

his
WORD
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my
HEART
like a
FIRE
jeremiah 20:9



Welcome to Brigade Camp

at Stony Glen

Stony Glen is a place to explore and discover a new and different environment. There is something special about being in the great outdoors and experiencing the adventures of Brigade Camp. It is a chance to gain a new perspective on life. That's true for your approach to Bible study, too. Like the great new experiences of camp, here's a chance to look at the Bible in a fresh new way. Allow the truths of the Bible to give you a fresh view of life and its meaning.

Daily Journal

You'll begin each day with the Morning Devotion. This will be your personal devotion. It is a time for you to be alone with God. During this time, you will begin to discover God's story and your role in it. Don't be afraid to ask God the tough questions that you may have about that day's subject. He gave us a mind to do just that. He wants us to ask Him. Also, write down your questions. You may want to ask your leader these questions.

In the afternoon, you will meet with your cabin for a time of Bible Exploration. While it's important to have time alone with God, it's also essential to learn from and with each other. As you engage in each day's mission, share your thoughts and questions with the group. You will probably find that others in the group may have similar ideas and struggles.

Give honest answers and avoid the temptation to say what you think others expect to hear. Don't be afraid to express your doubts and questions; that's how a good investigation goes. You must be willing to ask the tough questions and be ready to change your mind when presented with God's truth. Some questions in this Bible Exploration are personal. You don't need to give your answers out loud. Sometimes, though, it's great to share a 'personal' answer. You'll probably find that others in the group feel the same way you do. You might even help somebody in his journey through this adventure we call life.

IGNITING THE FIRE

Day 1 - Morning Focus

Read: Jeremiah 20:9 (See Memory Verse below)

Today is the first full day of camp, and we can't wait to get started. I am so excited to see how God will move and bless us during our time at camp. This year we are looking to ignite a fire at camp, and I'm not talking about an ordinary campfire. I'm talking about a fire like the one Jeremiah talks about. It is a fire for Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God. And that fire is fueled by God's Holy Spirit.

It was the same Holy Spirit who guided Jeremiah to stand before the people of Judah and call them back to follow the God of their fathers. That was the fire that burned in his heart.

Your time at camp will be full of fun and adventure, but our hope is that you will receive the true grace and peace that can only come through knowing Jesus. Do you know him?

Let's see how God moves in camp this summer.

Pray: Lord, guide us during this time at camp. Reveal yourself to each one of us that we may know you and know your grace and peace. Amen

Memory Verse

But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. - Jeremiah 20:9

IGNITING THE FIRE

Day 1 - Group Study

Let's start today by asking a few questions?

Who is God?

Who is Jesus?

Who are we?

Where do we fit in the universe? Or what is our relationship to God and Jesus?

**"Because God is
all-powerful...
He can help me
with anything.**

**Because God is
ever-present...
He is always with
me."**

*- Dr. Bill Bright
Founder of Campus
Crusade for Christ*

Campus Crusade for Christ has a great summary to help us understand our relationship with God. It is called "The Four Spiritual Laws" (I have expanded on some of the scripture.)

Law #1 God LOVES you and offers a wonderful PLAN for your life.

God's Love

Read: John 3:16

How much does God love us?

Read: Genesis 1:1

What did God do?

So, the Creator of the universe sent His Son for you! What does that say about your value to God?

Read: John 3:17

Why did God send His Son?

God's Plan

Read: John 10:10

What's God's plan?

Read: John 17:1-5

What does "eternal life" mean? (v2&3)

**Law #2 Man is SINFUL and SEPARATED from God.
Therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life.**

Man is Sinful

Read: Romans 3:23

Who have sinned? Does that include you?

Man is Separated

Read: Romans 6:23

What is the result of sin?

Sin separates us from God.

We can not reach God on our own.



Law #3 Jesus Christ is God's ONLY provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life.

He died in our place

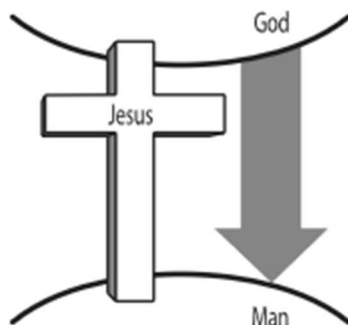
Read: Romans 5:8

How does God demonstrate His love? Do we have to be good, first?

He rose from the dead

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

Jesus conquered death



He is the only way to God

Read: John 14:6

The only way to the Father is through Jesus. What does that mean?

