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FOCUS 20/25

BIBLE READING PLAN

Together:
Becoming the Body
of Christ

The Acts
of Christ
of the Apostles

TOGETHER | BECOMING THE BODY OF CHRIST

August Devotional

August is a sacred restart. It's Back-to-School season, the 100th Anniversary of our church, and a time to reestablish rhythm—spiritually, emotionally, physically, and mentally. As we read through Acts and Ephesians, this plan centers on the power of the Church walking TOGETHER in unity, service, and purpose.

This is an intergenerational journey for every believer—young, old, new in faith, seasoned in faith, families, singles, students, and elders. Discipleship is not an isolated event; it's a shared rhythm of being and belonging.

Each Day Includes:

- Daily Scripture Reading
- Devotional Thought
- Youth Insight
- New Believer Reflection
- Family Focus
- Body Life Action Step
- Prayer Prompt
- Evening Examen

August 1ST - *Wait Together, Pray Together*

Scripture: Acts 1:1–14

Devotional Thought:

Before the Church was born, the people were gathered—waiting, not working. But they weren't waiting alone. They were in prayer **together**, sharing space, hope, and expectancy. Community is built when we pray through uncertainty side by side. This kind of unity lays the foundation for everything that follows. **Legacy begins when we choose to wait on God with others.**

Reflection Questions:

Who do I pray with regularly, and what legacy are we building in our shared prayers? How can I invite someone into the waiting season I'm in?

Youth Insight:

Prayer isn't just something adults do. When you pray with friends, you help build something bigger than you.

New Believer Reflection:

Don't wait alone. Let someone pray with you. That's how the Church grows strong.

Family Focus:

Pick a time today to pray together as a family—even if just for 3 minutes. You're passing down rhythm and faith.

Body Life Action Step:

Text someone and say, "Can we start praying together weekly?" Community starts with the ask.

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, build our foundation strong as we wait and pray together. Help our prayers shape a lasting legacy.

Evening Examen:

Did I invite anyone into my waiting today? Did I help build faith through prayer?

AUGUST 2ND – *Filled with the Spirit as One*

Scripture: Acts 2:1–13

Devotional Thought:

When the Spirit came, it didn't fall on one person in a corner—it rested on **everyone present**. Community building starts when we recognize that God's power is not just for individuals, but for the whole Body. And legacy? That's born when we live Spirit-filled lives that echo into our families, our friends, and future generations.

Reflection Questions:

How is the Spirit working in me not just for me, but for those around me? Where do I need to stop “solo walking” and start walking with the Church?

Youth Insight:

God's power lives in you—and your friends. Worship and grow together. That's how you build real faith that lasts.

New Believer Reflection:

The Holy Spirit is your connection to the family of God. You're never on your own.

Family Focus:

Share one way you've seen or felt God this week. Let everyone speak—even the little ones.

Body Life Action Step:

Encourage someone else's spiritual gifts today. Tell them what you see God doing through them.

Prayer Prompt:

Holy Spirit, fill me for the good of the whole. Help me live in step with Your people.

Evening Examen:

Was I aware of the Spirit today in community? Did I make room for others to shine?

AUGUST 3RD – *Peter Stands Up for All of Us*

Scripture: Acts 2:14–41

Devotional Thought:

Peter's boldness wasn't about ego—it was for the **community**. He spoke for the group, to the crowd, and invited thousands into something eternal. That's the power of legacy: one person's courage to speak truth can lead many into lasting transformation. The Body grows stronger when someone stands up, not just for themselves—but **on behalf of us all**.

Reflection Questions:

Who has stood up for you in faith? How can you do the same for someone else? What truth needs to be spoken in love for the good of the community?

Youth Insight:

Standing up for your faith means helping others do the same. Be the one who starts something good.

New Believer Reflection:

You don't need years of faith to speak the truth. Your voice matters in this family.

Family Focus:

Ask: Who's someone who helped you know Jesus better? Talk about how you can be that for others.

Body Life Action Step:

Speak life into your church family today—whether through a text, post, or face-to-face.

Prayer Prompt:

Jesus, give me boldness to speak up for others and invite people into Your family.

Evening Examen:

Did my words today help build someone's faith? Did I leave behind a trail of truth?

