

Sunday, July 21, 2013

Jesus In Us!

Today's Key Idea:

A person whose life has been changed by the power of Jesus becomes a force of love in the world.

Key Questions:

When you think about following Jesus, what does it look like for you? Is it more about doing certain things, being good or the whole way you live?

Are there criticisms about Christians/Christianity that make you doubt what you believe? What might they be?

In what ways do you let the light and love of Jesus shine through you?



Daily Bible Readings

The Bible is one place that God often speaks into our lives. Reading it opens pathways for the Holy Spirit to bring change to our hearts and minds – through the power of Jesus. Here is a simple way for you to learn to listen for God's voice as you read the scriptures. Print off and write out your answers on the SOAP journal sheet in the notes below!

S for Scripture

Open your Bible to the designated reading. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you, and write it on your journal page.

O for Observation

Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Paraphrase and write this Scripture down in your own words in your journal. What do you think God is saying to you in this scripture? What message or ideas seem to jump out at you? Is there anything you don't understand?

A for Application

Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, or correction for a particular area of your life. Write down your reflections and how you can apply this scripture to your life today.

P for Prayer

This can be as simple as asking God to help you live out this Scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Write out your prayer then, remembering prayer is a two-way conversation. Be sure to listen to what God has to say!

SOAP Journal

Date: _____

S

Scripture

O

Observation

A

Application

P

Prayer

“How will I be different today because of what I have just read?”