Law #4 We must individually RECEIVE Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then, we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.

We must receive Christ

Read: John 1:12

We must _____ Him to become _____ of God.

We receive Christ through faith

Read: Ephesians 2:8-9

Saved by _____ through _____.

Read: Revelation 3:20

PRAY: Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be. Amen

FUEL THE FIRE

Day 2 - Morning Focus

Read: 1 Peter 2:9

Did you know that if you are a follower of Jesus, you are part of His priesthood? That makes you a priest or a minister for Jesus. To be a follower of Jesus, we cannot just say a prayer and go to church on Sundays. We are warriors for Christ, and we must actively work on our faith. Just like any muscle in our body, the more we work it, the stronger it gets.

When I was young, I loved to read stories about noble knights and their battles against evil which in many of the stories was a huge dragon. The noblest of the knights was called a paladin. He was the leading champion to save his people and land from the terrible evil that was coming. But the paladin was not born with the skill to slay the dragon; he had to train to be the champion his people needed.

I call you to be a paladin priest. We need those that will stand for Jesus and His noble cause. Your family needs you; your friends need you; your school needs you.

**“Discipline
equals Freedom.”**

*- LT. CMD Jocko Willink
Seal Team 3*

Today, we will look at the training needed to build you into a paladin priest, a true warrior for the lost and broken. It is not easy, but you will live an adventure that only God knows. Are you ready?

Pray: Lord, prepare me for Your grand adventure. Help me to prepare to live my life to the fullest as You promised in Your Word. Amen

Memory Verse

Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. - 1 Timothy 4:7-8

FUEL THE FIRE

Day 2 - Group Study

What do you think of when someone uses the word discipline?

Think of a great sportsperson. How did they become great?

Is it because they were born with talent? Yes and no, many are born with talent. The difference between being great and average is their self-discipline. The #1 factor between the best and the rest is effort. How hard they worked. It's self-discipline.

Read: 1 Timothy 4:7-8

Training the body is good, but we must also train for what?

We are more than just body and mind. We have a spiritual part as well. So, we must train it.

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

Bible Reading and Study

Read: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

What is scripture good for?

Read: Psalm 119:11

What does it mean to store God's word in your heart?

Reading the Bible helps protect us.

Read: Hebrews 4:12

How does this verse describe the word of God?

Read: Matthew 4:1-4

How does Jesus use Scripture?

We need to study the Bible

Read: Psalm 119:15-16

What does meditate mean?

**“A thorough
knowledge of the
Bible is worth more
than a college
education.”**

- Theodore Roosevelt

26th President

God wants us to think about His words, study them and examine them.

Read: Psalm 143:5-6

Why is the Bible also tell us about history?

Prayer

Prayer is how we talk with God

Read: Philippians 4:6-7

We are to pray about everything. Nothing is too small for us to take to God.

Read: Matthew 6:5-8

What do these verses teach us about prayer?

Read: Matthew 6:9-13

What do these verses teach us about prayer?

Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

How are we to pray? What is to “pray without ceasing”?

We need to be talking to God often. How can we do that?

Worship and Fellowship

Read: Hebrews 10:24-25

What do these verses say about meeting together?

Why should we meet together?

Read: Colossians 3:16

What does this verse add to meeting together?

Read: Matthew 18:19-20

What does Jesus say about gathering?

Full List of Spiritual Disciplines

Read the Bible	Fellowship
Bible Study	Fasting
Bible Memorization	Silence
Meditate on scripture	Simplicity
Pray without ceasing	Worship
Pray privately	Serve
Giving/generosity	Learn

Pray: Ask the Holy Spirit to come and help you grow in your faith. Ask Him to do mighty things in your life.

BUILDING A BONFIRE

Day 3 - Morning Focus

Read: Proverbs 27:17

Yesterday, we talked briefly about fellowship and gathering together. Today, we will look deeper into our need to be part of a Christian community. We need to be in a Christian community for four things, discipleship, fellowship, accountability, and support.

Life can be so amazing and also really hard. That is why we need to be part of a community. God designed us to be in relationships. A relationship with Him, a relationship with our family, and a relationship with others. It is through these relationships that we receive the discipleship, fellowship, accountability, and support we need to grow into the person God made us to be.

“At the end of the day it’s not about what you have or even what you accomplished... It’s about who you’ve lifted up, who you’ve made better. It’s about what you’ve given back.”

*- Denzel Washington
American Actor*

Just like the coals in a large bonfire, as we become stronger spiritually, we add to the total fire of the group.