AUGUST 4TH – *They Had All Things in Common*

Scripture: Acts 2:42–47

Devotional Thought:

They shared meals. They shared money. They shared prayer. The early believers didn't just believe together—they **lived together**. This is what healthy community looks like: generous, consistent, joyful. And because of that kind of love, the Church **grew daily**. When we build this kind of everyday togetherness, we leave behind something future believers can walk into. That's legacy.

Reflection Questions:

What am I holding too tightly that God may want me to share? Where can I be more consistent in community, not just present?

Youth Insight:

When you share what you have—your time, your snacks, your faith—you help build the Church.

New Believer Reflection:

You belong here. You don't have to have it all figured out—just bring what you have.

Family Focus:

Have a meal together tonight without phones. Talk about what each of you are thankful for.

Body Life Action Step:

Do one generous act today for someone in your church family—no strings attached.

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, help me live a shared life. Let what I give build something lasting.

Evening Examen:

Did I give freely today? Did my actions reflect shared life or isolation?

AUGUST 5TH – *Healing Happens in Community*

Scripture: Acts 3:1–16

Devotional Thought:

Peter and John didn't offer money. They offered **presence**. Healing started when they stopped, saw, and shared Jesus. That's the kind of community that changes lives. When we make time to really see people, we help restore what's been broken. Healing is part of our legacy—when we choose compassion over convenience.

Reflection Questions: Who might need to be seen by me today? What would it look like for me to slow down and be part of someone's healing?

Youth Insight:

You don't have to fix people. Just show up, see them, and love like Jesus.

New Believer Reflection:

God can use your story—even now—to help someone else believe.

Family Focus:

Each family member says one kind thing to someone else in the house today.

Body Life Action Step:

Pray over someone in your community dealing with hurt—physically, emotionally, or spiritually.

Prayer Prompt:

Jesus, help me slow down enough to see people—and offer what really matters.

Evening Examen:

Did I see people or rush past them today? Did I offer healing or more harm?

AUGUST 6 – *Boldness Comes from Belonging*

Scripture: Acts 4:1–22

Devotional Thought:

Peter and John don't back down—even after being arrested. Why? Because they know who they belong to, and who they belong with. Belonging fuels boldness. Community gives us courage to stand firm and speak truth. And that's legacy—when your stand inspires someone else to stand too.

Reflection Questions:

When has someone's boldness helped me be braver?

Where can I stand firm not just for me, but for others watching?

Youth Insight:

It's easier to be brave when you're not alone. Stand with your people. Speak up for what matters.

New Believer Reflection:

You don't need to know it all. Just know Who you belong to—and walk with those who remind you.

Family Focus:

Talk about a time when your family had to stand together. What helped you stay strong?

Body Life Action Step:

Stand up for someone in your church family today—through prayer, encouragement, or support.

Prayer Prompt:

God, thank You that I belong to You and to this Body. Make me bold in that truth.

Evening Examen:

Did I stand firm in love today? Did I help someone else stand, too?

AUGUST 7TH – *They Prayed and Gave Together*

Scripture: Acts 4:23–37

Devotional Thought:

When trouble came, the Church didn't panic—they **prayed**. And when needs arose, they **gave**. These weren't separate moments. They were the rhythm of a community learning to breathe as one Body. That rhythm—prayer, generosity, boldness—is the beat that still echoes in our churches today. This is how you build something that lasts.

Reflection Questions:

Where can I be more generous in spirit—not just stuff?

Is my first response prayer or panic?

Youth Insight:

You can be a giver and a prayer warrior right now. Don't wait. You're part of this legacy too.

New Believer Reflection:

You don't have to do big things—just consistent things with others who love Jesus.

Family Focus:

As a family, pick one thing or person to pray for this week—and one way to give together.

Body Life Action Step:

Give anonymously today. Let your gift speak louder than your name.

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, make me someone who gives and prays freely—with others, for others.

Evening Examen:

Did I live open-handed today? Did I pray with anyone—or only for myself?

