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A summer guide to spending time with God.

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.
I will be found by you,” declares the LORD.”

Jeremiah 29: 13-14

Hey Living Faith Church!

This summer you have an incredible opportunity to take time and focus your heart and mind on Christ. We really hope that you will take advantage of the time you have to seek Him in this season. There are tons of ways you can connect with God, but we've created this booklet to give you a bit of direction for spending time with God each day. This summer, we will be focusing on reading chunks of Scripture together as a church. Reading through books of the Bible and learning how to hear the overall message of what God is speaking to us through His Word.

It might be helpful to buy a notebook of some kind that you can use this summer as you spend time with God. Write down answers to the questions provided instead of just thinking about them. Write down the things God speaks to you. Write down prayer requests and go back and check them off as you see God answering them!

Here's the basic structure for each day:

PRAY (5 minutes): Begin by praying and asking God to meet with you this morning and to help you focus as you spend time with Him.

READ/INTERPRET THE BIBLE (10-20 minutes):

Day 1: Read the whole book. This summer we're going to read through different books of the Bible. (They will all be short ones). So on day 1, read the entire book start to finish without stopping. Then answer the Day 1 Questions.

Days 2-6: on the following days of the week, take the same book of the Bible one chapter at a time. Read that chapter and answer the "Day 2-6" questions.

APPLY (5 minutes): Ask God to show you how to apply today what you read today...then make a plan to do it!

PRAY (5 minutes): Each week we'll give you something specific to pray for, but always close your time listening to God's voice and asking Him if there's anything else He wants to speak to you.

Other things you can do this summer as you spend time with God:

1. Pick a verse out of each book in the Bible you read and memorize it. Use the whole week to say it/write it/live it over and over again until you get it in your head and in your heart.
2. Once a week, post something on facebook/twitter about what God is speaking to you through these Scriptures. On Twitter, use **#Lfsummer** so you can go back and read everyone else's comments too!
3. Don't just listen to the Word of God...but DO what it says! (James 1:22). Find a practical thing in that book of Scripture that you can physically do. (Example: if there's a passage on forgiveness, pray and ask God who you need to forgive, and do it. If it's about service, then get up and do your family's laundry.)
4. Stay in community. Text your life group and keep each other accountable in seeking God over the summer!
5. Write an encouragement to someone. It could be a text, facebook message, notecard, snail mail...yes, that still exists...write a quick note to someone once a week (or more) encouraging them that day.

We are praying that as you read the Word of God that it encourages and challenges you to live a life of radical devotion to the God who knows and loves you best, and that your faith will truly be a "Living Faith"!

We're praying for you!

-Monty, Yale and Autumn

WEEK ONE

PRAY (5 minutes): Begin by praying and asking God to meet with you this morning and to help you focus as you spend time with Him.

THE BIBLE: Read the book of Philippians. No really, it's only 4 chapters...you can probably read it in 10 minutes.

INTERPRET (10-15 minutes): As you read this book of Scripture, answer these questions:

DAY 1:

1. Who wrote this?
2. Who did they write it to?
3. What do you think the author is trying to communicate overall?

Day 2-6: Read 1 chapter a day and focus specifically on what that chapter is saying.

1. What stuck out to you as you read today's chapter?
2. What practical things can you do today to apply what you just read?
3. What questions do you have about what you read? (Write them down and find the answers! Feel free to call Yale, Autumn or your Life Group leader if you need help.)

APPLY (5 minutes): Ask God to show you how to apply today what you read today...then make a plan to do it!

PRAY (5 minutes): Finals are finally over and everyone is transitioning into their summer schedule. Pray today for all those from Living Faith who are making this transition this week—pray for grace to get rest from the chaos of the last week, but also for grace to stay faithful to what God has been doing in their lives! Take a few people a day this week and pray for them by name.

*Oh, and don't forget that this Sunday is Mother's Day....so do something nice intentionally for your mom. ☺

WEEK TWO

PRAY (5 minutes): Begin by praying and asking God to meet with you this morning and to help you focus as you spend time with Him.

THE BIBLE: Read the book of 1 Peter.

INTERPRET (10-15 minutes): As you read this book of Scripture, answer these questions:

DAY 1:

1. Who wrote this?
2. Who did they write it to?
3. What do you think the author is trying to communicate overall?

Day 2-6: Read 1 chapter a day and focus specifically on what that chapter is saying.

1. What stuck out to you as you read today's chapter?
2. What practical things can you do today to apply what you just read?
3. What questions do you have about what you read? (Write them down and find the answers! Feel free to call Yale, Autumn or your Life Group leader if you need help.)

APPLY (5 minutes): Ask God to show you how to apply today what you read today...then make a plan to do it!