Pray: Lord, help us to follow you better together. Please help me be the person you need me to be so that I may help others to build a fire that is honoring and pleasing to you. Amen.

Memory Verse

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. - Proverbs 27:17

BUILDING A BONFIRE

Day 3 - Group Study

Every day in your life, you are learning something. You need to make sure you are learning the right things. It all starts with our topic today.

Read: Proverbs 27:17

What does “iron sharpens iron” mean?

Can any iron sharpen another piece of iron?

What happens if you use the wrong kind of iron to sharpen another piece of iron?

What kind of iron do you need?

You need the right tool. For us to grow and help build the bonfire, we need the right people.

Think of your friends. Do they get you in trouble or make you better?

What do you think makes a good friend?

What do your parents think of your friends?

Should you listen to your parents when they talk to you about one of your friends?

Read: Proverbs 12:26

How should you be picking your friends?

What happens when you pick bad friends?

Read: I Corinthians 15:33

What does bad company do?

Read: Proverbs 18:24

How should you be picking your friends?

Read: Proverbs 13:20-21

What happens when we hang around the wise?

What can happen if we hang around fools?

This is why it is also good to have mentors. Mentors are for any age and no matter how wise or intelligent you are. We all need good mentors.

Why do you think it is vital to have good mentors?

Read: Proverbs 1:5

What happens when we hang around the wise?

Read: Hebrews 13:7

What are we to do?

What does it mean to imitate?

Think about the characteristics that you should look for in a friend and also a mentor. See if you can come up with 10 characteristics for each. As you grow, this list will change and increase.

Friends

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Mentors

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
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9. _____
10. _____

Every day in your life, you are learning something. You need to make sure you are learning the right things. To be a good friend and a good student, you also need to remember to be humble. Here is a good way to remember how to be humble.

Am I Approachable? Am I Teachable? Am I Changeable?

Pray: Lord, bring people into my life to help me grow into the man you want me to be and prepare me for following you. Help me be truly humble and to be a good friend to others. Amen.

SPREADING THE FLAME

Day 4 - Morning Focus

Read: Matthew 28:16-20

All authority was given to Jesus. And with that authority, He commanded the disciple to make disciples of all nations. And He promised to be with them until the end of the age.

Being a Christian is not about just going to church once or twice a week. Jesus expects us to truly follow Him. It is to be an active faith. We are to witness and share the gospel with others around us. Are you truly following Jesus? Have you ever asked a friend or classmate to go to church with you? Did you ask someone to come to camp this summer? I'll tell you I didn't do everything I could have either. We all fail! But God is faithful.

I love this quote I found while doing research for this study. It is from the actor Kirk Cameron. "If you had the cure to cancer wouldn't you share it? ... You have the cure to death ... get out there and share it."

We need to be more diligent in sharing the gospel with others.

Pray: Lord, help us to understand better you're why we need to share your gospel with others. Help us to speak your truth boldly. Amen

