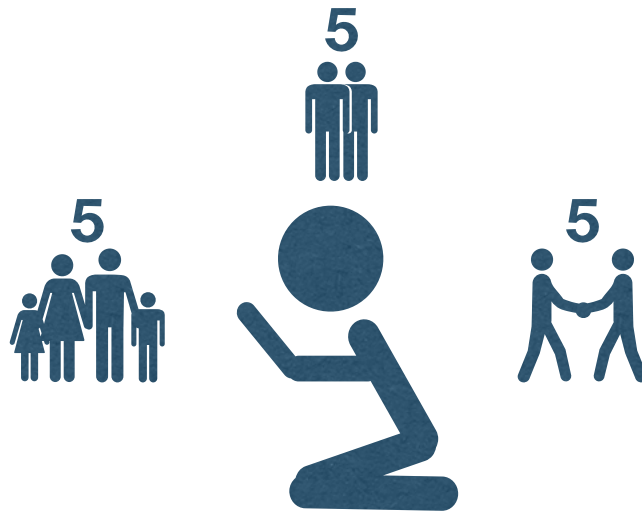
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“Pray then like this: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’” (Matthew 6:9-13)

Key Idea: Pray like Jesus prayed: praise God, seek God’s will, ask for daily needs, forgive others as he has forgiven you, and pray for power over temptation.

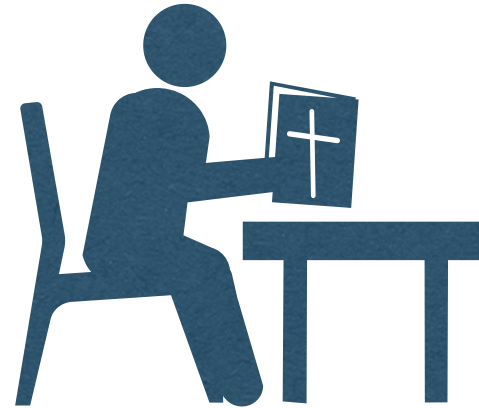
Pray for Lost Family, Friends, and Acquaintances



“Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. ” (Romans 10:1)

Key Idea: Make a list of 5 family members, 5 friends, and 5 acquaintances that are lost. Begin to pray for these people that God would work a miracle in their heart and that they will come to know Christ. And pray that God would open up opportunities for you to be able to share Christ with these family, friends, and acquaintances.

Seek God Daily Through the Word



*“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall **meditate on it** day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” (Joshua 1:8)*

*“But **seek first the kingdom of God** and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33)*

Key Idea: Seek God daily through reading, meditating, and memorizing his Word.

Simple Daily Devotional Model

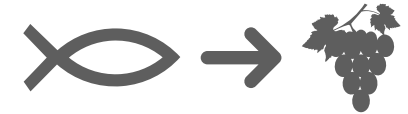
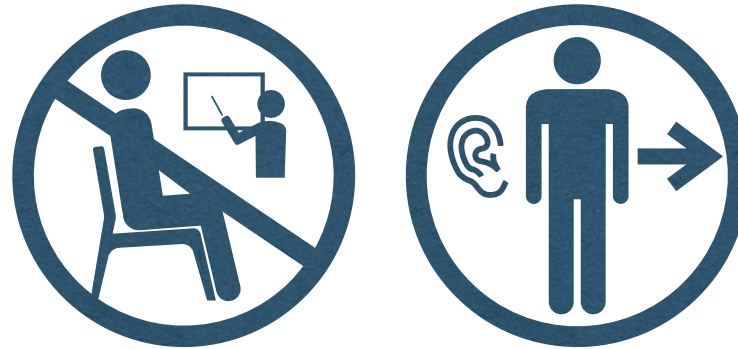


4 Study Questions (example):

1. What did you hear?
2. What does it mean?
3. What should you do?
4. Who else needs to hear this message?

Key Idea: A simple daily devotional model is to read 1 chapter of the Bible a day, ask the study questions, memorize one verse, and then pray.

Don't Just Sit and Learn, Hear and Do



“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.” (James 1:22-25)

Key Idea: We are not commanded to sit and learn but to hear and do. We are not saved by works but good works naturally flow out of true salvation.

Do all for the Glory of God



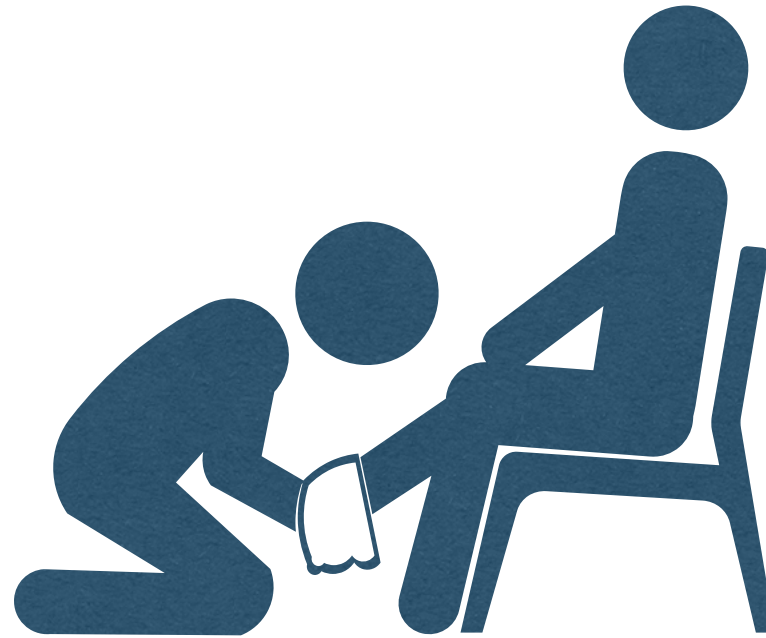
God's "glory" is the beauty displayed by God's excellence and character and is often represented in the Bible as radiant light.

God is "glorious" because his excellence and character are worthy to be joyfully proclaimed and imitated.

*"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, **do all to the glory of God.**" (1 Corinthians 10:31-33)*

Key Idea: Do everything in a way that reflect Gods excellence and character to the world and not for your own pride.

Do Everything With Humility



*“Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. **He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.**” (John 13:3-5)*

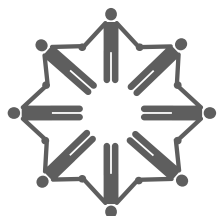
“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but **emptied himself**, by taking the form of a **servant**, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, **he humbled himself** by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:1-8)

Key Idea: Humble yourselves as Jesus did and serve and value others above your own interests.

Case Study 1



It has been a busy last few months and you have not had much time to pray or read the Bible. You lead a new seekers class with non-believers. You feel tired and irritable and are having a difficult time answering tough questions from group members. What should you do? What will be the likely result if you don't make changes? Use scripture to justify your answers.

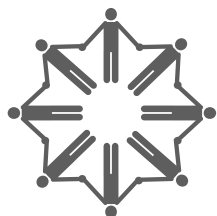


**Break up into groups and discuss.
(suggested time - 10 minutes)**

Case Study 2



You are really good at sharing your faith and leading others to Christ but you struggle with pride. You often find yourself telling people how many people you shared with this week. And you are often critical of others who do not share their faith as often as you. What effect does this have on other believers around you? Does it help others to be encouraged to share their faith or discouraged? What could you change to be more effective in helping others to share? Use scripture to justify your answers.



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