

ABIDE

in the Word and Prayer

“Apart from me you can do nothing”

- Jesus

SESSION 02 - ABIDE

REVIEW: Last Session & Triangle

GOAL: Since apart from Christ we can do nothing, we must remain close to him. When we do this, we will bear much fruit and experience joy. Reading the Word, journaling, and prayer enable us to marinate in God's presence.

READ & RETELL: John 15:1-11

DISCUSS:

What does this teach about God? Who is Jesus? What does he do?

What does he want?

What does this teach about people? Who are we?

What are we commanded to do? What promises of God hinge on our remaining close to him in relationship?

How does abiding enable us to hear from God, obey what he says, and share it with others?

TOOL: DAILY QUIET TIME / ONE HOUR OF PRAYER

ACTION STEPS:

What is your plan to read and journal this week?

When will you read?

What will you read?

When will you set aside time this week to pray through the prayer wheel by yourself or with someone else?

Who can you reproduce this lesson with this week?

ABIDE in the WORD

JOHN 15:1-11

As a follower of Jesus, you should be reading Scripture daily. Keeping a daily journal using the HEAR, OBEY, SHARE format will help you stay intimately connected to the Lord.

PRAY:

Before you read a word, pray! Ask God to speak to you through His Holy Bible and reveal His truth to you. Tell Him that you will obey what He commands.

HEAR:

What is the passage saying? What does it teach you about God or the things of God? What does it teach you about people or yourself? What does God want you to learn?

OBEY:

What does it look like to respond to this passage? Is there a sin to avoid or repent of? Is there a promise to claim or remember? Is there an example to follow? Is there a clear command to obey? Write down your action step.

SHARE:

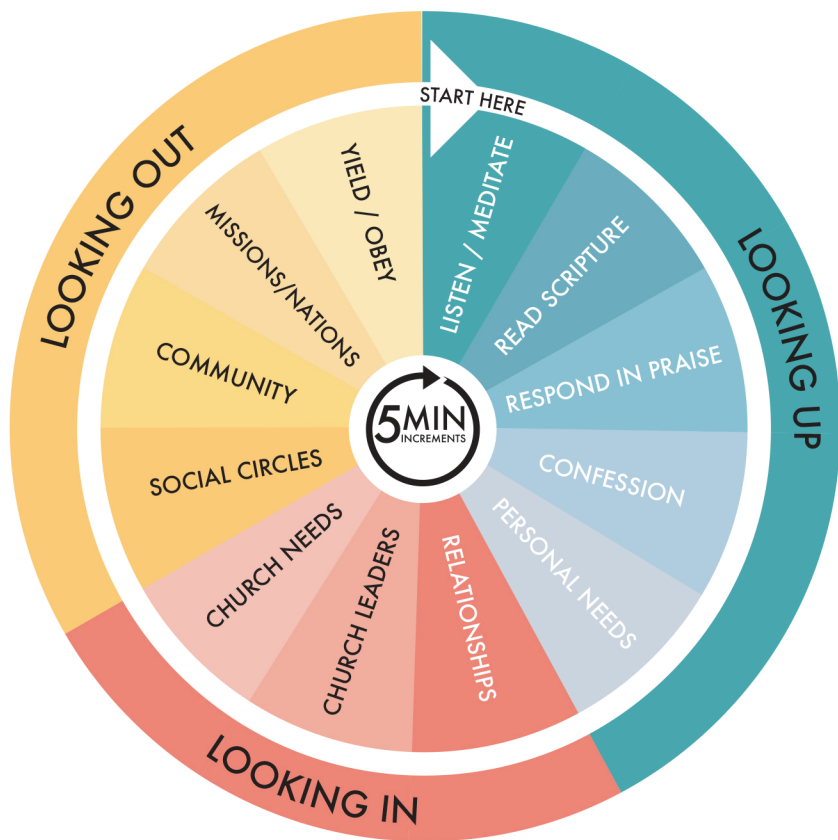
Can you think of someone who would benefit from reading this passage of Scripture? Share it with them sometime today.

SAMPLE DAILY READING PLAN

(Read one or all of the following daily)

- One chapter from the Gospels (begin with Matthew and repeat after finishing John)
- One chapter from the New Testament (begin with Acts and repeat after finishing Revelation)
- One chapter from the Old Testament (begin with Genesis and repeat after finishing Malachi)
- One chapter from the Psalms or Proverbs a day (repeat after finishing)

1 HOUR PRAYER WHEEL



Spending an hour in prayer? It's easier than you think. Break your time into 5 minute blocks and focus on the following during each segment:

LISTEN / MEDITATE - Spend time waiting on the Lord. Let Him pull together reflections for you. Think about the hour before you and the things you want the Lord to do in your life. Psalm 27:14

READ SCRIPTURE - Spend time reading a portion of scripture. If you don't know what to read, consider launching into prayer from a Psalm.

RESPOND IN PRAISE - Praise Him for His attributes and actions in response to the truths you just read. Psalm 34:1

CONFESSION - Ask the Holy Spirit to show you anything in your life which might be displeasing to Him. Ask Him to point out attitudes that are wrong, as well as specific acts for which you have not made a prayer of confession. Now confess them to the Lord and claim 1 John 1:9.

PERSONAL NEEDS - Bring to the Lord any personal needs in your life, family or friends. 1 John 5:14

DISCIPLESHIP RELATIONSHIPS - Pray for the spiritual and physical needs of those with whom you have a discipleship relationship. Colossians 1:9-14

CHURCH LEADERS - Pray that God would grant the elders of your church the spiritual insight they need to fulfill their duties. It will be to your benefit to be shepherded by men who have been supplied with God's supernatural wisdom. Hebrews 13:17-18

CHURCH NEEDS - Pray for unity within the local church. Pray also for "daily bread" and that the needs of the church are met. James 5:16

SOCIAL CIRCLE - Pray for opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus with unbelieving friends and family members where you live, work, learn and play. Luke 10:2

COMMUNITY - Pray for our county, state and national leaders. Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in revival and that God's name will be praised in all the earth. 1 Timothy 2:1-4

MISSIONS / NATIONS - Pray for our workers who are sent nationally and internationally. Pray that many would come to know Christ in all walks of life from the faithful witness of our missionaries. Acts 13:12

YIELD / OBEY - Take time to ask God for direction, and then wait and listen for his orders for today. It may be helpful to have a pen and paper handy to write these out and share with others for accountability. Luke 11:28

Please visit revolvechurchnj.com/hub for a one hour video that helps guide you or your group through each of these themes of prayer.



NOTES / GOALS

What and When will I read this week?

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