PRAY (5 minutes): Pray for your family this week. Take a person a day and pray for them individually. If you don't know how to pray for them, find time to ask them how you can pray and start doing it. Ask God to give you a Scripture to pray over each person in your family and start doing it!

WEEK THREE

PRAY (5 minutes): Begin by praying and asking God to meet with you this morning and to help you focus as you spend time with Him.

THE BIBLE: Read the book of 2 Peter.

INTERPRET (10-15 minutes): As you read this book of Scripture, answer these questions:

DAY 1:

1. Who wrote this?
2. Who did they write it to?
3. What do you think the author is trying to communicate overall?

Day 2-6: Read 1 chapter a day and focus specifically on what that chapter is saying.

1. What stuck out to you as you read today's chapter?
2. What practical things can you do today to apply what you just read?
3. What questions do you have about what you read? (Write them down and find the answers! Feel free to call Yale, Autumn or your Life Group leader if you need help.)

APPLY (5 minutes): Ask God to show you how to apply today what you read today...then make a plan to do it!

PRAY (5 minutes): Pray this week for friends and family members who do not know Christ. Pray for God to open their eyes to see His truth and pray for God to give you opportunities this week to share your testimony with them.

WEEK FOUR

**Guys, call Yale this week to go on the Downtown men's camping trip with him and Monty!

PRAY (5 minutes): Begin by praying and asking God to meet with you this morning and to help you focus as you spend time with Him.

THE BIBLE: Read the book of Jonah.

INTERPRET (10-15 minutes): As you read this book of Scripture, answer these questions:

DAY 1:

1. Who wrote this?
2. Who did they write it to?
3. What do you think the author is trying to communicate overall?

Day 2-6: Read 1 chapter a day and focus specifically on what that chapter is saying.

1. What stuck out to you as you read today's chapter?
2. What practical things can you do today to apply what you just read?
3. What questions do you have about what you read? (Write them down and find the answers! Feel free to call Yale, Autumn or your Life Group leader if you need help.)

APPLY (5 minutes): Ask God to show you how to apply today what you read today...then make a plan to do it!

PRAY (5 minutes): This week, pray for the guys at Living Faith to be men of God who hear God's voice and follow Him wholeheartedly. Pick a few guys each day this week and pray for them individually.

WEEK FIVE

PRAY (5 minutes): Begin by praying and asking God to meet with you this morning and to help you focus as you spend time with Him.

THE BIBLE: Read the book of Zephaniah.

INTERPRET (10-15 minutes): As you read this book of Scripture, answer these questions:

DAY 1:

1. Who wrote this?
2. Who did they write it to?
3. What do you think the author is trying to communicate overall?

Day 2-6: Read 1 chapter a day and focus specifically on what that chapter is saying.

1. What stuck out to you as you read today's chapter?
2. What practical things can you do today to apply what you just read?
3. What questions do you have about what you read? (Write them down and find the answers! Feel free to call Yale, Autumn or your Life Group leader if you need help.)

APPLY (5 minutes): Ask God to show you how to apply today what you read today...then make a plan to do it!

PRAY (5 minutes): Pray this week for the Danville Campus of Living Faith Church! June 2 is the first day that our new Campus Pastor and his team will be fully leading at that campus. Pray for them as they transition to their new homes in Danville and as they seek God for the direction of this (Lf) Campus.

Kevin Carpenter (+ wife Nicole and kids Emma, Eden, and Eli): Campus Pastor

John Hearing (+ wife Kristy): Associate Pastor

Ahren Porta (+wife Desire): Worship Leader

WEEK SIX

PRAY (5 minutes): Begin by praying and asking God to meet with you this morning and to help you focus as you spend time with Him.

THE BIBLE: Read the book of Ruth.

INTERPRET (10-15 minutes): As you read this book of Scripture, answer these questions:

DAY 1:

1. Who wrote this?
2. Who did they write it to?
3. What do you think the author is trying to communicate overall?

Day 2-6: Read 1 chapter a day and focus specifically on what that chapter is saying.

1. What stuck out to you as you read today's chapter?
2. What practical things can you do today to apply what you just read?
3. What questions do you have about what you read? (Write them down and find the answers! Feel free to call Yale, Autumn or your Life Group leader if you need help.)

APPLY (5 minutes): Ask God to show you how to apply today what you read today...then make a plan to do it!

PRAY (5 minutes): Pray for the ladies of Living Faith Church! Pray that they will be women of God who fight for purity and grace all the days of their lives. Pray that they choose, like Ruth, to be faithful to the things and people God calls them to.

WEEK SEVEN

PRAY (5 minutes): Begin by praying and asking God to meet with you this morning and to help you focus as you spend time with Him.

