

# TIPS FOR GETTING STARTED

**1- FIND A TIME** - Ask yourself: When and where could I go to experience a few precious minutes with Jesus? Whenever and wherever it is, establish it as your meeting with God. Write it into your schedule and be faithful to it!

**2- START SMALL** - (but start!): your personal devotions do not need to be long to be effective. Just 10-20 minutes spent worshipping God, reading his word, talking to him in prayer, or writing out prayers to him and thoughts about him can get you on your way to deeper roots!

**3- Embrace Creativity and Variety:** Sometimes people think that Bible reading and prayer are the only things that "count." There are tons of ways to spend time with God through. We hope to give you lots of help & suggestions here. Remember, a root is any regular practice in my life that increases my love for God and helps me to live and love more like Jesus!!!

In fact - Do/write/draw/copy whatever was the first thing that came to your mind while reading TIPS for getting started above.

## How to approach reading the bible:

- 1- Pray and Ask God to allow you to encounter him through his word and spirit.
- 2- Re-read the passage slowly and try to understand it. (re-reading it a few times can help)
- 3- Ask the passage questions (Who, What, Where, When, Why, How Much, So what, What now?)
- 4- LISTEN-Take time to let God speak to you
- 5- Seek application - Does the passage change the way you view God, or how you should live?
- 6- Finish by talking to God about the passage and about what you need to walk with him for the day.

Take this QUIZ! (don't worry, we won't collect or correct it...in fact you CAN'T fail this test!)

DO THIS NOW!!! (1 is the lowest - 10 is the highest)

- 1- How would you currently rate your walk with God: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2- What is your current commitment level to God: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3- How would you rate your current level of love for God: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4- What priority are you putting on growing closer to God: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5- How well did the last week of your life show Christ: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6- How passionate are you about telling others about Jesus: \_\_\_\_\_

# BIBLE READING Guide

## PASSAGE

Pray: Dear Jesus, please speak to me today as I read your word. Help me to understand what it means, and what you are saying to me through it. Help me to experience your presence. Amen.

## READ THE PASSAGE

What things stood out the most in the verses as you were reading?

What is the passage about?

(Ask the passage questions: Who, What, Where, When, Why, How Much, So what, What now?)

What does the passage reveal about who God is / Who Humans are?

Write out your favorite verse (it will help you remember it!)

How do you think you should apply the passage to your life?

Take a few minutes to write out some thoughts on what you learned about God today, or a prayer.

Picture it: create something that represents some part of an image in the passage: