

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – October 16 – 21st
Doing Life Together – Inside Out Pt. 3

MONDAY: Mark 5:18, Luke 8:38,

KEY VERSE: Luke 8:39

OBSERVATION: It would be a whole lot easier to convince people about Jesus if we ourselves had actually seen and touched and heard Jesus. Even so, people still want to hear about what you've seen, what you've touched and what you've heard. They want to hear about your experiences and how you handled those experiences. They want to know how you become a Christian? They want to know if Jesus really works in your life. They want to know your story. You can invite others to Jesus by your story and by your life.

TUESDAY:

KEY VERSE: Mark 4:1-20

OBSERVATION: This is a story that shows Jesus' power to overcome evil and change a life. But it also teaches about the power of story. The man in this story wanted to go with Jesus on His mission trip, so he asked to come along, but Jesus wouldn't let him. Instead Jesus told him to "...go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been." Jesus needed that individual to stay right where he was, at home among those who knew him for what he was and could see what he had now become in Christ. So the man went to his home as Jesus told him and proclaimed how much Jesus had done for him. I love the way the story ends. "And everyone was amazed."

WEDNESDAY: Luke 24:39, John 1:14, 2 Peter 1:16

KEY VERSE: 1 John 1:1

OBSERVATION: It doesn't matter how any of us came to know the Lord. Individuals that grew up in a Christian home and readily accepted Christ at a young age are equally as redeemed as those who were like big game fish, painstakingly reeled in after a tumultuous battle. The bottom line is that God led each of us down our own unique path to the cross of Christ. However we got there is our own personal salvation story.

THURSDAY: Acts 9:15, Acts 9:22, Philippians 4:13

KEY VERSE: 1 Timothy 1:12-20

OBSERVATION: The Lord is able! That is what Paul wanted Timothy to see, and what we need to see too. Through Paul's testimony, we see God's mercy. If God could use someone like Paul, He can use us. If God could save the worst of sinners, then no one is beyond His reach. Our story of God's work in our lives can encourage others. Let those around you know that the God of the Bible is still at work today!

FRIDAY: Mark 16:15, Acts 4:33, Acts 8:1

KEY VERSE: Acts 1:8

OBSERVATION: What does a witness do? A witness just says, "Here's what I've seen. Here's what I heard." A witness just tells other people the story of what God's done in their life. Friends don't keep good news from other friends. You tell them the good news of what God has done in your life so that it can make an eternal difference in their lives. Are you unsure how to get started? Here's a simple action step: Write out your story, and share it with your small group. Start sharing with the people that are close to you so you can get some practice. Then, God will give you the opportunity to share your story with someone who needs to hear the Good News.

SATURDAY: 1 Corinthians 9:24, Hebrews 3:1, 2 Timothy 1:9

KEY VERSE: Philippians 3:13-14

OBSERVATION: Paul's story is a great example of the nature of stories. He was born a Jew and was such a promising student, that he excelled in all of his studies to become one of the brightest "up and coming" stars among the Rabbi's and the Sanhedrin. He gave it all he had. He lived out what he thought was calling to the best of his ability. And then God poked a hole through his reality, collided with him on a dusty road to Damascus, and Paul's plan changed. A new chapter started.