**"Catch on fire
with enthusiasm
and people will
come for miles
to watch you
burn."**

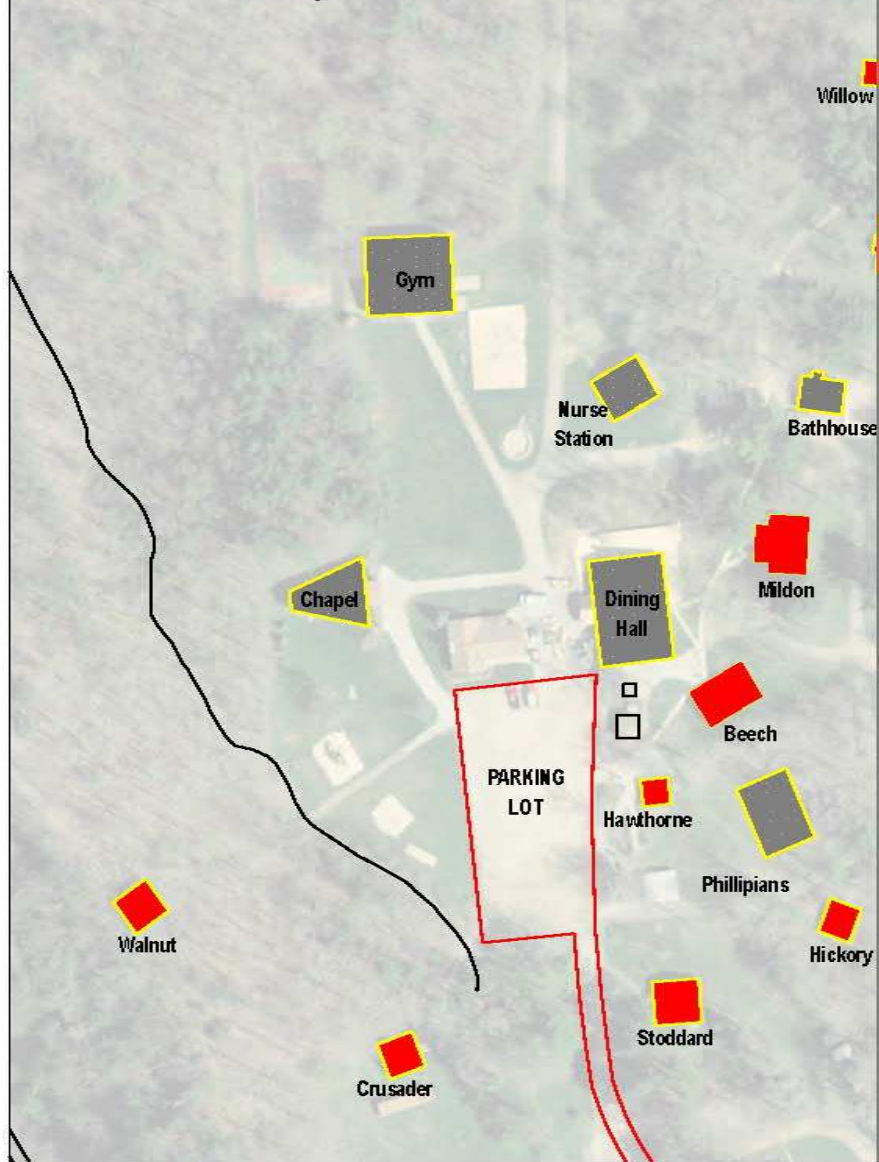
*- Charles Wesley
Evangelist, Preacher,
and Author
1707-1788*

