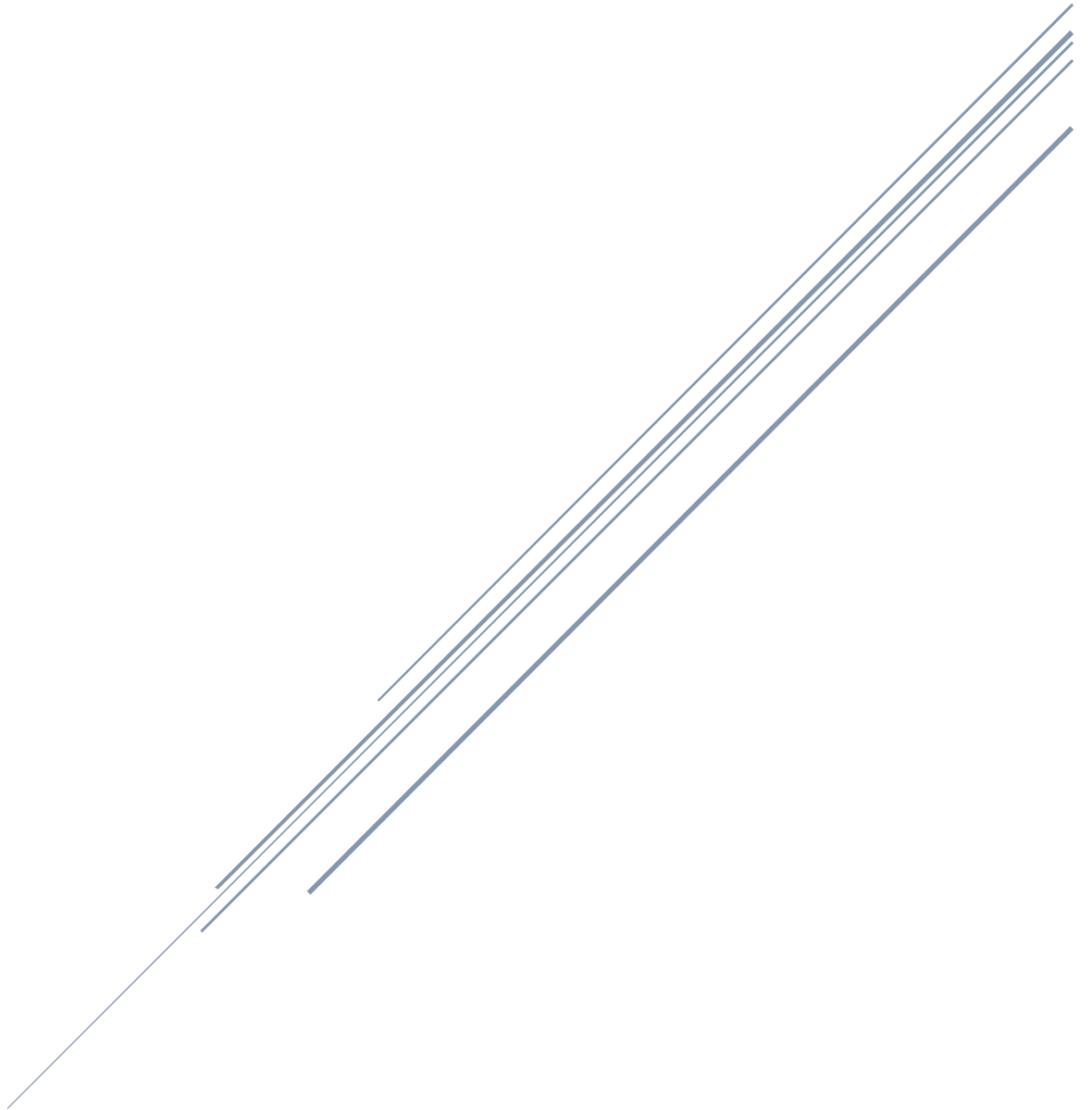


MY DEVOTIONAL LIFE

Listening & learning at the feet of Jesus

Study Guide



Monument Leadership Institute

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Class Completion Requirements

NOTE: 1) THE ASSIGNMENTS BELOW: THE MEMORIZATION, READING ASSIGNMENTS, AND PRE-CLASS WORK SHOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE ATTENDING CLASS LECTURES.