THE BIBLE: Read the book of James.

INTERPRET (10-15 minutes): As you read this book of Scripture, answer these questions:

DAY 1:

1. Who wrote this?
2. Who did they write it to?
3. What do you think the author is trying to communicate overall?

Day 2-6: (read 1 chapter a day and focus specifically on what that chapter is saying)

1. What stuck out to you as you read today's chapter?
2. What practical things can you do today to apply what you just read?
3. What questions do you have about what you read? (Write them down and find the answers! Feel free to call Yale, Autumn or your Life Group leader if you need help.)

APPLY (5 minutes): Ask God to show you how to apply today what you read today...then make a plan to do it!

PRAY (5 minutes): Pray for Bryan and Zorina this week! They are getting married on Saturday and I'm sure could use the support of their church family praying for them as they prepare to start their lives together.

WEEK EIGHT

PRAY (5 minutes): Begin by praying and asking God to meet with you this morning and to help you focus as you spend time with Him.

THE BIBLE: Read the book of Ephesians.

INTERPRET (10-15 minutes): As you read this book of Scripture, answer these questions:

DAY 1:

1. Who wrote this?
2. Who did they write it to?
3. What do you think the author is trying to communicate overall?

Day 2-6: Read 1 chapter a day and focus specifically on what that chapter is saying.

1. What stuck out to you as you read today's chapter?
2. What practical things can you do today to apply what you just read?
3. What questions do you have about what you read? (Write them down and find the answers! Feel free to call Yale, Autumn or your Life Group leader if you need help.)

APPLY (5 minutes): Ask God to show you how to apply today what you read today...then make a plan to do it!

PRAY (5 minutes): Pray for your parents this week. You've probably had time to see some of the struggles they have in day to day life this summer...pray for the things you see they need!

WEEK NINE

PRAY (5 minutes): Begin by praying and asking God to meet with you this morning and to help you focus as you spend time with Him.

THE BIBLE: Read the book of Titus.

INTERPRET (10-15 minutes): As you read this book of Scripture, answer these questions:

DAY 1:

1. Who wrote this?
2. Who did they write it to?
3. What do you think the author is trying to communicate overall?

Day 2-6: Read 1 chapter a day and focus specifically on what that chapter is saying.

1. What stuck out to you as you read today's chapter?
2. What practical things can you do today to apply what you just read?
3. What questions do you have about what you read? (Write them down and find the answers! Feel free to call Yale, Autumn or your Life Group leader if you need help.)

APPLY (5 minutes): Ask God to show you how to apply today what you read today...then make a plan to do it!

PRAY (5 minutes): Pray for our church leaders (Monty and Michelle, Yale and Autumn and your Life Group Leaders and interns). Pray that they will lead our church with wisdom and vision from God. Pray for their families and their marriages to be guarded and strengthened by God.

WEEK TEN

**Pray for students on the mission trip this week!

PRAY (5 minutes): Begin by praying and asking God to meet with you this morning and to help you focus as you spend time with Him.

THE BIBLE: Read the book of Daniel. (This time let's break it up...read chapters 1-6 this week)

INTERPRET (10-15 minutes): As you read this book of Scripture, answer these questions:

DAY 1:

1. Who wrote this?
2. Who did they write it to?
3. What do you think the author is trying to communicate overall?

Day 2-6: Read 1 chapter a day and focus specifically on what that chapter is saying.

1. What stuck out to you as you read today's chapter?
2. What practical things can you do today to apply what you just read?
3. What questions do you have about what you read? (Write them down and find the answers! Feel free to call Yale, Autumn or your Life Group leader if you need help.)

APPLY (5 minutes): Ask God to show you how to apply today what you read today...then make a plan to do it!

PRAY (5 minutes): Pray for everyone who is going on the summer mission trip this week! Pray for opportunities to share the gospel, serve the church in Ohio and grow in their own personal walks with God. Be sure to keep an eye on the church facebook page this week to see photos and updates of what all is going on!

WEEK ELEVEN

PRAY (5 minutes): Begin by praying and asking God to meet with you this morning and to help you focus as you spend time with Him.

THE BIBLE: Read the book of Daniel. (Now read chapters 7-12 this week)

INTERPRET (10-15 minutes): As you read this book of Scripture, answer these questions:

DAY 1:

1. Who wrote this?
2. Who did they write it to?
3. What do you think the author is trying to communicate overall?

Day 2-6: Read 1 chapter a day and focus specifically on what that chapter is saying.

1. What stuck out to you as you read today's chapter?
2. What practical things can you do today to apply what you just read?
3. What questions do you have about what you read? (Write them down and find the answers! Feel free to call Yale, Autumn or your Life Group leader if you need help.)