AUGUST 8TH – *Worship and Witness Go Together*

Scripture: Acts 5:12–42

Devotional Thought:

Worship and witness were never meant to be separate. The early believers sang and suffered, praised and proclaimed—**together**. They weren't just bold individually—they were a Spirit-filled, risk-taking, praying community. Their unified boldness created ripple effects for generations. Real legacy comes when worship isn't confined to songs, and witness isn't confined to a stage. It's a rhythm we live in public.

Reflection Questions:

How is your worship inspiring your witness?

Where do you need community support to be more courageous?

Youth Insight:

Praise at church and faith at school go together. Keep the same energy in both places.

New Believer Reflection:

Your worship is part of your story. Let others see how God is changing you.

Family Focus:

Sing a worship song together and talk about what it says about who God is. Let it stir conversation.

Body Life Action Step:

Encourage someone today who is sharing their faith publicly. Let them know they're building something that lasts.

Prayer Prompt:

God, make my worship visible and my witness bold. Let my life inspire others to believe.

Evening Examen:

Did my life reflect praise today? Did I represent Jesus well in a way that others could see?

AUGUST 9TH – *Solving Problems as a Family*

Scripture: Acts 6:1–7

Devotional Thought:

The early Church hit a real issue—some people felt overlooked. But instead of covering it up, they addressed it **as a family**, with wisdom and grace. They delegated, empowered, and kept their focus. That’s community. And it’s legacy too—because how we solve problems **together** teaches the next generation how to stay healthy and unified.

Reflection Questions:

When conflict arises, do I step in with love or step out with judgment?

What does it look like to protect unity while still telling the truth?

Youth Insight:

Every family has problems—even church families. Help solve them, don’t spread them.

New Believer Reflection:

If something feels off, speak up kindly. Real family listens and grows together.

Family Focus:

As a family, share one way you can each bring peace or help solve a small problem this week.

Body Life Action Step:

Notice a gap or concern in your church? Ask how you can help instead of complain.

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, teach me to be a solution-bringer, not a silent critic. Help me protect what You’re building.

Evening Examen:

Did I respond to tension today with unity or division?

AUGUST 10TH – *The Power of Faithful Witness*

Scripture: Acts 7:1–60

Devotional Thought:

Stephen gave his life for the truth—and his words didn't die with him. His witness shaped the faith of Saul, who became Paul. That's **legacy in motion**. His faithfulness echoed long after he was gone. Sometimes, your greatest impact won't be immediate—it will be how someone remembers your boldness later. That's why community matters. Your courage fuels someone else's calling.

Reflection Questions:

Am I willing to speak truth even when it costs me?

Who has shaped my faith by how they lived or died?

Youth Insight:

Be faithful, even when no one claps. Someone is watching—and they'll remember.

New Believer Reflection:

Your story matters. Don't minimize it. Someone needs your honesty and hope.

Family Focus:

Talk about a relative or spiritual figure in your life who made a lasting impact. What do you want to pass on?

Body Life Action Step:

Encourage someone who's walking faithfully, even when it's hard. Let them know it's not in vain.

Prayer Prompt:

Jesus, help me live a life that points to You—today and for generations to come.

Evening Examen:

Did I live boldly today? Did I plant seeds for someone else's future faith?

AUGUST 11TH – *Scattered, but Still Together*

Scripture: Acts 8:1–8

Devotional Thought:

Persecution scattered the early Church—but it couldn't **separate** them. Even apart, they were united by mission. Philip didn't wait to be "back home" to serve—he brought the Gospel wherever he went. That's community building: knowing that no matter where we are, we're still one Body. And that's legacy: choosing faithfulness in the in-between places.

Reflection Questions:

Where do I feel scattered right now? What mission is still possible there?

How do I stay connected when distance or change tries to isolate me?

Youth Insight:

Even if your friends are in different classes or schools, you can still stay connected in faith.

New Believer Reflection:

Even when life feels all over the place, God still uses you to reach others.

Family Focus:

Talk about a time you moved or went through a major change. How did you stay grounded in faith?

Body Life Action Step:

Reach out to someone who's been away from church or your group. Let them know they're still family.

Prayer Prompt:

God, no matter where I go, keep me rooted in You and connected to Your people.

Evening Examen:

Did I feel scattered or sent today? Did I act like part of the Body?