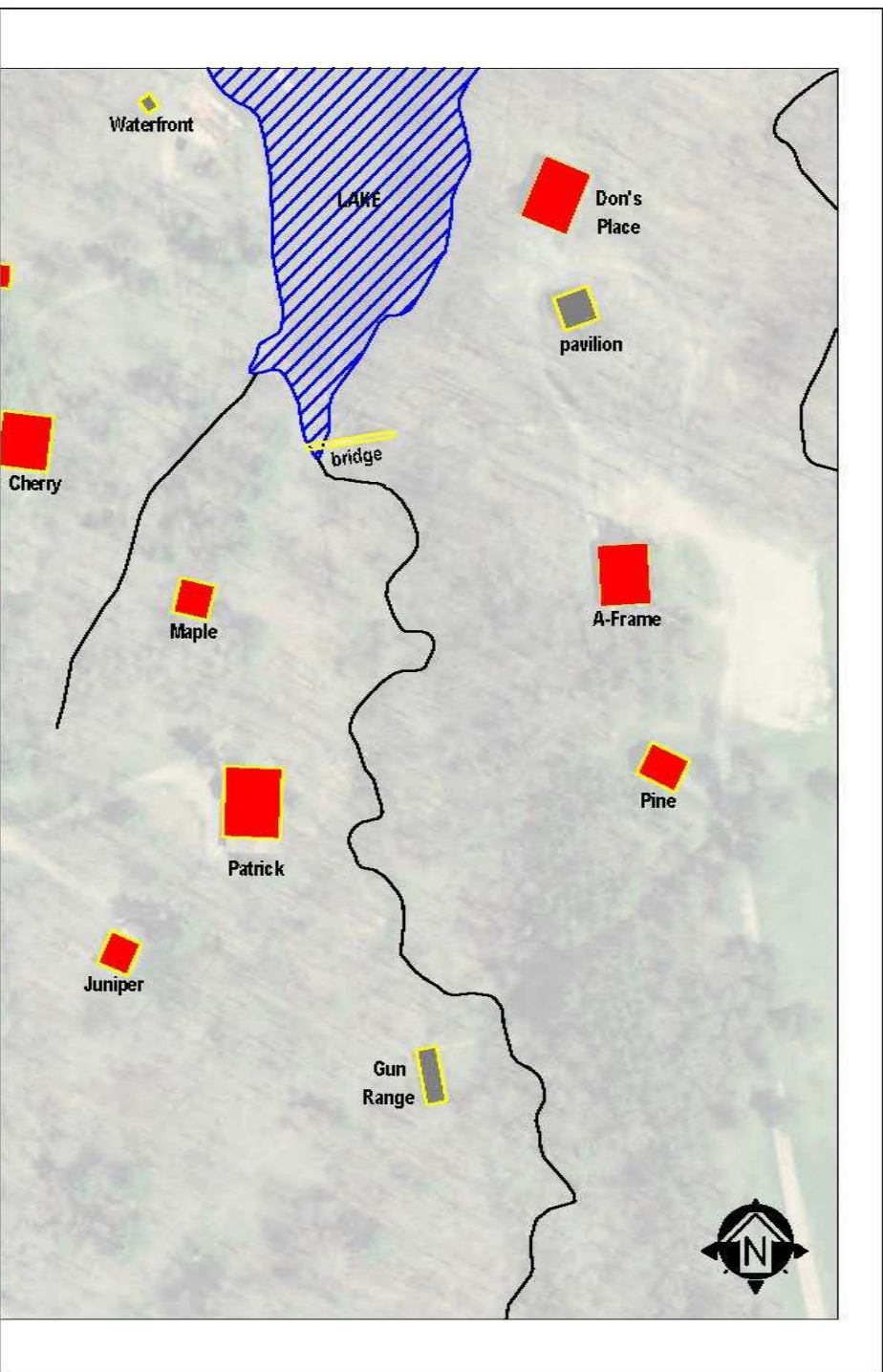
Memory Verse

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." - Mark 16:15

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Center Camp Area





SPREADING THE FIRE

Day 4 - Group Study

What is witnessing?

What is evangelism?

Are they the same? Explain.

**"Our faith becomes
stronger as we
express it; a
growing faith is a
sharing faith. ."**

*- Billy Graham
American Evangelist
1918-2018*

Read: Acts 1:6-8

When will the disciples receive power?

What will they do after they receive this power?

Read: Mark 16:15-16

What does Jesus command his disciples to do?

What will happen to those that believe?

What will happen to those that don't believe?

There are two parts to sharing the gospel with others.

1. Action: Live the life.
2. Speak: Share the good news.

Why does it take both action and speaking?

Read: Philippians 1:27

How are you to live?

Read: John 13:34-35

What are we to do?

What is the impact this will have?

Read: Acts 16:25-34

Why didn't Paul and Silas leave?

How did Paul's action affect the jailer?

What was the jailer's reaction?

How does the story end?

How can you be like Paul and Silas?

Time to Take Action

List people you know that need to hear the Gospel

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|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

A friend of mine kept a list of people he knew who did not believe in Jesus in his Bible. He would pray over that list every day. When he was having a bad day or felt like the devil was trying to win, he would pull out that list and start praying for his lost friends. The number of people that he impacted was countless. He was a true warrior for Christ. Unfortunately for us, he went home to heaven. And I know his faithfulness was rewarded, and he heard the words, “Well done.” Thanks, Gary.

May we all have that kind of impact on the people around us.

Pray together for those that are lost and for the wisdom and the courage to share the gospel with them.

BEING A LIGHT

Day 5 - Morning Focus

Read: Matthew 5:13-16

This week's lessons tie together to make us that faithful warrior, the paladin priest. We need to accept that Jesus is Lord, that He died for our sins, and that He rose again—defeating death. We need to put our trust in Him and train ourselves to be strong warriors. We need to be a witness to what Jesus has done for us and to spread the gospel to those around us.

Being a light is not useful for you but is for those around you. Your light shines like a candle in a dark room, being a blessing to others. It is a guide to helping those around you. It allows them to see clearly.

My prayer is that we will all become like Jeremiah.

*But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name," **his word is in my heart like a fire**, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. - Jeremiah 20:9*

We need to have a fire in our hearts like Jeremiah. It needs to be strong so that we cannot keep it in, and we have to share it with others because God doesn't like it when we keep it in.

Pray: Lord, put a fire in my heart. Let Your Holy Spirit come and fill me with your power that I may glorify you. Amen

Memory Verse

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."
- Matthew 5:14

BEING A LIGHT

Day 5 - Group Study

We are called to be Salt and Light.

Read: Matthew 5:13

Jesus calls us the _____ of the earth.

What do you think that means?

What happens if salt loses its taste?

**“Darkness
cannot drive out
darkness; only
light can do that.
Hate cannot
drive out hate;
only love can do
that.”**

*- Reverend Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr
1929-1968*

Why do you think He uses the imagery of “trampled under people’s feet”?