APPLY (5 minutes): Ask God to show you how to apply today what you read today...then make a plan to do it!

PRAY (5 minutes): Pray in general this week for yourself and for others in your life to live a life of pure devotion, just like Daniel, but also that you will live a life of proximity...keeping your heart and mind pure, but also not afraid to get close enough to infect the culture you live in with the good things God is doing in your life.

WEEK TWELVE

PRAY (5 minutes): Begin by praying and asking God to meet with you this morning and to help you focus as you spend time with Him.

THE BIBLE: Read the book of 1 Timothy.

INTERPRET (10-15 minutes): As you read this book of Scripture, answer these questions:

DAY 1:

1. Who wrote this?
2. Who did they write it to?
3. What do you think the author is trying to communicate overall?

Day 2-6: Read 1 chapter a day and focus specifically on what that chapter is saying.

1. What stuck out to you as you read today's chapter?
2. What practical things can you do today to apply what you just read?
3. What questions do you have about what you read? (Write them down and find the answers! Feel free to call Yale, Autumn or your Life Group leader if you need help.)

APPLY (5 minutes): Ask God to show you how to apply today what you read today...then make a plan to do it!

PRAY (5 minutes): This week, pray for God to give you a heart and a will to obey His commands and direction for your life. Take time to ask Him what He wants you to do/how He wants you to be and write down what He speaks.

WEEK THIRTEEN

PRAY (5 minutes): Begin by praying and asking God to meet with you this morning and to help you focus as you spend time with Him.

THE BIBLE: Read the book of 2 Timothy

INTERPRET (10-15 minutes): As you read this book of Scripture, answer these questions:

DAY 1:

1. Who wrote this?
2. Who did they write it to?
3. What do you think the author is trying to communicate overall?

Day 2-6: Read 1 chapter a day and focus specifically on what that chapter is saying.

1. What stuck out to you as you read today's chapter?
2. What practical things can you do today to apply what you just read?
3. What questions do you have about what you read? (Write them down and find the answers! Feel free to call Yale, Autumn or your Life Group leader if you need help.)

APPLY (5 minutes): Ask God to show you how to apply today what you read today...then make a plan to do it!

PRAY (5 minutes): Pray this week specifically for your roommate(s) for this coming year. Don't know what they need prayer for? Call and ask them!

WEEK FOURTEEN

PRAY (5 minutes): Begin by praying and asking God to meet with you this morning and to help you focus as you spend time with Him.

THE BIBLE: Read the book of Esther.

INTERPRET (10-15 minutes): As you read this book of Scripture, answer these questions:

DAY 1:

1. Who wrote this?
2. Who did they write it to?
3. What do you think the author is trying to communicate overall?

Day 2-6: Read 1 chapter a day and focus specifically on what that chapter is saying.

1. What stuck out to you as you read today's chapter?
2. What practical things can you do today to apply what you just read?
3. What questions do you have about what you read? (Write them down and find the answers! Feel free to call Yale, Autumn or your Life Group leader if you need help.)

APPLY (5 minutes): Ask God to show you how to apply today what you read today...then make a plan to do it!

PRAY (5 minutes): Pray this week for your professors you are going to have this semester and for your bosses where you will be working. Pray for opportunities to share your faith with them and for God to give you the ability and desire to do your best in everything you do. (Colossians 3:23-24)

WEEK FIFTEEN

****Come help with Move in days and Involvement Expo! Go to faith2live.com/downtown for more details.**

PRAY (5 minutes): Begin by praying and asking God to meet with you this morning and to help you focus as you spend time with Him.

THE BIBLE: Read the book of Colossians.

INTERPRET (10-15 minutes): As you read this book of Scripture, answer these questions:

DAY 1:

1. Who wrote this?
2. Who did they write it to?
3. What do you think the author is trying to communicate overall?

Day 2-6: Read 1 chapter a day and focus specifically on what that chapter is saying.

1. What stuck out to you as you read today's chapter?
2. What practical things can you do today to apply what you just read?
3. What questions do you have about what you read? (Write them down and find the answers! Feel free to call Yale, Autumn or your Life Group leader if you need help.)

APPLY (5 minutes): Ask God to show you how to apply today what you read today...then make a plan to do it!

PRAY (5 minutes): Pray for incoming students at IUPUI! Pray for God to give you opportunities to meet and minister to new faces on campus the first week you get back. Pray for all of the invitation cards that were handed out at orientation tables over the summer to re-surface in people's minds and backpacks so they are reminded to join us for church/Life Group this semester.

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP AT 5pm!
Go to faith2live.com/downtown for more details