AUGUST 12TH – *Reaching the One*

Scripture: Acts 8:26–40

Devotional Thought:

Philip left a crowd for **one person**. That one became the first known believer from an entire region. Community isn't just about big rooms and big groups. It's also about seeing the one in front of you and stopping. Every time you do, you're building something deeper than numbers—you're investing in someone's future. That's how legacy begins.

Reflection Questions:

Who is "the one" I may be overlooking?

Where can I slow down to have a meaningful conversation that could change everything?

Youth Insight:

You don't need a stage. You just need one moment to make someone feel seen.

New Believer Reflection:

You were the one—and now you get to help someone else find Jesus.

Family Focus:

Choose one person this week to pray for, check on, or encourage as a family.

Body Life Action Step:

Invite someone out for coffee, a walk, or lunch—just to listen and share your faith.

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, don't let me rush past the one. Help me love people the way You do—up close and personal.

Evening Examen:

Who did I slow down to love today?

AUGUST 13TH – *Paul Finds His Place in the Body*

Scripture: Acts 9:1–19

Devotional Thought:

Paul's story didn't begin in community—but he found his place **through it**. Ananias welcomed him when others were afraid. That's what the Church does: we make room for transformation. And legacy? It begins when we make space for someone else's growth—even when it's messy or unexpected.

Reflection Questions:

Who's on the edge of my church family that needs a place?

Do I make room for people to change, or do I keep them stuck in who they were?

Youth Insight:

Give people space to grow—especially those who are still figuring things out, just like you.

New Believer Reflection:

Your story is just beginning. God is placing people in your life to help you find your place.

Family Focus:

Talk about someone who changed for the better. Celebrate their growth together.

Body Life Action Step:

Welcome someone today who others might overlook. Be their Ananias.

Prayer Prompt:

God, thank You for making space for me. Help me do the same for others.

Evening Examen:

Did I give someone space to grow today?

AUGUST 14TH – *Disciples Make Room for Each Other*

Scripture: Acts 9:20–31

Devotional Thought:

Paul started preaching, and people didn't know what to do with him. But **Barnabas** stood up, vouched for him, and made room. We all need a Barnabas. And we're all called to **be one**. When we make space for others to belong, serve, and lead, we're not just building community—we're passing the baton. **Legacy lives in the invitations we extend.**

Reflection Questions:

Who needs a voice of confidence from me?

When has someone opened a door for me? How can I pay that forward?

Youth Insight:

Sometimes your encouragement is what keeps someone from giving up. Be the friend that sees more.

New Believer Reflection:

You don't have to prove yourself. When others make room for you, say yes and grow.

Family Focus:

Talk about someone in your life who believed in you early. How can you be that for someone else?

Body Life Action Step:

This week, invite someone into your team, group, or circle. Tell them you see their value.

Prayer Prompt:

Jesus, help me see the potential in others and speak life into it.

Evening Examen:

Did I open a door for someone today—or close one?

AUGUST 15TH – *Breaking Barriers in Community*

Scripture: Acts 10:1–33

Devotional Thought:

God sends Peter into unfamiliar territory to meet Cornelius—and it shifts everything. Legacy is built when we say yes to uncomfortable conversations and **cross cultural lines with compassion**. The Church doesn't grow by staying in its own lane. It grows when people are willing to **see others as family before they're familiar**. That's how community becomes sacred.

Reflection Questions:

What barriers am I holding that keep others out?

How can I help create a church that welcomes before it judges?

Youth Insight:

Don't just hang with who you know. Invite someone new into your circle—you could be changing their life.

New Believer Reflection:

You're not an outsider. God crossed every barrier to bring you in. Now you can do the same for someone else.

Family Focus:

Talk about a time your family made someone feel welcomed. What would it look like to do that again this week?

Body Life Action Step:

Invite someone different from you to share their story—and really listen.

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, stretch my comfort zone. Help me build a community that looks more like heaven.

Evening Examen:

Did I include or exclude today? Where did I let fear block fellowship?

AUGUST 16TH – *The Holy Spirit Knows No Borders*

Scripture: Acts 10:34–48

Devotional Thought:

The Spirit falls on Cornelius' household before Peter even finishes his sermon. Why? Because **God isn't waiting for our approval to include people**. The Spirit is building a global, beautiful Church where no one is disqualified. Legacy means we don't just tell the next generation who can belong—we **show them by how we welcome and celebrate others now**.

