Daily Bible Reading and Prayer

Set aside at least 15 minutes each day to spend time with God, reading your Bible and praying. Set a specific time and establish a special place for your daily devotional

Sermon discussion guide: (Pick and choose from below.)

- Describe your understanding of how Jesus went through His suffering leading up to and including crucifixion.
- Describe how people in our culture usually respond when things don't go their way? When inconvenienced? When being criticized or 'mistreated' by someone at work? When a spouse is being resistive, uncooperative or critical.
- Describe some adversity or suffering you may endure in a given week. That's be when things don't go the way you want them to or when someone gives you a hard time. Describe how you typically react. How does your typical reaction compare to the Jesus way of enduring suffering? How can you follow in Jesus' steps, His example when you encounter life's irritations and hardships, causing you to suffer?
- Who is or will be your discipleship buddy through out the year? Each week when you meet you'll be able to process your life in the light of God's Word, prune off the negative and destructive aspects of your life and sink your roots deeper into God's resources and experience transforming fruitfulness! See insert, "Incident Report" and process an incident from your life last week as a trial run.

Daily Bible Reading this week.

For further study on this week's topic, soak in the words found in:
Luke 15: 25-32, Gal.: 4,5, 1Peter 1:3-5, Romans 8:15-17, 1John 3:4, 5:3, and 1Cor 3:22-23.

This weeks Life Journal Readings are:
Monday - Read *Jer. 37-39; ps. 79; 2Jn.*
Tuesday - Read *Jer. 50-51; 3Jn.*
Wednesday - Read *Jer. 52; Rev. 1;Ps. 143,144*
Thursday - Read *Ezek. 1-3; Rev. 2*
Friday - Read *Ezek. 4-7; Rev. 3*
Saturday - Read *Ezek. 8-11; Rev. 4*
Sunday - Read *Ezek. 12-14; Rev. 5*

Life Journal Bible Reading Plan for 2008.

You can purchase a Life Journal for $5 at the info booth anytime today or at the church office Tuesday through Friday. The Life Journal contains a listing of Bible chapters to read every day through the year, for adults, two or three chapters a day. There are blank pages where you write in your observations, application and prayer about a portion of that day's readings that the Holy Spirit points out to you. Life Journal, First Steps, is for teens and there's also a children's edition, each for $5.

The Divine Mentor, "growing your faith as you sit at the feet of the Savior." by Wayne Codiero, Life Journal developer. At the info booth for $12.

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Personal Sermon Study Page

- *Jot notes on it*
- *Stick it in your Bible*
- *Keep it in a 3 ring notebook*
- *Go over it during the week*
- *Look up the verses in your Bible*
- *Discuss it with friends*

The Prodigal Elder Son
Luke 15: 25-32
Galations 4: 1-7
Kevin Denton, Family Life Director