Read: Matthew 5:14-16

Why did Jesus say we are the light of the world?

Where do we put lights?

If we let our “light shine before others,” what will they see?

Who does that give glory to? Why is this important?

Read: Revelation 3:14-16

What does Jesus know?

He knows our works. What does he think of our works?

Jesus wants us to be on fire for him.

Read: Revelation 3:17

We think and say we are rich and need nothing, but what does Jesus say we are?

Read: Revelation 3:18

What are the three things we should buy from Jesus?

How do we buy them?

Read: Revelation 3:19

What does Jesus do to the ones he loves?

Why do you think he does this?

What does a great coach do for his players to make them better?

Read: Luke 3:16

What will we be baptized with?

Read: Acts 2:1-4

What rested upon them?

And what were they filled with?

Why do you think it appears as a fire?

Read: Matthew 28:16-20

What was given to Jesus?

We are to go and do what?

Where is Jesus as we go?

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” - Isaiah 6:8

Your family, friends, neighbors, and community are waiting.

Pray: Lord, give me a heart for the lost. Help me to be a light in the darkness for those around me. Amen

**“We are told to
let our light
shine, and if it
does, we won't
need to tell
anybody it does.
Lighthouses
don't fire
cannons to call
attention to their
shining- they just
shine .”**

*- Dwight L. Moody
Evangelist and Preacher
1837-1899*

GO FORTH

Day 6 - Morning Focus

Are you ready to change the world? That is what Jesus told his disciples to do. And they did just as he commanded.

How do you change the world? One person at a time. You don't need a grand plan. Start with allowing God to change you. As He is changing you, allow Him to use you to help change the people you know. God put you in relationships with people for a reason. Work on your sphere of influence. Be a better friend. Make new friends.

Pray for others. Read the Bible. Pray for God to lead you.

Find a mentor that can help you grow in your faith.

Don't just be involved in your church's youth group. Become a leader.

Love like Jesus did. Think of others first.

Pray bold, daring prayers, get out of your comfort zone, go do hard things, step out in faith, and see where God will lead you.

Discipline yourself and strive hard to be the hero God wants you to be. When we let the light of Jesus shine, we help remove the darkness from the world. And when we all shine together, we will start a fire that everyone can see. Lord, let your Holy Spirit move in all of us. Let Your Holy Spirit move in me. Start a fire, Lord.

Pray: Lord, You are the creator of the universe, and yet still You want to have a personal relationship with me. Help me to be bold in my faith while, at the same time, let me show Your love to those around me. Give me the fire to be Your follower. Amen.

Resources

GoodTools app (godtoolsapp.com)

Extreme Ownership by Jocko Willink

Dangerous Prayers by Craig Groeschel

The Go-Giver by Bob Burg

Leadership by the Book by Ken Blanchard

Servant Leader by Ken Blanchard

God's Plan of Salvation

What is God Like

God made you and loves you. He wants you to be His child. But God is perfect and holy. He hates sin and can't even look at it.

What Are We Like

Here's the problem - all of us have sinned. We have all done many wrong things. Sin separates us from God and sin must be punished. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

God's Solution

What's the solution? God loved you so much that He gave His only Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for your sin. Instead of punishing you, God punished Jesus. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

Your Part

What do you have to do? Jesus' death allows you to be friends with God. Here is what you have to do:

1. Believe Jesus died for you personally.
2. Tell Jesus you are sorry for the sin in your life and want to be changed.
3. Ask Jesus to take away your sins and to direct your life.

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

When you give your life to Jesus, you become His child and belong to His family! Wow! What could be better?

CSB Ministries

Did you know that Ohio Brigade Camp is part of the national movement of CSB Ministries?

CSB Ministries mission is equipping men to take ownership of active Christian discipleship of each generation. CSB Ministries has three distinct ministry resources to help men disciple boys and young men throughout the year.

For more information on CSB Ministries go to one of the following web site:

Ohio CSB Ministries: <https://ohiovalley.csbministries.org/>

CSB Ministries: <https://csbministries.org/>

Treks Curriculum: <https://csbministries.org/treks/>

Mentoring Out of the Box: <https://mentoringoutofthebox.com/>



Godly men taking responsibility to serve, lead, and disciple boys and young men ages 5-18.



Equipping men to disciple boys through activity-driven Bible devotionals.



Giving men a short-term opportunity to experience activity-driven discipleship of boys.