Reflection Questions:

Have I tried to limit who "belongs" in my spiritual community?

Who might be ready for God, even if I didn't expect it?

Youth Insight:

Don't underestimate someone's faith just because they're different. God shows up where He's wanted.

New Believer Reflection:

You belong. The Spirit lives in you just like He does in everyone else. Period.

Family Focus:

Read Galatians 3:28 together. Talk about how your family can reflect unity in diversity this week.

Body Life Action Step:

Celebrate someone's growth today—especially someone newer to the faith or often overlooked.

Prayer Prompt:

Holy Spirit, thank You for moving where people least expect. Help me never get in Your way.

Evening Examen:

Did I celebrate someone's belonging today—or doubt it?

AUGUST 17TH – *Reframing What Belonging Means*

Scripture: Acts 11:1–18

Devotional Thought:

When Peter explains what happened with Cornelius, the believers are **shocked—but they listen**. Instead of rejecting the new, they rejoiced. This moment reframes what belonging looks like. Community that lasts learns to celebrate change and new life—even when it’s unexpected. And that kind of celebration builds a legacy worth passing down.

Reflection Questions: Am I open to change in how God is moving in others? What does real belonging feel like—and how can I offer that?

Youth Insight:

Your circle should get wider, not tighter. The more love, the more legacy.

New Believer Reflection:

God made space for you—and you can help others feel at home too.

Family Focus:

Ask: “Who’s someone we can make feel more included this week?” Then do it together.

Body Life Action Step:

Affirm someone who’s newer to your church or group. Make them feel fully seen.

Prayer Prompt:

Jesus, let our church be a place where belonging is practiced, not just preached.

Evening Examen:

Did I create space for belonging today—or just for people I already like?

AUGUST 18TH – *Encouragement in Action*

Scripture: Acts 11:19–30

Devotional Thought:

The Church in Antioch is growing, and instead of controlling it, the leaders **send Barnabas to encourage it**. That's how you build something that lasts: by showing up not to criticize, but to call out the good. Encouragement is fuel for community and seed for legacy. It tells others, "You're doing better than you think. Keep going."

Reflection Questions: Who has encouraged my faith journey? Have I told them? Who around me might need affirmation more than correction?

Youth Insight:

Your words matter. Use them to build someone up today—it might be exactly what they need.

New Believer Reflection:

Encouragement is part of discipleship. Look for someone to lift up this week.

Family Focus:

Everyone go around and say one encouraging thing about another family member.

Body Life Action Step:

Send a text or voice message to someone who's leading, serving, or trying. Let them know they're not alone.

Prayer Prompt:

God, make me a voice of strength in my community—not just a critic on the sidelines.

Evening Examen:

Did I give life today—or just point out what's missing?

AUGUST 19TH – *Prayer That Shakes the Room*

Scripture: Acts 12:1–19

Devotional Thought:

Peter is in prison, and the Church is praying **together—without ceasing**. Their united prayers literally open locked doors. That’s what community prayer does: it breaks chains. And that’s legacy—it teaches the next generation that when we gather in prayer, **God moves in ways we never imagined**.

Reflection Questions: When have I seen prayer change something in my community? Who needs me to pray for them—not just silently, but alongside them?

Youth Insight:

Your prayers are powerful—even when they’re short. Don’t hold them back.

New Believer Reflection:

You don’t need fancy words to pray. Just show up, speak honestly, and trust God.

Family Focus:

Make a “prayer circle” at home tonight. Let each person say one thing they want prayer for.

Body Life Action Step:

Start or join a weekly prayer group—even if it’s just two people.

Prayer Prompt:

God, teach me to pray with others, not just for others. Let our prayers shake things open.

Evening Examen:

Did I pray alone today—or with my people? Where did prayer change the atmosphere?

AUGUST 20TH – *The Spirit Sends from the Church*

Scripture: Acts 13:1–12

Devotional Thought:

The Spirit speaks—not just to one person in private—but to a **worshiping, praying church**. Paul and Barnabas were sent not by ambition, but by community discernment. Legacy starts when the Church listens together, then sends with joy. The mission of God doesn't start with "me." It starts with "us."