Completion: Please initial and date each assignment and sign below when fully completed.

I have memorized Psalm 23 (language of choice) _____ Date: _____

I have read Psalm 119 _____ Date: _____

I have completed the pre-class homework _____ Date: _____

NOTE 2) THE ASSIGNMENTS BELOW SHOULD BE COMPLETED AFTER THE CLASS LECTURES AND GROUP DISCUSSION TIMES.

I have attended _____ hours of the required _____ class time hours

I have participated in the group discussions _____ Date: _____

I have completed all the workbook _____ Dates: _____

I have completed my 2-month Devotional Journal _____ Date: _____

Student Name

Date

Student Signature

Leader Signature

Date

Pre-Class Homework

(Please read each Scripture section and carefully answer the questions).

Psalm 1

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

**2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.**

3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

**5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.**

**6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

List at least 4 reasons why it is important to meditate (think deeply) on the Word of God?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he refreshes my soul.**

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

**4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

**6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

According to verses 1-2, how is our body and soul refreshed? _____

Why do we need to be refreshed? _____

What does it mean, "My cup overflows"? _____

Who causes our cup to overflow? _____

Joshua 1

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

To be a strong soldier for Christ, why is it important to meditate on God's Word? _____

Luke 5

While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."

13 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.

14 Then Jesus ordered him, "Don't tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them."

15 Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. 16 But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Why did Luke add verse 16? _____

Why did Jesus often go away to be alone? _____

Mark 1

32 That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed.

33 The whole town gathered at the door, **34** and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. **36** Simon and his companions went to look for him, **37** and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”

38 Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.”

Why did Jesus go out early to seek His Father in prayer? _____

Why did Jesus need to be alone? _____

Luke 10

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. **39** She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. **40** But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

41 “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, **42** but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

41 And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. **42** But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Why did Jesus scold Martha? _____

What did Mary do that was the most important? _____

How can we follow Mary’s example? _____

Colossians 3

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Since we are members of Christ, how can we set our hearts on things above? _____

And not only our hearts, but how do we set our minds on things above also? _____

Romans 12

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

How can our bodies honor God for true and proper worship? _____

How do we renew, or refresh our minds, and is it important? _____

How does the Word of God help me to know God's perfect will? _____

2 Cor. 11:3, "But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ."

Col. 4:2, "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

Classwork

Recording, Introduction to “My Devotional Life” by Pastor Mark Fisher

(Please listen to each recording and then discuss in groups and answer each question).

Interview #1 – Pastor Jess Miller, Lead Pastor of Calvary Bible Church

What encouraged you most in this recording? _____

What challenged you most in this recording? _____

How will this help you in your devotional life? _____

Any random thoughts or ideas? _____

(Please meet in small groups and discuss the above recording and Psalm 1 & 23 questions)

Interview #2 – Pastor Graham Parker, Assos. Pastor of Calvary Bible Church

What encouraged you most in this recording? _____

What challenged you most in this recording? _____

How will this help you in your devotional life? _____

Any random thoughts or ideas? _____

(Meet in small groups and discuss the above recording and Joshua 1 & Luke 5 questions)

Interview #3 – Jesiah Nordstrom, Bi-vocational leader at Harvest View Alliance

What encouraged you most in this recording? _____

What challenged you most in this recording? _____

How will this help you in your devotional life? _____

Any random thoughts or ideas? _____

(Meet in small groups and discuss the above recording and Mark 1 & Luke 10 questions)

Interview #4 – Pastor Jeff Johnson, Lead Pastor of Calvary Chapel

What encouraged you most in this recording? _____

What challenged you most in this recording? _____

How will this help you in your devotional life? _____

Any random thoughts or ideas? _____

(Meet in small groups and discuss the above recording and Col. 3 & Rom. 12 questions)

Recording, Conclusion to “My Devotional Life” by Pastor Mark Fisher

My Devotional Journal

For the next two months, note what Scriptures you are reading and meditating on.

Write down any special prayers you may be praying.

Mention any praises you may have as you read, meditate, and pray.

In conclusion, explain how this time of devotion has helped you.

Scriptures: _____

Prayer: _____

Praises: _____

How have my devotions helped me? _____

*"O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You
In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary,
To see Your power and Your glory." Psalm 63:1-2*

May the Lord bless your quiet time with Him, as you seek to listen, abide & follow Him!