Reflection Questions: How can I help someone discover or walk in their calling? Who do I need to support, not just admire?

Youth Insight:

You're never too young to be sent. Listen when God calls—and bring your crew with you.

New Believer Reflection:

God uses community to help you hear and respond to His call. Stay close and stay listening.

Family Focus:

Ask: "Where might God be calling our family to serve or love this week?"

Body Life Action Step:

Encourage someone you see God calling into new things. Speak it, pray it, support it.

Prayer Prompt:

Holy Spirit, speak to Your Church. Make us bold enough to send and humble enough to go.

Evening Examen:

Did I tune in to God's voice today? Who did I affirm or release?

AUGUST 21ST – *Strengthening the Souls of the Saints*

Scripture: Acts 14:8–28

Devotional Thought:

Paul and Barnabas don't just plant churches—they return to **strengthen the souls** of the believers. They're not just about fast growth—they're about lasting depth. That's what legacy looks like: checking back, lifting up, and reminding the community that **we don't quit when it gets hard—we endure together**.

Reflection Questions: Who needs a “check-in” from me—not just a message, but a strengthening word? What can I do to help our church go deeper, not just grow bigger?

Youth Insight:

Encourage someone in your group. A few kind words can keep them from giving up.

New Believer Reflection:

Faith takes time. Stick with people who build you up and walk with you through it.

Family Focus:

Check in with each other this week. Ask: “How's your heart?” and really listen.

Body Life Action Step:

Check in with someone you haven't seen in a while. Ask how you can pray or help.

Prayer Prompt:

Jesus, help me build a Church that doesn't just survive—but is strengthened to thrive.

Evening Examen:

Who did I strengthen today? Who strengthened me?

AUGUST 22ND – *Unity is Worth the Fight*

Scripture: Acts 15:1–21

Devotional Thought:

The early Church hit a major disagreement. It could've split them. Instead, they leaned into honest conversation, Scripture, and wise voices—and they protected unity. That's what lasting community looks like. It's not about everyone always agreeing, but about **fighting for each other, not with each other**. Legacy isn't built through easy moments, but by staying **together in the tough ones**.

Reflection Questions: When has disagreement pushed me away from community instead of deeper into it? How can I choose unity over pride in my relationships?

Youth Insight:

You don't have to win every argument. Sometimes, real strength is staying connected.

New Believer Reflection:

Disagreement doesn't mean disconnection. Church family works through things with love.

Family Focus:

Practice saying "I hear you" before trying to "fix" what someone says.

Body Life Action Step:

If you've been distant due to conflict, take one step toward peace—reach out, forgive, or listen.

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, help me protect the unity of Your Church with wisdom, grace, and humility.

Evening Examen:

Did I build or break unity today? How did I respond to disagreement?

AUGUST 23RD – *Let's Not Forget the People*

Scripture: Acts 15:22–41

Devotional Thought:

In this moment, we see leaders thinking **not just about decisions—but about people**. They write a letter to encourage the new believers. They send people, not just instructions. Then Paul and Barnabas split over John Mark. Even leaders wrestle with decisions and relationships. But legacy is built when we don't give up on people—even if it takes time.

Reflection Questions: Am I more focused on being right or being relational? Who have I written off that God may not be done with?

Youth Insight:

It's okay to need a second chance. It's also okay to give one.

New Believer Reflection:

God surrounds you with people to walk this journey. Don't isolate—connect.

Family Focus:

Talk about someone who gave you a second chance—or who you need to give one to.

Body Life Action Step:

Reach out to someone who may feel forgotten. Your check-in could bring them back.

Prayer Prompt:

God, don't let me forget the people behind the problems. Make my love bigger than my opinions.

Evening Examen:

Did I value people over position today?

AUGUST 24TH – *Worship Opens the Doors*

Scripture: Acts 16:16–40

Devotional Thought:

Paul and Silas are in prison—and they choose to **sing**. Their worship isn't just for them—it's for everyone within earshot. And when the doors open, they don't run—they stay and witness. Worship that leads to freedom and connection? That's the kind that builds something bigger than a moment. That's legacy in real time.

Reflection Questions: Do I worship only when I feel free—or as an act of faith? How is my response to pain shaping someone else's perspective of God?

Youth Insight:

Your praise can change the atmosphere in your school or your circle.

New Believer Reflection:

Worship isn't just singing. It's trusting God when things are hard—and showing others how.

Family Focus:

Have a “praise moment” together—thank God out loud for one good thing each, even if it's been a hard week.

Body Life Action Step:

Share your story of how worship helped you through a tough time. Someone needs to hear it.

Prayer Prompt:

God, teach me to worship even in the dark. Use my praise to unlock hope for someone else.

Evening Examen:

Did I choose worship today—even when it wasn't easy?

AUGUST 25TH – *Let's Start with Listening*

Scripture: Acts 17:1–15

Devotional Thought:

Paul goes into synagogues, not to shout—but to **reason**, explain, and listen. Some believe, some resist. But the approach matters. In Berea, people eagerly **search the Scriptures together**—a picture of community grounded in curiosity and truth. That's the kind of legacy we want to pass down: a Church that listens well, studies together, and welcomes questions.

Reflection Questions: Do I listen to understand—or just to respond? How can I help build a church culture where questions are safe?

Youth Insight:

It's okay to ask questions about faith. That's how you grow.

New Believer Reflection:

Don't be afraid to dig deeper. Learning Scripture is a shared journey.

Family Focus:

Read today's passage together and let everyone ask one question about it—no judgment.

Body Life Action Step:

Invite someone into a Bible study or reading plan with you this week.

Prayer Prompt:

Jesus, give me a listening heart. Help me love people by making space for their journey.

Evening Examen:

Did I listen well today? Where was I too quick to answer or dismiss?

AUGUST 26TH – *The Unknown God Made Known*

Scripture: Acts 17:16–34

Devotional Thought:

Paul walks through Athens and notices their hunger for something real. Instead of judging, he builds a bridge—from their culture to the Gospel. That’s powerful community work: **meeting people where they are**, not where we think they should be. And legacy? It’s how we make Jesus known without making others feel small.

Reflection Questions: Where might God be calling me to build a bridge instead of a wall? Who around me is spiritually curious but needs someone patient to walk with them?

Youth Insight:

You don’t have to “preach.” Just be real. Talk about what Jesus means to you.

New Believer Reflection:

God can use what you already know to help others understand Him better.

Family Focus:

Talk about how to be a light at work, school, or in your neighborhood without being pushy.

Body Life Action Step:

Find a creative way to share your faith this week—through art, conversation, or simple invitation.

Prayer Prompt:

God, help me show people who You really are—in a way they can understand and receive.

Evening Examen:

Did I represent Jesus in a way that made others feel drawn or pushed away?

AUGUST 27TH – *God Is Not Far from Any of Us*

Scripture: Acts 18:1–17

Devotional Thought:

Paul meets Priscilla and Aquila and begins doing life with them. The Gospel spreads through relationships—over work, over meals, through real life. Community doesn't start on the stage. It starts in the everyday. Legacy is built in homes, friendships, and ordinary spaces that become sacred.

Reflection Questions: Where in my ordinary life is God already working? Who is God inviting me to share life and faith with?

Youth Insight:

God can move through your friendships, hobbies, and hangouts. Bring Him into it.

New Believer Reflection:

You don't have to know everything. Just be open and share your life with others.

Family Focus:

Make one dinner this week “no screens.” Talk about where you saw God at work.

Body Life Action Step:

Invite someone into your space—your table, your routine, your story.

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, thank You for showing up in the ordinary. Help me see my life as ministry.

Evening Examen:

Where did I see God in my everyday today?

AUGUST 28TH – *Apollos Gets Help from the Church*

Scripture: Acts 18:18–28

Devotional Thought:

Apollos is passionate, gifted—but incomplete in his understanding. Priscilla and Aquila don't embarrass him. They **pull him close, teach him gently**, and release him stronger. That's the kind of Church that builds something lasting: one that mentors instead of mocks. Legacy means pulling the next person forward instead of pointing at their gaps.

Reflection Questions: How can I gently help someone grow without shaming them? Who mentored me—and who can I do that for?

Youth Insight:

Don't be afraid to ask for help or admit what you don't know. That's how leaders grow.

New Believer Reflection:

It's okay to still be learning. Find people who love you enough to teach you.

Family Focus:

Talk about someone who helped shape your faith and how you can be that for someone else.

Body Life Action Step:

Encourage someone younger in the faith—or ask someone wiser to walk with you.

Prayer Prompt:

God, make me humble enough to learn and bold enough to teach with grace.

Evening Examen:

Did I correct with love today—or with pride?

AUGUST 29TH – *Strength Comes from the Whole Body*

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1–16

Devotional Thought:

Paul urges us to walk in a way that honors our calling—not alone, but together. Each of us has a gift, a role, a part to play. This is what a strong Church looks like: people growing **with one another**, not competing but completing. **Legacy is built when we make room for every gift—young and old, seasoned and new.** Unity isn't uniformity; it's every part doing its part in love.

Reflection Questions: Am I using my gifts to build up others—or only for myself? Who might be waiting on me to show up in purpose?

Youth Insight:

You're not too young to be needed. You bring something no one else can.

New Believer Reflection:

Even if you're just starting out, God has already placed something valuable inside you.

Family Focus:

Make a list of the different gifts and strengths in your family. Talk about how to use them to serve others together.

Body Life Action Step:

Affirm someone's gift today—and let them know how it blesses the whole church.

Prayer Prompt:

God, thank You for the diversity of the Body. Show me how to build it up with what I have.

Evening Examen:

Did I honor the gifts in others today—or overlook them?

AUGUST 30TH – *Live Like It Matters*

Scripture: Ephesians 4:17–32

Devotional Thought:

Paul calls us to put off the old life and put on the new—not just privately, but in how we **treat one another**. He connects maturity with how we handle our mouths, tempers, and forgiveness. Legacy doesn't just live in what we believe—it shows up in how we speak, how we repair relationships, how we reflect Jesus in everyday interactions. **Community is healthiest when hearts are soft and grace is abundant.**

Reflection Questions: Where is God calling me to grow in how I relate to others? What habit or mindset do I need to “put off” so I can love better?

Youth Insight:

The way you treat people shows who you really are. Let God shape your reactions.

New Believer Reflection:

Spiritual growth isn't just about knowing more—it's about changing how we live and love.

Family Focus:

Talk about forgiveness as a family. What makes it hard? What makes it necessary?

Body Life Action Step:

Make a step toward forgiveness or reconciliation today—speak it, send it, pray it.

Prayer Prompt:

Jesus, help me love with patience and grace. Let my life reflect Your love in real ways.

Evening Examen:

Did I live like a new creation today? How did I reflect or resist the love of Christ?

AUGUST 31ST – *Built in Love, Living in Legacy*

Scripture: Ephesians 5:1–21

Devotional Thought:

Paul's final charge before discussing the household is a call to **live in love**—the kind that gives, forgives, and walks in the light. As this month closes, we remember: this isn't just about reading Scripture—it's about becoming a people who **build each other up and pass down a legacy of faith, love, and light**. The Church shines brightest when its people live as children of light in dark places—together.

Reflection Questions: What kind of legacy am I leaving by how I love? Who is watching my life and learning how to walk?

Youth Insight:

Someone's watching how you live. Show them love, even when it's hard.

New Believer Reflection:

You're walking in the light now. Every step you take is shaping a new story.

Family Focus:

Choose a family legacy statement. For example: "In this house, we love big and forgive quickly." Post it somewhere visible.

Body Life Action Step:

Take one bold action today that reflects the light and love of Christ—publicly or privately.

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, make me a person of light. Let my life overflow with Your love and shape others for generations.

Evening Examen:

Where did I shine today? Where did I hide my light?

FINAL REFLECTION – *This is Only the Beginning*

You've just spent 31 days walking through **the Church's beginning—and your next beginning**. You've been called to community, grown in grace, and challenged to lead with love. But this isn't the end—it's a foundation.

You are part of the legacy.

You are part of the Body.

Let's keep living, growing, and leading—**TOGETHER**.

Next Steps:

- Keep your rhythm: continue daily reading and reflection.
- Stay connected: join a GROW Group, serve, pray with others.
- Pass it on: invite someone into community, into faith, into growth.

Scripture for the Journey:

"For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones." – Ephesians 5:30